



Mark Strassmann (CBSnews correspondent): At Grady Memorial Hospital the clock's ticking⁽¹⁾, for trauma⁽²⁾ patients and for this hospital. At any Level One Trauma Center⁽³⁾ like Grady, you'll find 16 different surgical specialties, 24/7, from brain surgeons to orthopedic experts.

Female Doctor: There's no space in this trauma bay⁽⁴⁾, and there's no space in this trauma bay.

Dr Hailey: Let's give us blood, that's really what you want to do...

Strassmann: Dr Leon Hailey's team treat 4,000 trauma patients a year. If you have a car accident, shooting, stabbing⁽⁵⁾, this where you want to be.

Dr Hailey: This is where you wanna go.

Strassmann: But no one can stop Grady's bleeding. This year it could lose \$ 55 million and close. Too many patients with no way to pay.

If Grady closed, Atlanta would have a true Trauma 911. In a metropolitan area of more than 4 million people, this is the only Level One Trauma site.

From Los Angeles to Chicago to Birmingham, 20 Trauma Centers have closed since 2000. Nationwide⁽⁶⁾, these facilities will lose another billion dollars this year. In 2003, Oklahoma University's Trauma Center almost went under⁽⁷⁾. The state had a novel⁽⁸⁾ solution: first, the hospital educated voters. Trauma care's critical, not just for shooting and stabbing victims, but for everyone.

Dr Albrecht: I had friends that had left the hospital to go home and I said goodbye to them and 20 minutes later, they were back in the trauma room, at our facility⁽⁹⁾. So it can happen to anybody at anytime.

Strassmann: Skip Sellers crashed his motorcycle and lost parts of three limbs⁽¹⁰⁾. O.U.'s Trauma Center saved his life.

Sellers: If anybody had somebody who they really, really love, you don't know when you might have an accident, and you don't know when they might need a Trauma Unit, but you'd better make sure that help is there.

Strassmann: Sellers helped convince Oklahomans to raise cigarette taxes and generate millions for trauma care. Georgia has no plans to bail out⁽¹¹⁾ Grady.

Gov. Casey Cagle: We all would love to be benevolent⁽¹²⁾; we would all love to give away⁽¹³⁾ all of this care, but somebody's got to pay for it.

Strassmann: And how close to running out...?

Dr Hailey: Real close... It's getting real close.

Strassmann: Nationally, more than a dozen Trauma Centers share Grady's prognosis.

Dr Albrecht: People are going to die and it's purely preventable.

Male Doctor: We're losing him...Let's go, let's open the mouth...

Strassmann: Grady's in a fight for its own life.

Mark Strassmann, CBSnews, Atlanta.

Lexical helpline:

1. **the clock's ticking:** time is running out, there is not much time left
2. **trauma:** a physical injury or wound to the body, usually a severe one
3. **a Level One Trauma Center:** provides the highest level of surgical care for trauma patients
4. **a (trauma) bay:** a special area where the patient lies on a bed and is examined by doctors
5. **stabbing:** act of wounding with a knife
6. **nationwide:** across the nation
7. **go under (v):** close down
8. **novel (adj):** new, original and different
9. **facility:** equipment, building designed for a purpose
10. **a limb:** a body part, arms and legs. (the upper limbs, the lower limbs)
11. **bail out (v):** help somebody out of a difficult situation
12. **benevolent:** charitable, kind
13. **give away (v):** offer something for free