

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

**TITLE:** Acute and Critical Care Surgery-Physician Schedule

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**Policy Statements**

A. A faculty member from the Acute and Critical Care Section is on call 24/7/365 days a year.

**Purpose**

A. To provide prompt, specialized trauma care in the Emergency Department, Operating Rooms, Intensive Care Units, and on the hospital floors for severely injured patients.

**Equipment**

A. Physicians covering trauma will carry a telecommunication device which notifies them of incoming trauma patients.

**Procedure**

- A. The Director of Trauma will designate a daytime back-up attending and Senior Resident. The Director will publish a monthly call schedule which will include Trauma and backup attendings, as well as, Fellows or the Senior Residents.
- B. The Senior Resident or Fellow and Trauma Attending designated to be covering the service will be required to be in the medical center. The Trauma Attending is required to be in the Emergency Department on patient arrival, 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".
- C. The office of the Director of Trauma Service will collate and distribute the call schedule to all appropriate parties in a timely fashion.
- D. Changes in scheduling of Trauma Service personnel will be reported thru the Director of Trauma.
- E. The office of the Director of Trauma will be responsible for notifying all appropriate parties of changes to the call schedule.

**Resources/References**

American College of Surgeons, Committee on Trauma "Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient, 2015"

Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Faculty Trauma Call Schedule

**Approval**

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