



‘Desert Doc:’ Odessa E.R. featured in Amazon Prime docuseries

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ODESSA, Texas (KOSA) - A new docuseries takes international audiences inside Medical Center Hospital’s emergency room.

The Desert Doc series follows Dr. Sudip Bose, an emergency physician working in Odessa with a storied past. While most medical shows rely on reenactments, Desert Doc features true stories with local heroes and real patients who gave their permission to film, Bose said.

It was produced by Kelli and Bob Phillips, known for hosting the TV show Texas Country Reporter. The series is now available on Amazon Prime Video, according to a March 19 announcement.

In an intense trailer, Dr. Bose tells viewers that Medical Center Hospital is the highest level trauma center in 38,000 square miles. That makes MCH unique, but Bose said the series is a raw representation of all emergency rooms.

“Although [the trailer may be very intense](#), inside the episodes you will find that there are riveting stories that are heartfelt. That are inspirational,” Bose said. “This is unprecedented access into a real emergency room, not reenacted. No dramatization.”

He said he hopes the series connects people.

“Every human being is one step away from an emergency,” Bose said.

Kelli and Bob Phillips saw Dr. Bose’s credentials and MCH’s impressive emergency room operations during a shoot for their TV show five years ago.

“It kept churning in my head, more people need to see this all over the world,” Bob Phillips said.

Bose is an Iraq War veteran, the founder of a nonprofit benefiting veterans and a featured physician on the TV show Untold Stories of the E.R. As a long-time military physician, Bose treated Saddam Hussein after he was captured.

“He could have gone to almost any emergency room in the world after he got out of the army after serving for all of those years,” Bob Phillips said. “He chose Medical Center Hospital in Odessa, Texas.”

MCH CEO Russell Tippin said the series captures the emergency room accurately, including some of MCH staff’s hardest moments. Film crews were on site when a gunman shot and killed seven people in Midland-Odessa in what is known as the 2019 mass shooting.

“People don’t really realize what we deal with here everyday. That’s from a hurt finger all the way to a major auto accident, or unfortunately, during this filming was the shooting,” Tippin said. “So, they were right in the middle of that. They covered it all and did it very well, and really did a good job paying respect to the families and the victims of that horrible day.”

Bose continues to care for Odessa’s emergency room patients. The series also follows him to other parts of Texas, the United States and even outside the country.

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