

# A B C D E F G H Children's Health

## Treating Pediatric Trauma

(NAPSA)—To help save the lives of severely injured children and to help those who survive on the road to recovery, the nation's most comprehensive pediatric trauma institute has been established by the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

The Childress Institute for Pediatric Trauma will focus on key areas in treatment, education and training, research and prevention of pediatric trauma. Initial funding for the Institute came from NASCAR champion team owner Richard Childress and his family, which donated \$5 million to Wake Forest Baptist to initiate the project scheduled to get under way later this year. Wake Forest Baptist and the Childress family are currently working with a number of corporations and individuals to raise the additional \$20 million to establish the Childress Institute.

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**The Childress Institute hopes to find a better way to reduce the disability of kids who do get hurt.** 

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“Accidental injury is the No. 1 killer of children in this nation,” said J. Wayne Meredith, M.D., chief of surgery at Wake Forest Baptist, medical director of Trauma Programs for the American College of Surgeons and the interim director of the Institute. “This institute will have a national impact and bring much more attention and awareness to this issue. We need a better way to treat children and there is not enough research being done.”

The goal is to find the best possible way to care for children who have experienced traumatic injuries and then share that information with other trauma centers.

To learn more, visit [www.ChildressPediatricTrauma.org](http://www.ChildressPediatricTrauma.org).