

5.6 Care Protocols for the Injured Older Adult—TYPE II

Applicable Levels

LI, LII

References

None

Definition and Requirements

Level I and II trauma centers must have the following protocols for care of the injured older adult:

- Identification of vulnerable geriatric patients
- Identification of patients who will benefit from the input of a health care provider with geriatric expertise
- Prevention, identification, and management of dementia, depression, and delirium
- Process to capture and document what matters to patients, including preferences and goals of care, code status, advanced directives, and identification of a proxy decision maker
- Medication reconciliation and avoidance of inappropriate medications
- Screening for mobility limitations and assurance of early, frequent, and safe mobility
- Implementation of safe transitions to home or other health care facility

Additional Information

None

Measures of Compliance

Patient care protocols listed above

Resources

Institute for Healthcare Improvement. Age-Friendly Health Systems: Guide to Using the 4Ms in the Care of Older Adults. July 2020. http://www.ihl.org/Engage/Initiatives/Age-Friendly-Health-Systems/Documents/IHLAgeFriendlyHealthSystems_GuidetoUsing4MsCare.pdf

American College of Surgeons. *Optimal Resources for Geriatric Surgery* (2019). <https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/geriatric-surgery/standards>

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