

## 2.8 Trauma Medical Director Requirements— TYPE II

### Applicable Levels

LI, LII, LIII, PTCI, PTCII

### Definition and Requirements

In all trauma centers, the TMD must fulfill the following requirements:

- Hold current board certification or board eligibility in general surgery or pediatric surgery by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), American Osteopathic Association (AOA), or Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPS-C)
- Serve as the director of a single trauma program
- Be credentialed to provide trauma care
- Hold current Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS®) certification
- Participate on the trauma call panel
- Provide evidence of 36 hours of trauma-related continuing medical education (CME) during the verification cycle. For pediatric TMD, 9 of 36 hours must be pediatric-specific CME
- In Level I trauma centers, the TMD must hold active membership in at least one national trauma organization and have attended at least one meeting during the verification cycle
- In Level II or III trauma centers, the TMD must hold active membership in at least one regional, state, or national trauma organization and have attended at least one meeting during the verification cycle

If a board-certified general surgeon who is not board-certified or board-eligible in pediatric surgery serves as the pediatric TMD, then the following are required:

- The pediatric TMD must hold current Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certification
- The center must have a written affiliation agreement with a current pediatric TMD at another ACS verified Level I pediatric trauma center. This agreement must identify the affiliate pediatric TMD and at minimum include the following responsibilities:
  - Assist with process improvement, guideline development, and complex case discussions
  - Attend at least 50% of trauma multidisciplinary PIPS committee meetings
  - Attend the VRC site visit at the time of verification

### Additional Information

Membership in an ACS state COT is not equivalent to membership in a national trauma organization.

A total of 30 hours of trauma-related CME obtained from board certification or recertification may be applied once to the CME criteria during the verification cycle.

In trauma centers undergoing a consultation or initial verification review, the TMD must have at least 12 hours of trauma-related CME during the reporting period.

### Measures of Compliance

- Evidence of current board certification or board eligibility
- Roles and responsibilities of the TMD
- Credentialing letter
- Evidence of ATLS certification
- Call schedules
- CME certificates or Maintenance of Certification transcript
- Proof of membership in trauma organizations

For pediatric TMDs who are not board-certified in pediatric surgery, the following additional Measures of Compliance are required:

- Evidence of PALS certification
- Written affiliation agreement
- PIPS committee meeting attendance list

### Resources

None

### References

None