

3.1 Operating Room Availability—TYPE I

Applicable Levels

LI, LII, LIII, PTCI, PTCII

Definition and Requirements

In Level I and II trauma centers, an operating room (OR) must be staffed and available within 15 minutes of notification, and in Level III trauma centers, within 30 minutes of notification.

Additional Information

The expectation is that the OR team is notified when a trauma patient is going to be sent to the OR. The initial call and the team members' response must be tracked. This can be documented with a logbook, an electronic medical record, or a badge swipe.

Measures of Compliance

- OR staffing policy
 - Documentation of time of notification to time of response
 - Evaluated during the site visit process
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Resources

None

References

None