



TRICK OR TREAT

No tricks here. Did you know:

- Pedestrian struck fatalities are **43% higher on Halloween** compared to any other night of the year.
- According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, children between the ages of 4 and 8 are **10x more likely to get hit by a vehicle on this day** in a residential neighborhood.

Here is how you can help keep our kids safe on this frightfully fun night:

FOR DRIVERS:

- **Drive Slowly:** Anticipate children's excitement and maintain a low speed to avoid accidents.
- **Avoid Residential Areas:** Unless participating in trick-or-treating, steer clear of subdivisions, particularly between 6-9 PM.
- **Switch on Headlights Early:** Turn on your headlights at dusk or slightly earlier to enhance visibility.
- **Patience at Stops:** Allow extra time at stop signs, lights and crosswalks, double-checking before moving.
- **Stay Focused:** Limit distractions and adhere to speed limits in neighborhoods to ensure pedestrian safety.



UPCOMING EVENTS



- ▶ ATCN/ATLS: Oct 17-18
- ▶ TNCC: Nov 7-8 | Dec 4-5

QUESTIONS? Email us at trauma.services@erlanger.org



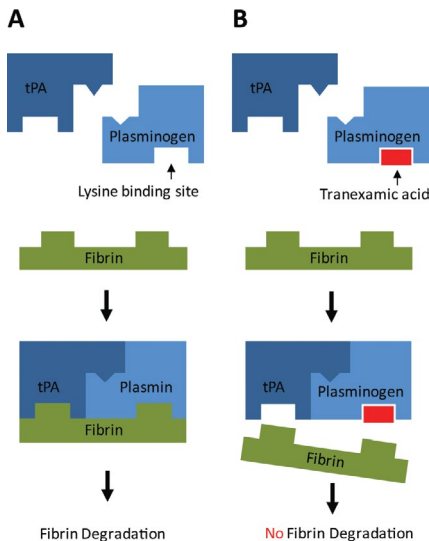
Congrats Lindsay Smith, BSN, RN!

Lindsay has true a passion for the health and safety of our pediatric population. She has been awarded the Dr. Robert Sanders Leadership and Service Award for the 2024 Tennessee Highway Safety Office Child Passenger Safety Awards. This award shows Lindsay's commitment to her community and dedication to preventing injuries.

Representing in RED!



Heather Bell, David Wolfkill, and Laura Day represented Erlanger's Trauma Program - Red Shirt Team at the Tennessee State Trauma Symposium on August 1, 2024. These team members took the stage to share their knowledge and expertise on Massive Transfusion.



What is TXA and How Does It Work?



TXA is an antifibrinolytic agent. This drug works by binding to the site where plasminogen binds to fibrinogen. Fibrinolysis cannot occur when this site is blocked, therefore clots cannot be broken down. Fibrinolysis is a process that prevents blood clots from forming.

In more simple terms...

TXA is a medication used to stop the breakdown of blood clots and reduce hemorrhage.

INDICATIONS: TXA is indicated for bleeding trauma patients with a SBP less than 70 with signs of trauma and/or receiving a blood transfusion to maintain vital signs.

CONTRAINDICATIONS: Injury >3 hours old | Elderly | Nursing mother | Renal and Vascular Disease | Current or history of PE, DVT, or other thromboembolic disorder

SIDE EFFECTS: Hypotension with rapid injection | Seizure | Abdominal pain | Potentially increase thrombotic events | Headache | N/V/D