

## 5.23 Surgical Evaluation of ICU Patients—Type II

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### Applicable Levels

LI, LII, LIII, PTCI, PTCII

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### Definition and Requirements

In all trauma centers, trauma patients requiring ICU admission must be admitted to, or be evaluated by, a surgical service.

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### Additional Information

There must be a policy that defines the hospital's expectation of the time frame within which a trauma consult is performed for an ICU trauma patient. For example, a tertiary exam can be done before the trauma service signs off, or completed within 2 hours, 6 hours, or 24 hours, or as determined by the hospital policy.

The ICU policy includes notification of changes in care to the trauma service.

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### Measures of Compliance

- ICU policy
- Program documentation evaluated during the site visit

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### Resources

None

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### References

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