Health Alert: 'Unexpected Survivors' Ceremony

PHILADELPHIA (CBS 3) — The difference between life and death can be a matter of minutes, calling "great saves."

It's National Trauma Awareness Month a time to raise awareness and educate people on preve
time to recognize those who deliver life saving care to victims.

A celebration of unexpected survival at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, where d
c words with former trauma patients who beat the odds and survived horrible accidents.

"I'm just very thankful," said Tamier Simmons, a former trauma victim at HUP.

"It was nice to be able to walk in and see all the doctors and all the nurses that were on top of me every day. It's a
former trauma victim at HUP. He fell 80 feet into a quarry last November. He was airlifted to HUP with a severe bi fractures.

"I had a hole in the right lung. A broken clavicle, a broken pelvis, a broken hip all on the right side," said Vincent.

Today he and others who are being called "unexpected trauma survivors" were recognized in a ceremony, along v save them.

"I can't tell you how sick some of these people were when they came in and we really don't know whether they'rejust to see them walk back in and looking like a regular person you might pull off the street. It's fantastic," said Dr. HUP.

Doctors say the most important thing you can do to not become a trauma victim is follow standard safety precau
t helmet when riding a bike.

Doctors from HUP who went to Haiti to treat victims after the earthquake were also honored during today's cerem

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