

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

TITLE: Trauma Transfer Out

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Policy Statements

- A. Effective and efficient care of the injured patient often requires the involvement of additional physician care in the Emergency Department. Prior to any trauma patients being transferred out, the Trauma Team must be notified.
- B. The decision to transfer an injured patient to a specialty care facility in an acute situation must be based solely on the needs of the patient and not on the requirements of the patient's specific provider network or the patient's ability to pay.

Purpose

- A. To ensure proper and efficient transferring of trauma patients to outside facilities from Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

Procedure

- A. For trauma patients that meet **Level I**, **Level 2A**, and **Level 2E** criteria, the Trauma Team must be formally consulted prior to transferring out to a different care facility. If the patient is a pediatric (<15 years old) patient being sent to SLCH and is hemodynamically stable, the Trauma Attending may be notified only. Attending Trauma Surgeon is expected to be present within 15 minutes of level 1 notification and within 60 minutes for level 2A notification.
- B. For trauma patients that meet **Level 3** criteria, the Trauma Attending must be notified prior to transferring out to a different care facility. From the time of Trauma Attending notification, a decision will be delivered within 30 minutes.
- C. The Trauma Service recognizes that other commitments may preclude a prompt response to trauma response activation. It is the responsibility of the individual on call for the trauma team to ensure that the pager is carried at all times by an individual qualified to respond in a given role.

Resources/References

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

Barnes Jewish Hospital, Trauma Leveling Criteria 4/13

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