

Mississippi Trauma Care System
News Conference
Monday, April 10, 2000
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol Rotunda

Dr. Thompson will start the program and make the check presentations. Dr. Thompson will introduce you. Stand up straight. Make sure you shake hands with Dr. Thompson, Dr. Hopson and the representatives of the Trauma Care Centers.

This is a great day for the people of Mississippi.

Today's announcement of Mississippi hospitals' receiving Trauma Center designations is a first for our state, and I am pleased and proud to be a part of this historic event.

So many Mississippians' lives will be improved because of the designation of Trauma Care Centers across the state. Medical personnel not only touch the lives of the patients, but they have a profound effect on the family members of the patient.

(insert personal trauma story – tie in the trauma that your family went through along with you and the care that both you and your family received.)

The role that these centers will have in our state is important as we further develop top rated healthcare options for the people of Mississippi.

I would like to thank Dr. Thompson for his vision and thank everyone for the hard work that they devoted to make this day possible.

Congratulations to the designated hospitals. You are all making a strong impact on returning people to productive lives in Mississippi, and we thank you for your commitment and care.