

5.15 Trauma Diversion Protocol—TYPE II

Applicable Levels

LI, LII, LIII, PTCI, PTCII

Definition and Requirements

In all trauma centers, diversion protocols must be approved by the TMD and include:

- Agreement of the trauma surgeon in the decision to divert
- A process for notification of dispatch and EMS agencies
- A diversion log to record reasons for and duration of diversions

Additional Information

Trauma center diversions may occur due to the following (this is not an exhaustive list):

- Equipment failure (e.g., CT scan down)
- Critical infrastructure failure (e.g., weather, electrical, IT)
- Lack of essential services (e.g., neurosurgeon, trauma surgeon, or encumbered)
- Bed availability

Measures of Compliance

Diversion protocols that include, at minimum, the requirements above

Resources

None

References

None