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 EMS Medical Director

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Purpose:

- A. To guide prehospital care personnel in determining which patients require the services of a designated trauma center.
- B. To serve as the emergency medical system standard for triage of patients suffering acute injury or suspected acute injury.

Authority:

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9

Definitions:

- A. Critical Trauma Patient (CTP): A patient found to have at least one of the trauma triage criteria as per Policy #5053 (**Trauma Triage Criteria**).
- B. Non-Critical Trauma Patient (NCTP): A patient found to have none of the trauma triage criteria.

Protocol:

- A. Any patient who is suffering from an acute injury or suspected acute injury shall have the Trauma Triage Criteria (Policy #5053) applied by prehospital care personnel
- B. Transportation units, both ground and air, shall transport CTPs who are the subject of any 9-1-1, emergency or non-emergency response, to the time closest appropriate designated trauma center (Policy #5053). If direct medical oversight is necessary, it shall be provided by the receiving Sacramento County Emergency Medical Services Agency (SCEMSA) designated trauma center
- C. All CTPs ≤14 years of age will be transported to a designated pediatric trauma center i.e., University California Davis Medical Center (UCDMC) with the following exceptions:
 - 1. Pediatric patients without an effective airway may be transported to the nearest available facility for emergent airway establishment
 - 2. Pediatric trauma patients under Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) shall be transported to the time closest trauma facility
 - 3. If UCDMC is closed to pediatric trauma, pediatric patients shall be taken to the time closest trauma center
 - 4. Pediatric patients with a tourniquet in place will be transported to UCDMC
- D. Any adult patient with a tourniquet in place shall be transported to the appropriate trauma center.
- E. The paramedic with a NCTP may utilize a SCEMSA designated trauma base station for direct medical oversight.

- F. The CTP without an effective airway shall be transported to the closest available hospital with an emergency department for stabilization prior to transfer to a designated trauma center when a life-threatening respiratory condition exists, i.e. obstructed airway or unrelieved tension pneumothorax.
- G. The NCTP who, in the judgment of a base hospital, requires immediate surgical intervention or other services of a designated trauma center shall be transported to a designated trauma center.
- H. Direct medical oversight shall be obtained from a SCEMSA designated trauma center for any CTP refusing to be transported to a designated trauma center to guide prehospital emergency personnel in arriving at a destination decision.
- I. Any patient who meets trauma triage criteria, and who has an LVAD shall be transported to UCDMC.

Cross Reference: PD# 5053 - Trauma Triage Criteria