

4.8 Emergency Department Physician Coverage—TYPE I

Applicable Levels

LI, LII, PTCI, PTCII

Definition and Requirements

In Level I and II trauma centers, a board-certified or board-eligible emergency medicine physician must be present in the emergency department at all times. This requirement may also be met with a board-certified or board-eligible physician who completed primary training prior to 2016 in a specialty other than emergency medicine or pediatric emergency medicine.

Additional Information

“At all times” 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

- Emergency medicine physician call schedules demonstrating trauma coverage
- Evidence of board certification, board eligibility, or Alternate Pathway approval

Resources

None

References

None