

The 7th Annual Trauma & Critical Care Symposium and a Community Blood Drive

Carolinas HealthCare System, in conjunction with Charlotte Area Health Education Center (AHEC) and the F.H. “Sammy” Ross, Jr. Trauma Center of the Carolinas Medical Center, will be hosting its Seventh Annual Trauma & Critical Care Symposium at the Charlotte Convention Center on Friday, September 5, 2008. The topic for this year is – *Disaster Preparedness: Learning about the State Medical Assistance Team (SMAT) and the Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) – Opportunities for Participation*. This program is open to all healthcare administrators and professionals, as well as the general public.

A variety of distinguished speakers from throughout the state will be featured, including: Kevin Staley, Director of MEDIC-Medical Services; Dr. Christopher Gullede, Mecklenburg County Medical Examiner; Dr. Bruce Cairns, Director of the UNC Hospitals Burn Intensive Care Unit; and, Mark E. Chambers, Disaster Medical Coordinator for the NC Office of Emergency Medical Services. An educational demonstration of seven assets, including the MTAC M8 Mobile Field Hospital, will take place and involve participant tours.

A blood drive hosted by the Community Blood Center will be on-site from 8:00am – 2:00pm. For details concerning the blood drive and to schedule an appointment, please visit:

www.cbcc.us/donate.

For the conference brochure, registration fees and additional information, please access the following link: http://www.charlotteahec.org/ce/program_schedule/details.cfm?EventID=24107.

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