

**BARNES-JEWISH HOSPITAL
TRAUMA SERVICES POLICIES/PROCEDURES**

TITLE: ACCS Physician Responsibilities

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Policy Statement

- A. Providing specialized trauma care to the severely injury patient ensures prompt and appropriate evaluation and treatment. The ACCS attending from the Acute and Critical Care Surgery Section (ACCS) will be the surgeon responsible for the Trauma Service during his/her rotation.

Procedure

- A. The ACCS attending serves as the trauma surgeon of record for trauma resuscitations.
- B. The ACCS attending is required to be in the Emergency Department on patient arrival for Level I activations, if adequate notification from the field is received. The maximum acceptable response time is 15 minutes as per American College of Surgeons, COT “Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient, 2014. He/She will be available as required on all other leveled trauma cases.
- C. If the attending is unavailable to respond in a timely fashion to the Emergency Department for trauma resuscitations due to participation in elective or emergency cases, the attending must contact the backup attending who will cover during the duration of the unavailability. This will ensure that a trauma surgeon responds to the Emergency Department for resuscitations.
- D. The ACCS attending will directly oversee the care of all the trauma patients on the trauma service.
- E. The attending needs to be familiar with the progress of all trauma patients and to personally evaluate the patients who are thought to be failing to improve by the surgical resident or the Trauma Service staff.

Resources/References

American College of Surgeons, Committee on Trauma “Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient, 2014”

Approval

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