

HOSPITAL
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

TITLE: TRAUMA: PEDIATRIC CARE

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AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS: All departments

PURPOSE: To provide quality trauma care to critically injured children.

POLICY: Per the American College of Surgeons, pediatric is defined as a child that is less than 15 years of age. The following will be provided for pediatric trauma patients:

1. Fully trained and Board certified Trauma surgeon for program direction and quality control.
 2. Trauma Surgeons available for pediatric trauma care with commitment to care of the injured child.
 3. Special equipment necessary for the resuscitation, surgery, and postoperative care of infants and children.
 4. An emergency department with pediatric capabilities and staffed by personnel to care for pediatric trauma victims.
 5. Comprehensive diagnostic and laboratory facilities, including micro sampling capability and immediate computed tomographic (CT) scan availability 24 hours a day
 6. ICU with personnel and equipment appropriate for care of the injured child.
 7. A pediatric floor or unit staffed by trained and appropriately credentialed professionals.
 8. Multi-injured pediatric trauma care will fall under the auspices of the trauma service.
 9. All unstable pediatric patients will be stabilized, whether by surgical intervention or resuscitation prior to transfer. Pediatric trauma patients, whose injuries in the opinion of the Trauma Surgeon and / or other specialities, require a higher level of trauma care will be transferred. Transfer agreements are in place for trauma patients.
 10. Pediatric patients will be monitored and trended through the performance improvement process.
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APPROVAL:

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Bibliography:
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