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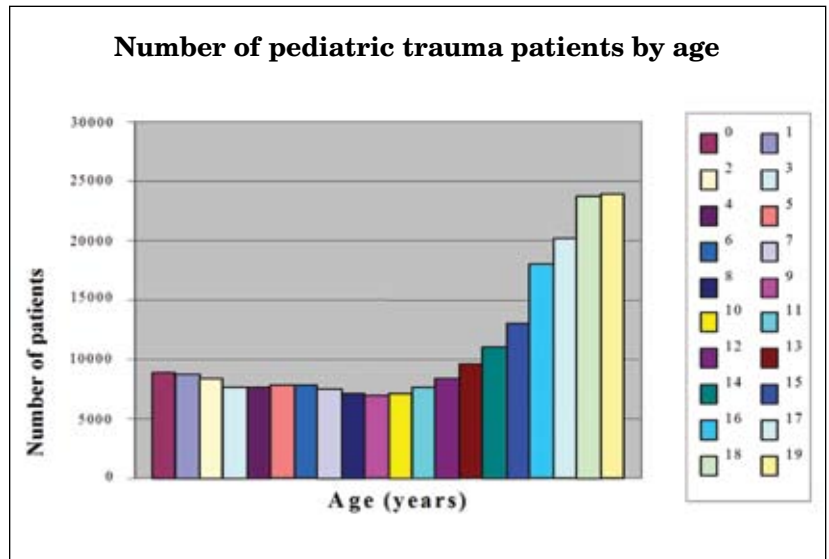
Peds 2: Twice as large

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Two years ago, we reported in this column on the first pediatric trauma report to come out of the National Trauma Data Bank® (Small package, big problem. *Bull Am Coll Surg.* 2004;89[7]:61); the second pediatric trauma report was recently released. The annual *Pediatric Report* of the National Trauma Data Bank Version 5.0 represents and reflects the collaborative efforts between the National Trauma Data Bank Committee and the Pediatric Surgery Specialty Group of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma.

As with the overall version, this report is an updated analysis on the largest aggregation of pediatric trauma data ever assembled. The pediatric component of the NTDB contains more than 285,000 records from U.S. trauma centers. The new pediatric report is based on 221,451 records from 2000 through 2004; the breakdown by age is shown in the graph on this page. The new report has an almost twofold increase in the number of records contained in the pediatric report compared with the first report.

The purpose of this report is to inform the pediatric community, the public, and decision makers about a wide variety of issues that characterize the current state of care for



injured infants, children, and adolescents in the U.S. It has implications in many areas, including epidemiology, injury control and prevention, research, education, acute care, and resource allocation.

We would like to thank Melanie Neal and the College staff for compiling the report. We would also like to recognize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program of the Health Resources and Services Administration, whose support made the development of this report possible. As we look toward future reports, we encourage members of the College to support legislative

initiatives to preserve funding of trauma systems development as well as our federal partners. After all, we would like to be able to produce the sequel, Peds 3.

Throughout the year, we will be highlighting the work of the NTDB through brief monthly reports in the *Bulletin*. The full NTDB *Pediatric Report* Version 5.0 is available on the ACS Web site as a PDF file and a PowerPoint presentation at <http://www.ntdb.org>.

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