DEPARTMENT: Algorithm	POLICY TITLE: Surgical Trauma Team Utilization Decision Tree
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PURPOSE: To outline the process of ensuring a surgical trauma team is immediately available for a trauma patient requiring surgery.

ALGORITHM

Surgical Trauma Team Utilization – Decision Tree

Trauma Patient

No → Critical – Life Threat

E.G. – AAA, threat of loss of life, limb

→ Utilize in-house team and call in the call team to be immediately available in the event of a trauma. The teams can alternate with in-house team on non-trauma patients, but at least one team must be free at all times 24/7. Inform anesthesia provider, anesthesia tech, ORA, and Administrator on call.

Yes → Level 1 or Level 2 trauma Patient

Yes → Multi-System/Single-System Trauma Surgeon case

No → Single system - isolated single system – no involvement by Trauma Surgeon requiring urgent /emergent surgery

* E.G. - Ortho / OMFS/Neuro

Yes →

Yes → Utilize in-house team and call in the call team to be immediately available in the event of additional trauma case. Also call in anesthesia tech.

If second trauma arrives, call the heart team and Administrator on call.