

4.7 Emergency Department Physician Requirements—TYPE II

Applicable Levels

LI, LII, LIII, PTCI, PTCII

Definition and Requirements

In all trauma centers, emergency medicine physicians involved in the care of trauma patients must be currently board-certified or board-eligible, or have been approved through the Alternate Pathway.

- In Level I and II trauma centers, physicians must be board-certified or board-eligible in emergency medicine or pediatric emergency medicine.
 - Physicians who completed primary training in a specialty other than emergency medicine or pediatric emergency medicine prior to 2016 may participate in trauma care.
- In Level I pediatric trauma centers, at least one physician must be board-certified or board-eligible in pediatric emergency medicine.
- In Level III trauma centers, physicians must be board-certified or board-eligible in emergency medicine, pediatric emergency medicine, or a specialty other than emergency medicine.

All emergency medicine physicians must have completed the ATLS course at least once. Physicians who are board-certified or board-eligible in a specialty other than emergency medicine must hold current ATLS certification.

Additional Information

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

Measures of Compliance

- Evidence of board certification, board eligibility, or Alternate Pathway approval
- Evidence of ATLS certification

Resources

None

References

None