



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
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**FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY EMS FACILITY DESIGNATIONS
March 10, 2026**

The following hospitals have applied to Orange County Emergency Medical Services (OCEMS) for Emergency Receiving Center (ERC) and/or Specialty status (Trauma Center (TC), Pediatric Trauma Center (Ped TC), Cardiovascular Receiving Center (CVRC), Stroke Neurology Receiving Center (SNRC), and Comprehensive Children’s Emergency Receiving Center (CCERC) designation or re-designation. This report summarizes OCEMS’ review of their applications noting deficiencies, conditions and recommendations. Today, it is presented to the Facilities Advisory Committee for committee endorsement.

General Findings: The following facilities currently meet the designation requirements for Emergency Receiving Center and Specialty Center designation, when applicable. Endorsement considerations of designation are for one to three-year terms or otherwise specified as recommended by committee.

FACILITIES – CONTINUING DESIGNATIONS

UCI Health - Orange

Pediatric Trauma Center

Program Review Period: 11/01/2023 – 10/31/2024
Initial ACS Site Survey Conducted: 02/04 – 02/05/2025
Initial ACS Summary Report Received: 05/19/2025
Corrective Action Site Visit: 01/13/2026
Corrective Action Summary Report Received: 02/18/2026

Criteria Deficiencies:

	ACS CONDITION	ACS STANDARD DEFINITION	DESCRIPTION	DUE DATE	CORRECTIVE ACTION COMMENT
1	Non-Compliant with Standard 7.3 (Documented Effectiveness of the PIPS Program)	All trauma centers must have documented evidence of event identification; effective use of audit filters; demonstrated loop closure; attempts at corrective actions; and strategies for sustained improvement measured over time.	The PI process could be more compulsive about identifying and addressing variations from pediatric care and about analyzing pediatric data separately to ensure care matches current national guidelines.	02/04/26 **corrective action to be reviewed by ACS via a site visit. **RESOLVED**	The pediatric trauma center has made significant progress in developing the pediatric PIPS program. The pediatric PIPS program is now independent from the adult PI program and evaluates pediatric specific data and metrics including providing individual report cards for the trauma surgeons regarding compliance with patient care guidelines for CT scanning and laboratory tests.



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OCEMS recommends and reinforces the following (action is expected, however current redesignation is not contingent on these actions):

RECOMMENDATIONS	
1	Provide a formal one-hour lecture on any Pediatric Trauma related subject at a County-Wide meeting (such as: UCI Base REAC, No Fear Conference, Facilities Advisory Committee) once per year.
2	Continue ensuring there is Child Life available every day for pediatric trauma patients during their acute phase of care, including intensive care.
3	Continue providing ongoing education on children with critical injuries to the medical and nursing staff.
4	Closely follow response to consultation to ensure promptness from the pediatric medical specialists.

OCEMS commends the following facility strengths, and strongly encourages maintaining these efforts:

STRENGTHS	
1	Regional resource for reimplantation, burn injuries, ocular injuries, and complex pelvic injuries in children.
2	The coordination of multiple pediatric trauma prevention programs.

Endorsement Consideration: Two (2) years (06/01/2026– 06/01/2028)