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Summit Pacific Medical Center Upgraded to Level IV Trauma Center

(ELMA, WA) –Summit Pacific Medical Center in Elma has been upgraded to a level IV Trauma designation by the Washington State Department of Health.

The designation process is voluntary and must be applied for. Facilities have to earn the title of “designated trauma center” by meeting the requirements of authorized organizations. The Washington Department of Health has an established list of criteria for designating trauma centers as Level I, II, III or IV. The levels are based on a hospital’s resources and capabilities, Level 1 being the highest.

“It is a great achievement to be designated a Level IV Trauma Center. The staff and physicians worked very hard to make this happen. It is also important that we recognize our community partners, Fire District 5, Montesano Fire Department, Fire District 2 and our tertiary hospital partner Providence St. Peter Hospital for their collaboration with us on the continuous pursuit of quality care,” said Brenda West, SPMC’s Clinical Officer and Quality Director.

The designation, which became official on July 9, means that Summit Pacific Medical Center has demonstrated an ability to provide advanced trauma life support prior to transfer of patients to a higher level trauma center either by ambulance or helicopter.

Other changes that resulted in the new designation include: an increase to 12 hours of trauma related training during every designation period, blood banking capability, policies and procedures for massive transfusions, on-call orthopedic surgery services, physical therapy services as well as initial and maintenance training of airway management skills for emergency personnel.

More information regarding Washington State Department of Health trauma designations can be found [here](#).

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About Summit Pacific Medical Center: Summit Pacific Medical Center aims to be the national model for patient centered care. We passionately provide essential healthcare to all individuals of our community with an emphasis on quality, access and compassion. We are a Level V Critical access Hospital with 24-hour emergency services. We also operate three rural healthcare clinics and an Urgent Care Clinic. To learn more about Summit Pacific Medical Center, visit <https://summitpacificmedicalcenter.org>.