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UC-trained doctor tended to casualties

Reality starts to sink in for Hyde Park native on duty during marathon

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The workload for Dr. William D. Tobler Jr. was relatively light Monday at the Boston Medical Center.

The 30-year-old from Hyde Park made his rounds as usual, checking on his patients. Now in his fifth year as a general surgery resident, he performed some minor elective operations before he got a text message from his sister, Hillary, asking if he was OK.

"She'd seen a tweet that mentioned explosions at the finish line of the Boston Marathon," roughly a mile and a half from his hospital, Tobler said in a phone interview Thursday with The Enquirer.

Skeptical, he hustled to the emergency room, thinking a surgeon should be the first to know about something like that.

But pushing through the double doors of the trauma center, the smell of burning flesh told him otherwise. He arrived just as a wave of people with severe burns and injuries, most-

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TERROR IN BOSTON



Dr. William D. Tobler Jr. grew up in Hyde Park, graduated from St. Xavier High School in 2000 and earned his medical degree at the University of Cincinnati in 2008. PROVIDED

Reality sinks in for a UC-trained doctor

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ly to their lower extremities but also to torsos and heads, began flooding into the hospital.

The St. Xavier High School graduate had seen injuries this severe before, but never at this volume, as ambulance after ambulance unloaded more and more patients.

Many had lost so much blood they were in hypovolemic shock, Tobler said.

"When we were in the operating room, removing shrapnel and these small pellets, that's when I grew suspicious of this being a terrorist activity," said Tobler, who graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in 2008.

"Really, I was suspicious right away, because we were taking care of so many young patients."

Boston Medical Center's emergency ward treated 23 of the roughly 180 people injured by one of two pressure cooker bombs filled with nails and

other metal shrapnel that tore through the sidelines of the world's oldest and most renowned marathon Monday, claiming three lives.

To Tobler's knowledge, none of the deceased lived long enough to make it to a hospital.

Ranging from 5 to 78 years old, 16 of the victims at Boston Medical Center remained hospitalized on Thursday, one still in critical condition, 10 in serious condition and five in fair condition, according to a hospital spokeswoman.

Five patients required the amputation of a limb, and two became double amputees, according to a statement by Chief of Trauma Services Dr. Peter Burke.

According to a New York Times story, one of the victims treated at Boston Medical was Jeff Bauman, the 27-year-old in a photograph that has become an iconic image of the day — Bauman, gray-faced and holding his left thigh, being wheeled away from the blast site by three people, one in a

cowboy hat. He lost both his legs below the knee.

"We had anywhere from five to 10 operating rooms going on at the same time," Tobler said.

"We try to do everything we can to preserve limbs."

Tobler praised the Boston emergency medical responders for the speed with which they split the wounded between Boston's several Level-1 trauma centers.

It was Patriot's Day, a state holiday, and every available surgeon on vacation was called into work, Tobler said.

Tobler is very proud of the teamwork at his hospital, throughout the city and at the scene.

"Many of these people would not have lived if it weren't for those people who ran toward these explosions instead of running away," he said.

Tobler's father, Dr. William Tobler Sr., knows his son has saved the lives of gunshot and traffic accident victims before.

And the elder Tobler — a Mayfield Clinic neurosurgeon and professor of neurosurgery at the University of Cincinnati who works out of Christ Hospital — knew the pressures of the operating table well.

So on Monday, he knew his son was busy saving lives. He and his wife, Terri, and their daughters, Hillary and Blair, were relieved to finally hear from him around 7:30 p.m.

"It's a terrible, terrible senseless tragedy," the elder Tobler said.

"In the field of medicine, all of us realize we deal with uncontrollable tragedies and accidents. But dealing with a tragedy that is intentionally perpetrated, it's the worst kind."

"I gave him the same advice I'd give anyone — to do your best," Tobler's father said.

Tobler doesn't think he's yet grasped what happened.

"This is one thing (surgeons) prepare for, but something you never want to be a part of," Tobler said. "Now that's a reality for me." ■

WORLD & NATION IN BRIEF

NASA: Distant planets seem ideal for life

WASHINGTON — NASA's planet-hunting telescope has discovered two planets that seem like ideal places for some sort of life to flourish. They are just the right size and in just the right place near their star.

The distant duo are the best candidates for habitable planets that astronomers have found so far, said William Borucki, the chief scientist for NASA's Kepler telescope.

The new discoveries, called Kepler-62-e and Kepler-62-f circle the same star, an orange dwarf, and are next to each other — closer together than Earth and its

neighbor Mars. The planets are slightly wider than Earth, but not too big. Kepler-62-e is a bit warm, like a Hawaiian world and Kepler-62-f is a bit chilly, more like Alaska, Borucki said.

Abortion clinic worker: I saw 10 babies breathe

PHILADELPHIA — A former abortion clinic worker capped the five-week murder trial of her former boss with testimony that she saw more than 10 babies breathe before they were killed.

"I thought they were breathing," Kareema Cross testified Thursday, explaining that she saw their chests go up and down. "He would say they're not really breathing." Cross, 28, is the final prosecution witness in the trial of Dr. Kermit Gosnell in the deaths of a patient and seven babies allegedly born alive.

Nurse pleads guilty in murder-for-hire case

TOLEDO, Ohio — A former Cleveland Clinic nurse accused of trying to hire an emergency room patient to kill a woman pleaded guilty Thursday in a murder-for-hire plot.

Andrew Martin, 23, changed his plea in federal court, admitting to a charge of using a phone to further the plot.

Pakistan's Musharraf flees to avoid arrest

ISLAMABAD — Former Pakistani military ruler Pervez Musharraf fled court in a speeding vehicle Thursday to avoid arrest after his bail was revoked in a treason case.

The car carrying the former military strongman dashed to his farmhouse, which is protected by high walls and guard towers.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1897: The first Boston Marathon is run from Ashland, Mass., to Boston.

1921: The Government of Ireland Act goes into effect, separating the island into the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland, both with limited self-rule within Great Britain.

1933: The United States goes off the gold standard.

1943: The Warsaw ghetto rises against the Nazis when they try to liquidate it. Most of the 60,000 people in the ghetto are killed in the three-month rebellion.

1951: U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur gives his farewell speech after President Harry Truman removed him.

1956: Actress Grace Kelly marries Prince Rainier of Monaco.