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## Local Surgeon Appointed to State Trauma Committee

Robert Pendrak, M.D., of Carlsbad, has been appointed to the State of New Mexico's Committee on Trauma. The purpose of the committee is to improve the quality of trauma patient care in New Mexico, by encouraging partnership among its members and providing a venue for collaboration and discussion of issues and common problems.

Dr. Pendrak, a board certified surgeon, is also a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (F.A.C.S.), practicing through Pecos Valley Physician Group at Pendrak Surgical since 2005. He is an active Member of the Carlsbad Medical Center Medical Staff, where he serves as Medical Director of Trauma Services for the hospital's Level III Trauma Center.



*Robert Pendrak, M.D., F.A.C.S.*

"Our presence at the state level gives Southeastern New Mexico a voice in determining overall policies pertaining to trauma care," said Pendrak. "In the five years I've been in Carlsbad, I've seen a definite improvement in trauma patient care, and it has translated into lives saved, which is our ultimate goal."

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### About Carlsbad Medical Center

Carlsbad Medical Center is a full-service 127-bed community hospital. Since 2004, CMC has reinvested a total of \$20 million in improvements and expansions, including a new Outpatient Diagnostic Center, upgraded diagnostic imaging equipment, an expanded Intensive Care Unit, and an upgraded and expanded Emergency Department. A \$15 million renovation project begun in 2009 includes the construction of additional operating rooms, a renovated Women's Services Unit, and a remodeled front entrance and lobby, is scheduled to be completed by December 2010.