

LA GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER HOSTS INTERNATIONAL TRAUMA LEADERS AT 32ND ANNUAL TRAUMA SYMPOSIUM

Presented in partnership with the Keck School of Medicine of USC, the symposium brings together globally recognized surgeons, physicians, researchers, and educators advancing the future of trauma care.

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Los Angeles, CA — This May, LA General Medical Center hosted the **32nd Annual USC National Trauma, Critical Care and Acute Care Surgery Symposium**, held in partnership with the Keck School of Medicine of USC. Over two days, leading minds in trauma surgery, emergency medicine, critical care, and military medicine came together to share breakthroughs, challenge each other, and shape the future of how we save lives.

LA General isn't just a hospital — it's one of the busiest Level I Trauma Centers in the entire country. That means our teams face the most complex, high-stakes cases day in and day out. And that experience is exactly why physicians and surgeons from around the globe come here to learn.

"Physicians, surgeons, researchers, and military medical teams from around the world come to LA General to learn from one of the highest-volume and most experienced trauma centers in the nation," said Dr. Brad Spellberg, Chief Medical Officer. "The work being done here continues to influence trauma systems, surgical education, and patient care well beyond Los Angeles County."

A Tribute to a Legend

The symposium also honored **Dr. Demetrios Demetriades**, Director of Trauma, Emergency Surgery, and Surgical Critical Care at LA General — widely recognized as one of the most influential trauma surgeons in the world. His decades of leadership have trained generations of surgeons and raised the bar for trauma care globally. It was a well-deserved moment of recognition for someone whose work has quietly saved countless lives far beyond the walls of this hospital.

Training the Next Generation

Beyond the symposium, this is what LA General does every single day: train the next wave of trauma surgeons, emergency physicians, nurses, and even military and Navy medical teams who go on to serve communities across the country and around the world.

As CEO Jorge Orozco put it: "Few institutions in the world see, teach, and advance trauma care at the scale of LA General."

The symposium reaffirmed the ongoing commitment of LA General Medical Center, Department of Health Services, and USC to advancing trauma care excellence, expanding medical education, and improving outcomes for patients and communities across Los Angeles County and beyond. The event also underscored LA General's continued role in shaping the future of trauma systems, surgical innovation, emergency preparedness, and academic medicine worldwide.

