EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION 2026 TEAM AWARD

LA General's Hospital Emergency Response Team Earns National Recognition for Lifesaving Care Beyond Hospital Walls

Specialized team honored by the Emergency Nurses Association for bringing advanced trauma care directly to patients during complex emergencies.



24/7
Available every hour of every day

~20 min
Approximate time to mobilize

1992
Roots of the regional response system

1 of 2
Hospital-based physician field-response teams in LA County

LA General Medical Center's Hospital Emergency Response Team (HERT) has received the 2026 Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) Team Award, recognizing its exceptional commitment to emergency nursing excellence, teamwork, and lifesaving patient care.

When a critically injured patient cannot safely reach the hospital, HERT brings the expertise of a Level I Trauma Center directly to the scene.



Colleagues at the ENA Annual Achievement Awards display, where the HERT Team Award is listed among this year's honorees.

A regional response system with roots in 1992

Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, HERT is part of a specialized regional response system with roots dating back to 1992. LA General operates one of two hospital-based physician field-response teams serving Los Angeles County, providing an extraordinary level of medical expertise during complex emergencies.

The multidisciplinary team can mobilize in approximately 20 minutes to support firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders when critically injured patients require advanced medical intervention before they can be transported.

SURGEON	PHYSICIAN	NURSE
Trauma surgeon	**Emergency physician**	**Trauma-trained emergency nurse**

Advanced care, in the field

HERT provides specialized capabilities beyond those typically available in the field, including:

- Advanced airway management
- Sedation
- Hemorrhage control
- Blood transfusions
- Emergency surgical procedures, in extraordinary circumstances



HERT members and rescue partners at a training site.

When minutes decide the outcome

The team's impact can be lifesaving. During one complex rescue involving a patient trapped inside a severely damaged vehicle, HERT provided advanced airway management, blood transfusions, and an emergency surgical intervention that enabled rescuers to free the patient and transport them to a trauma center for continued care.

> **Exceptional care extends far beyond hospital walls.**

Beyond individual rescues, HERT strengthens regional emergency preparedness through specialized training, interagency collaboration, and multidisciplinary reviews following deployments to continually improve patient care, safety, and response readiness.



Hospital staff and first responders gather around a Los Angeles Fire Department truck.

This national recognition reflects more than three decades of regional emergency response innovation and celebrates the extraordinary expertise of LA General's emergency and trauma professionals, whose dedication ensures that exceptional care extends far beyond hospital walls.

Congratulations to our HERT team on this well-deserved national honor!

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