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PURPOSE:

To ensure optimal care for the pediatric trauma patient

POLICY STATEMENT:

Based on the Trauma Criteria, the pediatric population will be identified and activated appropriately with the response of appropriate staff to care for the immediate trauma needs of the patient.

ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY (SCOPE):

WakeMed adopts the following policy & procedures for Raleigh Emergency Services, Cary Emergency Services, WakeMed Surgery Raleigh/Cary

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. Raleigh Campus:
 - a. For care of children who are under the age of 15, and who are identified as meeting "trauma one" or "trauma alert" criteria, the adult trauma team will be supplemented by a Children's Emergency Department RN and/or PICU RN, and a Pediatric Respiratory Therapist.
 - b. A Pediatric Intensivist may be present to assist with initial stabilization during pediatric trauma one activations.
 - c. Transfer to Children's ED from Trauma room:
 - i. When the trauma attending has reviewed the films and/or if the CT findings were provided in writing, the patient is stable and CT shows the results as non-life or limb threatening, the pediatric patient may be transported to the CED under the direction of the trauma attending or ED attending per usual protocol with complete hand-off communications. Until that time, the patient must remain under the immediate care of the trauma team in the trauma bay or the closest available bed.
- II. Cary Hospital:
 - a. Will bypass pediatric trauma (<18 years) to Raleigh Campus in agreement with EMS providers.
 - b. Any pediatric patients arriving private vehicle will be evaluated, stabilized and transferred to appropriate destination for care.
- III. Children 17 years of age and younger will be admitted to the pediatric ICU or to the Pediatric floor as clinically indicated.

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THIS POLICY IS CROSS REFERENCED IN:

- I. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**
 - a. Trauma Activation Criteria
 - b. Trauma One Evaluation
 - c. Trauma Alert Evaluation
 - d. Patient Status Determination

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