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ProMedica Toledo Children's Hospital Receives Verification as a Level II Pediatric Trauma Center from the American College of Surgeons

***New Designation Makes ProMedica Toledo Children's Hospital the
only Pediatric Trauma Center in Northwest Ohio***

TOLEDO, Ohio, July 1, 2014 – On June 9, the American College of Surgeons' Committee on Trauma verified ProMedica Toledo Children's Hospital as a Level II Pediatric Trauma Center. This achievement recognizes Toledo Children's Hospital's dedication to providing the highest quality of trauma care for injured children and makes it the only verified pediatric trauma center in northwest Ohio.

In 2013, there were 26,159 visits to the Toledo Children's Hospital Emergency Center. Of those visits, 1,487 were injured related and 488 were significant traumas.

"As a Level II Pediatric Trauma Center, we are equipped to provide a high level of care for injured children in northwest Ohio," said Scott Langenburg, MD, trauma medical director at Toledo Children's Hospital.

Verified trauma centers must meet specific American College of Surgeons' Committee on Trauma criteria that ensures trauma care capability and institutional performance. Participants provide not only the hospital resources necessary for trauma care but also the entire spectrum of care to address the needs of all injured patients. This starts as preventive measures with community outreach and continues through the rehabilitation process.

"It is extremely important to ensure that experts are on hand to see the case through from beginning to end to guarantee that each patient receives the very best care," said Rochelle Armola, MSN, RN, CCRN, trauma services director, ProMedica Toledo and Toledo Children's Hospitals. "We are committed to our patients and the families we serve."

The multidisciplinary trauma team at Toledo Children's Hospital includes surgeons, neurosurgeons, orthopaedic surgeons, plastic surgeons, anesthesiologists and critical care doctors as well as other doctors, nurses and staff trained to work with critically injured children.

For more information about ProMedica Toledo Children's Hospital, visit www.promedica.org/toledochildrens.

About the American College of Surgeons and the Committee on Trauma

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) is a scientific and educational association of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical education and practice and to improve the care of the surgical patient. The College has over 72,000 members and it is the largest association of surgeons in the world. Longstanding achievements have placed the ACS in the forefront of American surgery and have made it an important advocate for all surgical patients.

The Committee on Trauma (COT), a standing committee of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), works to improve all phases of care of the injured patient and to prevent injuries before they occur. The COT promotes leadership and cooperation of all participants in a trauma center so that the best possible care will be provided to injured patients. The COT also requires the commitment of each facility's surgeons to the improvement of trauma care. Recognizing that trauma is a surgical disease that demands surgical leadership, the ACS established the Committee on Trauma, its oldest standing committee, in 1922.

About ProMedica Toledo Children's Hospital

ProMedica Toledo Children's Hospital is a member of Toledo, Ohio-based ProMedica, a mission-based, not-for-profit healthcare organization formed in 1986. ProMedica has more than 15,000 employees and nearly 1,900 physicians – with more than 600 healthcare providers employed by ProMedica Physicians. Its 12 hospitals and more than 300 facilities offer comprehensive diagnostic, medical and surgical specialties in heart and vascular, oncology, orthopaedics, neurology, and women and pediatric services. ProMedica's mission is to improve health and well-being, with a strong focus on wellness and clinical excellence, as well as innovative, community advocacy programs that address health-related issues such as hunger and obesity. For more information, please visit www.promedica.org.

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