



For Trauma Transfers Only



*******TRAUMA TRANSFER GUIDELINE*******

As stated in the Trauma Service Area – E Regional Trauma System Plan, this poster should serve as a template for your facility to utilize in the decision-making process regarding what injury patterns seen in trauma patients benefit from a higher level of care and hence an appropriate transfer.

SUGGESTED CRITERIA FOR CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO

Neurosurgical:

- Open skull fractures
- Lateralizing signs
- Spinal Cord injuries

Extremity Injuries:

- Fractures with evidence of vascular injury
- Open long bone fractures

Comorbid Issues:

- >55 years old
- Cardiac or respiratory disease
- Pregnancy
- Blood thinners except aspirin

Thoracic:

- Major chest wall injury
- Signs suggesting mediastinal injury
- Continued blood loss from chest injury

Pelvis:

- Unstable pelvic ring fracture
- Pelvic injuries with ongoing evidence of blood loss
- Open pelvic injury

Pediatric:

- Age < 15 according to ACS defined criteria
- Intracranial hemorrhage
 - Suspected abuse or neglect

Reference ACEP



Multi-System:

- Multiple long bone fractures
- Burns with other associated injuries
- Injury to two or more body systems

SUGGESTED PROCESS FOR TRANSFER

- 1) If you already have transfer agreements with a trauma center, contact them directly per your protocol.
- 2) If you have a victim of trauma that exceeds your capabilities for care (see above criteria) and you have no transfer agreements with a specific trauma center, or they cannot accept your patient, call the transfer center phone number (listed below) associated with the most appropriate destination hospital.

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| Baylor Scott & White | 214.820.6444 |
| Baylor University Medical Center (L1) | |
| Baylor Scott & White Medical Center - Grapevine (L2) | |
| Baylor Scott & White Medical Center – McKinney (L2) | |
| Children’s Medical Center Dallas (Pediatric, L1) | 888.730.3627 |
| Cook Children’s Medical Center (Pediatric, L2) | 682.885.3901 |
| John Peter Smith Hospital (L1) | 817.702.8417 |
| Medical City (HCA) | 877.422.9337 |
| Medical City Plano (L1) | |
| Medical City Arlington (L2) | |
| Medical City Denton (L2) | |
| Medical City McKinney (L2) | |
| Methodist Dallas Medical Center (L1) | 214.947.4325 |
| Parkland Hospital (L1) | 214.590.6690 |
| Texas Health | 888.730.3627 |
| Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth (L1) | |
| Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas (L1) | |
| Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano (L2) | |

- 3) EMResource, a web-based (www.NCTTRAC.org) regional medical capabilities application, is available to assist you in determining current capabilities at hospitals near you. Please contact NCTTRAC staff at (817) 608-0390 or NCTTRAC_EMCC@ncttrac.org for assistance with access credentials if needed.