

<p><b><u>POLICY &amp; PROCEDURE</u></b></p> <p><b>SUBJECT: Trauma Criteria (Elmer, Mullica Hill, Vineland)</b></p> <p><b>DEPT: EMERGENCY ROOM</b></p>	<p><b>Page 1 of 1</b></p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE Date: 08/25/2021</b></p> <p><b>REVIEW Date: 08/31/2021</b></p>
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**I. POLICY**

To establish criteria for consideration of transfer to a Trauma Center.

**II. RESPONSIBILITY**

- A. Emergency Physician / Resident / Advanced Practice Clinician
- B. Emergency Nursing staff

**III. PROCEDURE**

- A. Patients presenting with a traumatic injury will receive a medical screening exam by the Emergency Physician / Resident / Advanced Practice Clinician. (See also ER. 81 Medical Screen Exam)
- B. Additional services may be consulted at the Emergency Physician / Resident / Advanced Practice Clinician discretion.
- C. **Criteria for Consideration of Transfer:**
  - 1. Carotid or vertebral arterial injury.
  - 2. Torn thoracic aorta or great vessel.
  - 3. Cardiac rupture.
  - 4. Bilateral pulmonary contusion with significant hypoxemia. .
  - 5. Major abdominal vascular injury.
  - 6. Grade IV or V liver injuries requiring transfusion of more than 6 U of red blood cells in 6 hours.
  - 7. Unstable pelvic fracture requiring transfusion of more than 6 U of red blood cells in 6 hours.
  - 8. Fracture or dislocation with loss of distal pulses.
  - 9. Penetrating injuries or open fracture of the skull.
  - 10. Glasgow Coma Scale score of less than 14 or lateralizing.
  - 11. Potentially unstable spinal fracture or spinal cord deficit.
  - 12. Complex pelvis/acetabulum fractures.
  - 13. More than two unilateral rib fractures or bilateral rib fractures with pulmonary contusion (if no critical care consultation is available).
  - 14. Significant torso injury with advanced comorbid disease (such as coronary artery disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary).

*(Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient: 2014, Committee on Trauma, American College of Surgeons 2014)*

**IV. REFERENCES**

- Admission of Patient ER.8
- Transfer of Patient NUR.1.06 / ER.10
- Discharge / Referral Procedure ER.11
- American College of Surgeons Criteria for Consideration of Transfer