

Via Christi Hospitals Wichita, Inc.

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Section Name:	Patients
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Policy Subject:	Diversion of Trauma from Via Christi Hospitals Wichita, Inc.
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1. POLICY:

- a. That it is the responsibility of a trauma center to provide care for the trauma patients delivered to that hospital. There may be times when the resources of the trauma center are exceeded by the demands of the trauma patients. When this occurs, a trauma diversion will be initiated.
- b. A trauma diversion can be instituted for a major physical plant failure such as an inoperable CT scanner or other major equipment required for the treatment of trauma patients.
- c. The Trauma Medical Director, [in conjunction with the AOC/CNO](#), has the responsibility to authorize diversion/cancellation.

2. PURPOSE: Temporary diversion of Trauma Patients from St. Francis Street Campus.

3. PROCEDURE:

- a. Notification Procedure of Trauma Division: **To be completed by the Trauma Medical Director and/or Chief Nursing Officer (CNO), or Administrator on Call (AOC).**

NOTE: If the Trauma Medical Director cannot be reached to verify the need for diversion, the on-call Trauma Surgeon will then be contacted.

NOTE: If the CNO is unavailable (after hours or on weekends), the Administrator on Call in conjunction with the Trauma Medical Director will initiate the diversion.

- (1) Verifies need for trauma diversion.
- (2) The CNO/AOC will call the CNO at Wesley Medical Center to verify Wesley Medical Center can accept patients during the time of diversion.
- (3) Dispatch staff will notify by phone the following positions of trauma diversion by phone (can be delegated to Trauma RN to assist):

(a) Trauma Surgeon on-call

- (b) House Manager
 - (c) Diversion status will be changed on the EM Systems by dispatch personnel
 - (d) 911 Dispatch Center
 - (e) Trauma Nurse
 - (f) Emergency Department Charge Nurse
- b. Trauma Procedure for Diversion Cancellation:
- (1) The ACNO/AOC will notify the Trauma Medical Director when trauma diversion is no longer needed..
 - (2) Dispatch personnel will notify by phone (can be delegated to Trauma RN to assist):
 - (a) Trauma Surgeon on call
 - (b) House Manager
 - (c) 911 Dispatch Center
 - (d) Trauma Nurse
 - (e) The ED Charge Nurse
 - (f) Wesley Medical Center dispatch/ER Charge Nurse
 - (3) Dispatch personnel will change the status on the EM Systems.
 - (4) Dispatch personnel will notify the Trauma Nursing Director and Administrative Nursing Director of the Emergency Services by page.
- c. The Trauma Diversions Reporting Form will be completed by Dispatch Personnel. A copy of the completed form will be placed in the Trauma Service log book located in the Emergency Department.
3. EXHIBITS:
- G-PT-43 Exhibit A -Trauma Diversion Reporting Form.

Written By: _____ Trauma Nursing Director

Approved by: _____ Trauma Medical Director

Approved by: _____ Chief Nursing Officer