

	<b>Trauma Services</b>	No. 4030
	Title: <b>Acute Rehab Referral- Shared</b>	Page: 1 of 1 Effective Date: 06/08/2020

**PURPOSE:**

This policy describes the Acute Rehabilitation Services (ARS) department standard for response to referrals.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

Routine referrals to the ARS OT, PT and Speech departments will be responded to within 24 hours of receipt on weekdays and within 48 hours on weekends. Stat consults will be responded to per departmental policy and procedure to allow for expeditious disposition and weekend discharges.

**ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY (SCOPE):**

Rehab Hospitals, WakeMed Surgery, Rehab Therapy

**WHO SHOULD READ THIS POLICY:**

This policy shall be read by department supervisors, managers, directors, and administrators. Furthermore, any individual considering issuing, revising, assisting in the drafting of, or archiving a policy.

**PROCEDURES:**

- I. ARS employees are notified of consult via electronic medical record consultation.
- II. Trauma patients will be evaluated by rehabilitation professionals trained in the care of critically injured patients and recommendations regarding short and/or long-term rehabilitation needs will be made.
- III. Recommendations are made for any trauma patient within the following:
  - a. One week of admission for multi-system, critically ill/injured patients.
  - b. Within 24 hours of the patient becoming hemodynamically stable and without other clinical impediments to a rehabilitation assessment.

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