

4.11 Orthopaedic Trauma Care—TYPE I

Applicable Levels

LI, LII, LIII, PTCI, PTCII

Definition and Requirements

Trauma centers must have board-certified or board-eligible orthopaedic surgeons continuously available for the care of orthopaedic trauma patients and must have a contingency plan for when orthopaedic trauma capabilities become encumbered or overwhelmed.

In Level I pediatric trauma centers, at least one board-certified or board-eligible orthopaedic surgeon must have completed a pediatric orthopaedic fellowship.

Additional Information

“Continuously” is defined as 24/7/365 and implies there are no gaps in coverage.

Refer to Appendix A for details on board certification, board eligibility, and the Alternate Pathway.

Measures of Compliance

- Orthopaedic trauma surgery call schedules
- Orthopaedic surgery contingency plan
- Evidence of board certification, board eligibility, or Alternate Pathway approval
- Level I pediatric center: CV of a board-certified or board-eligible orthopaedic surgeon who completed a pediatric orthopaedic fellowship

Resources

None

References

None