

Trauma Medical Director

Policy: Trauma Medical Director will provide general oversight of the trauma program and services provided by the trauma staff.

Procedure:

- 1. Maintains the responsibility to oversee the overall development, growth and oversight/authority of the Trauma Program to include the development and approval of all trauma policies, protocols and practice guidelines.**
- 2. He/she has the authority to act on all trauma performance improvement and administrative issues.**
- 3. Attends “Care of the Patient” meetings which is a multidisciplinary committee consisting of hospital and medical staff members where global trauma program issues are addressed.**
- 4. Leads trauma performance improvement monitoring where trauma deaths and complications that occur are reviewed. Serves as the chair of the Trauma Peer Review Committee with the purpose of improving trauma care by reviewing selected deaths, complications, and sentinel events with objective identification of issues and appropriate responses.**
- 5. Continues to maintain ATLS certification required by the American College of Surgeons.**
- 6. Responsible to provide a review of care for all trauma patients in a timely manner working with physicians and trauma team members in order to improve and assure high quality individual and team performance.**
- 7. The Trauma Medical Director has the authority to correct deficiencies in trauma care and exclude from trauma call the trauma team members who do not meet specified criteria or performance.**

- 8. Responsible for the coordination and communication for trauma-related issues with support departments (operating room, intensive care unit, emergency department, radiology, laboratory, blood bank, respiratory care, etc.) as well as with the medical and nursing staffs, referring/receiving hospital, and pre-hospital emergency medical services.**
- 9. Active supervision/involvement/participation in trauma education.**
- 10. Attends meetings of interdisciplinary and medical staff committees as well as regional & state trauma meetings when appropriate to represent trauma services and enhance overall patient care.**
- 11. Attends continuing education courses with intent to maintain awareness of the evolving changes in trauma care delivery.**
- 12. Participates in State & Regional trauma care activities.**