

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

**TITLE:** Nursing & PCT/SNT Roles in Level I Resuscitations

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**Policy Statement**

- A. An organized team approach is required to properly care for the critically injured patient. Trauma team members should understand their roles during resuscitation and be qualified to carry out their responsibilities.

**Purpose**

- A. To provide specific responsibilities for RN and Patient Care Technician/Student Nurse Technician members on the resuscitation team.

**Procedure**

A. Implementation

1. Documenting Nurse: Duties include (but are not limited to):
  - a. Prepares room for the trauma patient prior to admission.
  - b. Obtains history and pertinent information from paramedics during rapid MIVT EMS report
  - c. Contact person for 'the story details' once the prehospital report completed
  - d. Record all events that occur during the resuscitation
  - e. Communicates and coordinates information regarding patient resuscitation and keeps staff informed
  - f. Ensures labels placed on blood tubes
  - g. Ensures labs sent with code runner
  - h. Responsible for documenting vital signs
  - i. Informs trauma team of lab results.
  - j. Mixes medications
  - k. Monitors traffic flow during the resuscitation, limiting personnel as necessary
  - l. Receives orders from EM physician and Trauma attending
2. Bedside Nurse: Duties include (but are not limited to)
  - a. Assists in room preparation prior to trauma patient admission
  - b. Collaborates with team leader to provide necessary interventions during primary assessment and verbalizes findings to documenting nurse
  - c. Ensures all patient monitoring be completed.
  - d. Provides psych/social support to patient
  - e. Manages Belmont when in use (second bedside nurse may be needed)
  - f. Provides on-going assessment and reports findings to documenting nurse

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- g. Places indwelling urinary catheter using sterile technique
  - g. Prepares for patient transport to ancillary departments and accompanies as directed
3. Patient Care Technician/Student Nurse Technician
- a. Assist in preparing for the trauma patient prior to admission
  - b. Assist with procedures as required
  - c. Assist with transfer of patient
  - d. Assist with patient clothing removal, obtaining vital signs including initial manual BP and temperature. Responsible for applying monitoring devices
  - e. Responsible for Point of Care Lactate and spun HCT
  - f. Brings in warm blankets at start of resuscitation and places them on patient

### **Resources/References**

American College of Surgeons, Committee on Trauma “Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient, 2006”

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