



Pediatric Trauma Service

PEDIATRIC TRAUMA TEAM ACTIVATION GUIDELINES

These guidelines are to identify & validate the reasons for activating the Trauma Team in the ED.

LEVEL A – FULL TEAM RESPONSE	
Immediate Response within 5 Minutes	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirmed age specific hypotension* or uncontrolled bleeding *Systolic blood pressure <70 + twice the age in years 2. Intubated trauma patients transferred from the scene OR Trauma patients who have respiratory compromise or are in need of an emergent airway <i>Includes intubated patients who are transferred from another facility with ongoing respiratory compromise (does not include patients intubated at another facility who are now stable from a respiratory standpoint)</i> 3. Glasgow Coma Score < 9 with mechanism attributed to trauma 4. Gunshot or Penetrating wounds to Head, Neck, Chest, Abdomen or Extremities proximal to the elbow/knee – excluding superficial wounds 5. Pulseless limb 6. Trauma patients transferred from other hospitals appropriately receiving blood and/or vasopressors to maintain vital signs 7. Traumatic Full Arrest – ALL Penetrating; Blunt <5minutes down 8. Emergency Physician’s discretion 	<p style="text-align: center;">TEAM MEMBERS</p> <p>ED Attending/Resident Trauma Attending Trauma Resident ED Staff</p>

LEVEL B – PARTIAL TEAM RESPONSE	
Immediate Response within 5 Minutes	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Neck or Back injury with neurological deficit 2. Single air rifle or BB gun wounds to the abdomen 3. Suspicion of potentially serious Neck, Chest or Intra-Abdominal injury - <i>such as:</i> 1.) <i>grunting respirations</i> 2.) <i>flail chest</i> 3.) <i>supra-iliac Seatbelt mark</i> 4. More than one Long Bone Fracture – <i>humerus, femur</i> 5. Trauma Transfers being accepted to or likely to be admitted to the Pediatric Trauma Service who do not meet Level A criteria. 6. Emergency Physician’s discretion 	<p style="text-align: center;">TEAM MEMBERS</p> <p>ED Attending/Resident Sr & Jr Trauma Resident ED Staff</p>

LEVEL C – LIMITED RESPONSE	
Response time – up to 60 min.	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pediatric Trauma Consults 	<p style="text-align: center;">TEAM MEMBERS</p> <p>ED Attending/Resident Trauma Resident ED Staff</p>

Trauma Team Activations on Interfacility Transfer Patients from VERIFIED Trauma Centers

For STABLE, intubated trauma patients whose Level A Activation would solely be based upon a GCS of ≤8, it is felt that a Level B Trauma Team Activation would be the best use of resources - with a mandatory upgrading of the Trauma Response to a Level A for ANY deterioration in patient condition or patient concerns.

*** ALL Trauma Team Activation Levels must be activated through Operator Services ***

Please do NOT Re-activate Team through Operator Services multiple times unless
patient has arrived and no Trauma Team members are present.