

	Trauma Services	No. 4042
	Title: Diversion, Trauma- Shared	Page: 1 of 1 Effective Date: 06/09/2022

PURPOSE:

No appropriate Trauma patients will be diverted.

POLICY STATEMENT:

All trauma patients will be accepted for trauma activation response based on pre-hospital information and activation criteria regardless of Emergency Department or hospital capacity except during black diversion; defined as an internal disaster.

ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY (SCOPE):

This policy applies to the Raleigh Emergency Services and Cary Emergency Services.

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. For CapRAC (Capital Regional Advisory Committee) stakeholders, healthcare agencies in Franklin, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, and Wake counties, refer to policy "Trauma Transfer, Automatic from CapRAC". All patients are accepted that meet criteria and WakeMed Mobile Critical Care Services can be dispatched for transport.
- II. For non CapRAC hospital transfers of an injured patient, requests for transfer will be routed to the on-call trauma surgeon for discussion with the referring MD. If transfer is appropriate, the Trauma Surgeon may accept the patient regardless of the county ambulance diversion status of the Emergency Department or bed availability.
- III. All trauma patients who are transferred to WakeMed will be evaluated in the Emergency Department unless accepted for direct admission by receiving physician. Direct admissions are tracked monthly.
- IV. Patients meeting activation criteria that are transported by EMS from the scene will not be diverted.
- V. Residents will not accept transfer patients.

THIS POLICY IS CROSS REFERENCED IN:

"Trauma Transfer, Automatic from CapRAC"

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