



VRC VERIFICATION
REVIEW
CONSULTATION
for excellence in trauma centers



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS
VERIFICATION, REVIEW, AND CONSULTATION (VRC) PROGRAM

1 Institutional Administrative Commitment

Rationale

Full support and continuous commitment from institutional leadership is vital to achieving and maintaining trauma center verification. Resource allocation (such as equipment, personnel, and administrative support), a commitment to patient safety, and an enduring focus on continuous PI are the hallmarks of strong institutional administrative support that ensures compliance with standards and the highest quality of care for trauma patients.

1.1 Administrative Commitment—TYPE I

Applicable Levels

LI, LII, LIII, PTCI, PTCII

Definition and Requirements

In all trauma centers, the institutional governing body, hospital leadership, and medical staff must demonstrate continuous commitment and provide the necessary human and physical resources to properly administer trauma care consistent with the level of verification throughout the verification cycle.

Additional Information

Human resources include physicians, registered nurses, advanced practice providers (APPs), physician assistants, coordinators, and so forth.

This standard fully encompasses all staffing needs, physical structures, space allotments, and equipment needed for a trauma center to function optimally.

Measures of Compliance

Documentation that demonstrates compliance, including:

- Hospital Board of Directors (or other administrative governing authority) approval of the establishment of the trauma center at the level specified and of the application for verification
 - Commitment to adherence to the standards required for the level of verification
 - Commitment to ensuring that the necessary personnel, facilities, and equipment are made available to support adherence to the standards
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Resources

None

References

None

1.2 Research Support—TYPE II

Applicable Levels

LI, PTCI

Definition and Requirements

The hospital administration of a Level I trauma center must demonstrate support for the research program.

Additional Information

Level I trauma centers have an important role in advancing the knowledge and science relevant to care for the injured patient. Advancements in the field might fall within many different domains including, but not limited to, the biological sciences, translational research, comparative effectiveness research, or implementation science.

Measures of Compliance

Documentation that demonstrates support of the research program, such as the following:

- Basic laboratory space
- Sophisticated research equipment
- Advanced information systems
- Biostatistical support
- Salary support for basic and translational scientists, or seed grants for junior investigators

Resources

None

References

None

