



## **Geriatric Trauma Patients**

**Identifying injury patterns in the older injured patients is key to early stabilization.**

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This presentation will focus on one trauma center's journey in developing a geriatric protocol to identify injuries earlier in the older adult population in the emergency department. We will discuss mechanisms of injury associated with the older adult trauma patient as well as age related changes in the elderly population.

### **Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to identify which types of trauma cause increased morbidity and mortality in older adults.
2. The learner will be able to identify age-related changes in the elderly.

### **References:**

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