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FACT SHEET: violence and emergency Medical Services (ems)

Trauma System- Los Angeles County: The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system provides 9-1-1 response to incidents involving trauma with transport to a trauma center when injury is severe enough to cause disability or death.

- ❖ In 2004, LA County trauma centers treated 4,574 patients with assaultive injuries. The charges for treating these patients were more than \$210 million, with an average charge of \$45,930 per visit.
- ❖ 1,918 (42%) of the patients with assaultive injuries and 1,004 (40%) of the patients with firearm injuries did not have any insurance.
Note: there is considerable overlap between these two groups.
- ❖ In 2004, 90% of patients with assaultive injuries treated at Los Angeles County trauma centers were male.
- ❖ In 2004, there were 431 assaults against women of such severity that treatment at a trauma center was required.
- ❖ During 2004, the victims of assaultive injuries treated at LA County trauma centers were:
 - 51% Hispanic
 - 32% African-American
 - 11% White
 - 6% Asian/OtherNote: Person may have identified with more than one race/ethnicity.
- ❖ In 2004, the median age of victims of gunshot wounds treated at Los Angeles County trauma centers was 26 years.
- ❖ At Los Angeles County/University of Southern California Trauma Center (LAC/USC), 28% of the patients admitted to the trauma center during 2004 had injuries resulting from assaults.
- ❖ Between 2000 and 2004 there were more than 4,000 visits per year to the LAC/USC Trauma Center (In 2004, 77% blunt trauma, 23% penetrating trauma).

Note: Violence here refers to assaults, gunshot wounds, and stabbings.

All above statistics are from the Trauma and Emergency Medicine Information System, Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency, 2005

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