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The vehicle, offering all of the medical support that is available in the critical care units at Shock Trauma, will be used to care for patients with such conditions as multiple trauma, severe burns, cardiovascular instability, and acute respiratory failure. For patients with these types of serious problems, getting high calibre medical care during transport may mean the difference between life and death.

This vehicle will be "the first of its kind in Maryland dedicated to these types of patients," says Howard Belzberg, M.D., an attending intensivist at the Shock Trauma Center and an assistant professor at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

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"We anticipate being able to help as many as 150 patients with this new vehicle during its first year of operation," says Dr. Belzberg. "It will close a gap in the continuum of care for critically ill patients during transport in Maryland," he adds.

The vehicle will be dispatched from the Systems Communications (SYSCOM) Center at the Shock Trauma Center. It will supplement the medical transport capabilities offered by the Maryland State Police Med-Evac helicopters, ambulances, and other speciality transport vehicles operating in the state.

The vehicle will be equipped with a diesel generator, a sink, computers, and special electrical, heating and cooling systems to accommodate the needs of a medical transport vehicle. When it is delivered, a team of critical care specialists will outfit the vehicle with equipment similar to that used at the Shock Trauma Center, including ventilators, intravenous pumps and monitors.

The purchase cost of the vehicle, estimated at \$150,000, will be raised by the Board of Visitors of the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center through ticket sales for the Shock Trauma Gala, a black tie dinner/dance to be held at the Towson Center on May 11. For more information about the Gala, call 301-328-8778.



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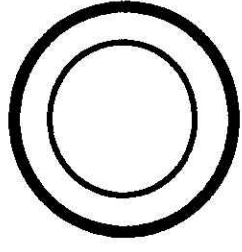
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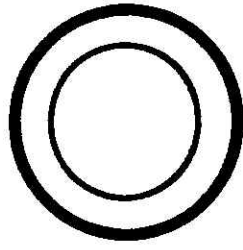
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