

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

TITLE: Transfer Acceptance of Acute and Inpatient Trauma Patients

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Policy Statement

- A. Requests for transfer of acutely injured and current inhouse (at another facility) trauma patients should be referred to the Doctor's Access Line (DAL) (800-252-DOCS).

Purpose

- A. To ensure proper and efficient acceptance of a patient being transferred from another facility to Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

Procedure

- A. After being advised of the patient's condition, for acutely injured patients, the Barnes-Jewish Hospital EM attending will assess the patient for transfer. The Doctor's Access Line will notify the appropriate people of the incoming trauma patient. When the ED is on Limitations, the calls will be routed to the Trauma Attending. See Attachment: TCD Algorithm. The patient will be assumed accepted by the trauma attending.
- B. For current in house patients, the Doctor's Access Line will notify the trauma attending and he/she will assess the patient for transfer. See Attachment: TCD Algorithm.
- C. The accepting physician should ensure, as best as possible, that measures have been taken as necessary by the referring institution to assure safe patient transport.
- D. Every effort should be made to facilitate the above events to quickly provide the referring facility a timely acceptance of the patient.

Resources/References

American College of Surgeons, COT "Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient, 2014"
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