

Billings Clinic has taken the lead on treating trauma patients across a multi-state region, experiencing a 55% increase since 2010. It has been continually verified as Montana's first Level II Trauma Center since 1992 and already had many of the required pieces in place to become a Level I center. This includes dedicated trauma services, emergency services, 24/7 multispecialty care services, immediately available operating rooms, facial trauma and plastics, cardiothoracic surgery, urology, OBGYN, fellowship-trained orthopedic trauma surgeons, other 24/7 surgical services, emergency heart surgery and cardiopulmonary bypass, neurosurgery for traumatic brain and spine injuries, state-of-the-art 24/7 interventional radiology for adjunct hemorrhage control in trauma, a broad affiliate network throughout a multistate region, and strong relationships with rural hospitals.

As part of its journey to becoming a Level I Trauma Center, Billings Clinic is hosting surgical residents and in 2022 announced Montana's first rural surgical residency track in collaboration with the University of Arizona. There are currently two surgical residents practicing at Billings Clinic on one-year rotations. Trauma research is also an essential component of a Level I Trauma Center, and internal research scientists continue to work with the Billings Clinic trauma team to complete and publish trauma research.

As a Level I Trauma Center, Billings Clinic provides the care and resources to treat every type of injury, no matter how serious, at any time. It means a community-focused, integrated system of care will be available to all in need. Additional benefits of Level I include:

- Provides leadership in prevention, training and public education to surrounding communities.
- Provides continuing education for the trauma team members and others throughout the organization.
- Regional care coordination.
- Incorporates a comprehensive quality assessment program.
- Operates an organized teaching and research effort to help direct new innovations in trauma care.

In support of achieving this monumental investment in trauma care for the region, Billings Clinic Foundation launched a \$30 million capital campaign, the largest in Billings Clinic's history. The Foundation is more than halfway to this goal, including a gift of \$7 million from the Philip N. Fortin Foundation, a \$1 million gift from Tim and Carmen Sheehy, an anonymous \$5 million gift and funds raised from the 2022 Billings Clinic Classic.

In order to meet the needs of residents and visitors to the region, Billings Clinic Foundation's capital campaign will provide funding to expand operating rooms, build a new state-of-the-art transfer center to reduce transport delays, build Montana's first dedicated Surgical Intensive Care Unit (expected to open in 2024) and expand the Emergency Department. Billings Clinic also recently opened two new operating rooms and, in 2022, opened a new 28-bed step-down unit called the Intermediate Care Unit.

To learn more or to support Billings Clinic's commitment to providing the highest level of trauma care, visit [www.billingsclinic.com/trauma](http://www.billingsclinic.com/trauma). To support Billings Clinic's Emergency, Trauma and Complex Care campaign, visit [www.billingsclinicfoundation.com](http://www.billingsclinicfoundation.com).

## **ABOUT BILLINGS CLINIC**

Billings Clinic is Montana's largest independent health system, serving Montana, Wyoming and the western Dakotas. A not-for-profit organization led by a physician CEO, Billings Clinic is governed by a board of community members, nurses and physicians. At its core, Billings Clinic is a physician-led, integrated multispecialty group practice with a 336-bed hospital and Montana's first Level I Trauma Center. Billings Clinic is the largest trauma center and the first established and longest standing ACS-COT continually accredited trauma center in the state of Montana. Billings Clinic has more than 4,500 employees, including nearly 600 physicians and advanced practitioners offering more than 80 specialties. Billings Clinic is the first Magnet-designated health care organization in Montana and a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. More information can be found at [www.billingsclinic.com](http://www.billingsclinic.com).