

PROTOCOL FOR: Category III Trauma Consult

- POLICY:
1. The TRAUMA CONSULT is to assure that the category III trauma patient will have timely interventions and/or will be assessed and followed to ensure that any occult injuries will be identified.
  2. The patient may be admitted to the appropriate service (i.e., Orthopedic, Oral Maxillary Facial, ENT, Ophthalmologist, Plastics, Urology).
  3. The Surgical House Staff or Surgical Physician Assistant will evaluate the patient within 1 hour of notification by the Emergency Physician.
  4. The Attending Surgeon will evaluate the patient within 24 hours of admission.

DECISION MAKING

PROCESS: Patient identification for entry into the TRAUMA CONSULT procedure are those patients that do not meet the criteria for a FULL TRAUMA ALERT or a MODIFIED TRAUMA ALERT, have sustained a single system injury with a significant mechanism of injury, and need to be evaluated and followed by the trauma surgeon for at least 24 hours to ensure any occult injuries will be identified.

APPROVAL: ED Trauma Committee  
Nursing Standards Committee

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