

3.2 Additional Operating Room—TYPE II

Applicable Levels

LI, LII, PTCI, PTCII

Definition and Requirements

In Level I and II trauma centers, if the first OR is occupied, an additional OR must be staffed and available.

Additional Information

A staffed OR is one where nursing and anesthesia personnel are available to prepare the room and patient for an emergency surgical intervention.

Timely access to surgical care is critical for patient safety. Trauma centers are required to have the capacity to respond to small surges in surgical activity without compromising patient care.

Measures of Compliance

OR policies or related materials outlining process, staffing, and expectations related to preparing a second OR, both during regular working hours and after hours

Resources

None

References

None