

2.3 Disaster Management Planning—TYPE II

Applicable Levels

LI, LII, LIII, PTCI, PTCII

Definition and Requirements

All trauma programs must be integrated into the hospital's disaster plan to ensure a robust surgical response:

- A trauma surgeon from the trauma panel must be included as a member of the hospital's disaster committee and be responsible for the development of a surgical response to a mass casualty event.
- The surgical response must outline the critical personnel, means of contact, initial surgical triage (including subspecialty triage when appropriate), and coordination of secondary procedures.
- The trauma program must participate in two hospital drills or disaster plan activations per year that include a trauma response and are designed to refine the hospital's response to mass casualty events.

Level I trauma centers must also include an orthopaedic surgeon from the orthopaedic trauma call panel as a member of the hospital's disaster committee.

Additional Information

Tabletop exercises are acceptable for the two annual hospital drills.

Measures of Compliance

- Attendance records demonstrating trauma surgeon and orthopedic surgeon (LI, PTCI) participation in disaster committee meetings
- Hospital disaster plan that includes a surgical response
- Dates and nature of drills or activations during the reporting period

Resources

None

References

None