

# Save Florida's Trauma Care

It's Critical



**FAST FACT: Every four seconds in the United States someone is injured and every six minutes someone will die from trauma.**

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A TRAUMA CENTER

The outcome at a trauma center is often different than at an emergency room. On this day, Thursday, October 16, 2003, seven people will go through a traumatic, likely life-changing experience and all seven of them will live to tell about it. Their stories would certainly be different if they had been critically-injured with no trauma center nearby. The first hour after an injury is the "golden hour." It is statistically proven that getting care at a trauma centers within the golden hour drastically increases your chance of survival. A closely-located trauma center is the single-best chance you have to survive.

**On October 16, 2003, Orlando Regional Medical Center (ORMC) and their affiliate Arnold Palmer Hospital, a Level I Trauma Center, had the chance to save seven lives in three hours. Even if the trauma patient was not transported to ORMC, the trauma center still ramped-up (readied staff, put helicopters on stand-by, and prepared for the critically-injured patients) to provide excellent care.**

### **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH IN BREVARD COUNTY ON I-95 AND MILE MARKER 228 (MULTIPLE PERSONS)**

6:18 PM A 12-year-old was ejected from the vehicle upon impact and suffered a blunt thoracic abdominal trauma, including a lacerated liver and spleen and a pneumothorax. He was quickly airlifted and has been discharged from Arnold Palmer Hospital.

6:37 PM A 42-year-old female suffered a closed-head injury and was airlifted to ORMC trauma center. She has been discharged from ORMC.

### **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH IN OSCEOLA COUNTY AT I95 AND OSCEOLA PARKWAY (ONE PERSON)**

8:27 PM A 44-year-old male suffered a left upper leg fracture, a right lower leg fracture, and a cervical spine injury. He was airlifted to ORMC trauma center and was discharged two days later.

### **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH IN OSCEOLA COUNTY AT US 192 AND VINELAND (MULTIPLE PERSONS)**

8:50 PM A 22-year-old male suffered a fractured arm in the crash and was transported via Air Care Team from Osceola County to ORMC trauma center. He was discharged from ORMC two days later.

8:50 PM An 18-year-old female suffered a closed-head injury, facial lacerations and a left eye injury. She was airlifted to ORMC trauma center and was discharged three days later.

8:56 PM A 21-year-old female was airlifted with a cervical spine fracture (C-7) to ORMC trauma center and was discharged three days later.

### **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH IN ORANGE COUNTY AT US HIGHWAY 17-92 (ONE PERSON)**

9:17 PM A 17-year-old male was airlifted to ORMC trauma center with a closed-head injury and C-4 and C-5 spine fractures. He was discharged from ORMC three days later.

