**Why is auditing important?**

Nursing documentation is crucial to high quality, effective and safe nursing care. The delivery of good care and the ability to communicate effectively about patient care depends on the quality of information available to all health care professionals. Standardizing trauma nursing documentation and monitoring through the auditing process improves quality, accuracy and identifies developing needs. The other very important implementation of auditing nursing documentation is giving feedback, monitoring the progress of documentation and further improve nursing documentation.

**What remains the same?**

The Trauma Activation/ Fall Alert Verification Sheet and Sign in sheet will still be utilized by staff. There have been some changes added to these to help you with the new documentation monitored by the new audit process (form A).

**What is new?**  The trauma coordinators at AMCB and ALMC are implementing a new trauma audit process (forms B). It is important that you familiarize the data that we will be monitoring. The trauma coordinators will be doing this audit.

**The trauma coordinators will continue to provide feedback to nursing and monitor for areas of improvement and need.** (form C).

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