

4.21 Surgical Specialists Availability—TYPE I

Applicable Levels

LI, LII, PTCI, PTCII

Definition and Requirements

Level I and II trauma centers must have continuous availability of the surgical expertise listed below:

- Cardiothoracic surgery
- Vascular surgery
- Hand surgery
- Plastic surgery
- Obstetrics/Gynecology surgery
- Otolaryngology
- Urology

Additional Information

Expertise implies that there is a surgeon credentialed by the hospital to provide acute trauma care for the services listed above.

“Continuous” is defined as 24/7/365. Sporadic gaps in coverage due to vacation/conference attendance, etc. must be addressed with a contingency plan.

Measures of Compliance

Specialty surgeons’ trauma call schedules

Resources

None

References

None