

TRAUMA CAPTAIN

Description of the Trauma Captain Role:

- Overall role is to manage the resuscitation of the trauma patient (similar to being a code leader during a medical resuscitation)
- Assign Roles & Identify staff
 - Airway: Identify with ED who is primary
 - Primary & Secondary Survey: usually intern on ACS
 - Procedures: Available MD for any needed procedure
 - Ensure adequate ancillary staff available- IV/MED RN, Procedure RN, RT, etc.
- Remain at foot of bed & lead pt. management. Delegate tasks.
- ****Remember if you are the Trauma Captain you generally should not do any procedures.
- It should be rare for a procedural resident to get more than two attempts to complete a procedure before a more qualified team member steps in.
- The condition of the patient will occasionally mandate procedure performance by the most qualified team member present. This decision is the responsibility of the attending physician. **Make sure to clearly identify a NEW Captain if you must perform a procedure.**

Notes:

Responsible attending's have final decision regarding patient management and disposition.