

5.1 Clinical Practice Guidelines—TYPE II

Applicable Levels

LI, LII, LIII, PTCI, PTCII

Definition and Requirements

All trauma centers must have evidence-based clinical practice guidelines, protocols, or algorithms that are reviewed at least every three years.

Additional Information

Clinical practice guidelines, protocols, or algorithms may be developed or revised in response to new evidence or opportunities for improvement.

Clinical practice guidelines provide an opportunity to standardize practice, which facilitates training, allows for auditing of practices, and tends to improve the quality of care.

Measures of Compliance

Clinical practice guidelines, protocols, or algorithms with date of last revision

Resources

Guidelines and best practices are available through the following (this is not an exhaustive list):

Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma: <https://www.east.org/education-career-development/practice-management-guidelines>

American College of Surgeons: <https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/tqp/center-programs/tqip/best-practice>

American Association for the Surgery of Trauma: <https://www.aast.org/resources/guidelines>

Western Trauma Association: <https://www.westerntrauma.org/western-trauma-association-algorithms/>

References

None