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## ELLIOT HOSPITAL VERIFIED AS LEVEL II TRAUMA CENTER BY THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

**MANCHESTER, NH:** A two-day comprehensive review of Elliot Hospital's Trauma program by the Verification Review Committee (VRC), an ad hoc committee of the Committee on Trauma (COT) of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) has resulted in Level II Verification. This achievement recognizes Elliot Hospital's dedication to providing optimal care for injured patients through its Trauma program.

"Verification as a Level II Trauma Center comes after years of dedication to elevating our program to ensure the greater Manchester community has the medical capability in place, 24/7 to care for traumatic injuries," said Greg Baxter, MD President Elliot Health System. "We are so proud of the teamwork between doctors, nurses and staff that has gone into making this achievement a reality, and we know it will be a life-saving center for our community," added Baxter.

Trauma centers must meet the essential criteria that ensure trauma care capability and institutional performance, as outlined by the American College of Surgeons' Committee on Trauma in its current Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient manual.

Jenifer Weymouth, MD, Elliot Trauma Medical Director explains, "The care we can now offer to people who experience blunt force trauma, penetrating trauma, orthopedic trauma, and many other critical conditions is verified by the very people who set the standard for trauma care." "This changes everything for critical patients because time is always of the essence. In almost all circumstances, treatment will be delivered here without the need for transfers out. We will also take transfers in from around the state of New Hampshire."

Elliot Hospital's Level II Trauma verification is effective now through March 15, 2022.

**About Elliot Health System, a member of SolutioNHealth** - Elliot Health System is a non-profit organization serving the healthcare needs of the community since 1890. The largest provider of comprehensive healthcare services in Southern New Hampshire, Elliot Hospital, a 296-bed acute care facility and the first community hospital in the state, serves as the cornerstone of the health system. Elliot is home to Manchester's designated Regional Trauma Center, Elliot Breast Health Center,

Elliot Urgent Care, a Level 3 Newborn Intensive Care Unit, Elliot Medical Group, Elliot Regional Cancer Center, Elliot Senior Health Center, Visiting Nurse Association of Manchester and Southern New Hampshire, 1-Day Surgery Center, Elliot Memory & Mobility Center, NH Arthritis Center, Elliot Retail Pharmacy, Elliot Medical Centers in Bedford, Londonderry, Hooksett, and The Elliot at River's Edge.

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