

TRAUMA QUOTES

The trauma situation is no longer acceptable. The knowledge, facilities and equipment exist to provide excellent care for trauma victims, but it is necessary to organize the available resources.

--R A. Cowley, M.D.
Director, Maryland Institute for
Emergency Medicine

Trauma is a controllable disease in the 1980's.

--David R. Boyd, M.D., C.M.
Former Director, Division of Emergency
Medical Services
U.S. Department of Health, Education & Welfare

"Next to creating a life the finest thing a man can do is to save one."

--Abraham Lincoln

"Trauma kills more persons under 54 than cancer or cardiovascular disease. It is the third biggest killer of Americans overall. It disabled more than 10 million persons every year, many of them permanently, and its cost to society is estimated at \$82 billion annually." 5

--R A. Cowley, M.D.

"One thing about trauma, you can't wait. You can't wait for the operating room to become free. You can't wait for the anesthesiologist to arrive. Trauma victims need help now."

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The "Golden Hour" --"If you can get control of patients within one hour, the chances of survival are terrific."

--R A. Cowley, M.D.

The first 60 minutes, the "Golden Hour," following a life-threatening incident indicates whether a person will live or die. 6

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"We're going to knock the socks off the death rate in this state."

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"Shock is a pause in the act of ^{dying} death." 7

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"Accidents are the number one cause of death in the U.S. in persons under the age 37 and the third leading cause of death in the whole population, ranking right behind cancer and heart disease."

--R A. Cowley, M.D.

"It's time for physicians to get out of the art of medicine and into the science of medicine."

--R A. Cowley, M.D.

"Trauma is the neglected disease of modern society."

--R A. Cowley, M.D.

"We feel we've gone about as far as we can go with what we know now. For the next big push somebody's got to find out why generalized cell sickness results from local injury."

--R A. Cowley, M.D.

"Trauma, America's most expensive public health problem, kills more of our young people than any disease."

--R A. Cowley, M.D.

"The overall goal is to ensure that every citizen will receive the best emergency medical care regardless of type of illness or injury, its severity, the citizen's personal circumstances, or his geographical location."

--R A. Cowley, M.D.

"Unlike other diseases which require a medical breakthrough before significant savings in lives can be made, death and disability of the emergency victim can be reduced using existing medical knowledge and equipment using a systems approach."

--R A. Cowley, M.D.

"Any citizen or transient in the state of Maryland has the right to the best medical care according to the state of the art and not according to location, severity, and extent of injury."

--R A. Cowley, M.D.

"Every year the number that die from trauma is greater than the total of all Americans killed in the Korean War or in the Vietnam War."

--R A. Cowley, M.D.

"A good emergency medical services systems ensures that patients are seen at the right time, in the right place, by the right people."