

8.4 Commitment to Postgraduate Education—TYPE II

Applicable Levels

LI, PTCI

Resources

None

Definition and Requirements

Level I trauma centers must demonstrate commitment to postgraduate training and education by having residency rotations in trauma that meet all of the following conditions

- There must be a defined trauma curriculum and trauma-specific objectives for junior and senior residents
- The rotations must be available to, at minimum, general surgery, orthopaedic, neurosurgery, and emergency medicine residents.
- All residents on the trauma service must be from an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medicine Education (ACGME) accredited program
- There must be a sufficient volume and breadth of cases to provide general surgery senior residents the opportunity to meet the competency requirements for senior general surgery residents in trauma set forth by the ACGME
- The rotation must be continuously available to residents to assure ample exposure to trauma care

References

None

Additional Information

“Available” to residents implies that the rotation is open to receive trainees at all times and from, at minimum, the specialties mentioned above.

An adequate volume and breadth of cases to meet competency requirements implies that residents have an opportunity to gain exposure to these cases. A volume and breadth of cases without an opportunity for exposure would not meet the standard.

Measures of Compliance

- Learning objectives and curriculum for resident trauma rotation
- Rotation schedule with assigned residents, levels and primary specialty for the 12 months of the reporting period
- Letter from relevant program director that the residents are from an ACGME accredited program
- Letter from program director in General Surgery confirming that the center provides ample trauma exposure to meet general surgery training requirements
- Number of major operative trauma cases over the course of the reporting period