



# 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.

## CRITERIA FOR CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER

**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.

<b>Baylor Scott &amp; White</b> .....	<b>214.820.6444</b>
<b>Baylor University Medical Center (L1)</b>	
<b>Baylor Scott &amp; White Medical Center - Grapevine (L2)</b>	
<b>Children’s Medical Center Dallas (Pediatric, L1)</b> .....	<b>888.730.3627</b>
<b>Cook Children’s Medical Center (Pediatric, L2)</b> .....	<b>800.543.4878</b>
<b>John Peter Smith Hospital (L1)</b> .....	<b>817.702.8417</b>
<b>Medical City (HCA)</b> .....	<b>877.422.9337</b>
<b>Medical City Plano (L1)</b>	
<b>Medical City Arlington (L2)</b>	
<b>Medical City Denton (L2)</b>	
<b>Methodist Dallas Medical Center (L1)</b> .....	<b>214.947.4325</b>
<b>Parkland Hospital (L1)</b> .....	<b>214.590.6690</b>
<b>Texas Health</b> .....	<b>888.782.8233</b>
<b>Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth (L2)</b>	
<b>Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas (L2)</b>	
<b>Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano (L2)</b>	

- 3) EMResource, a web-based ([www.NCTTRAC.org](http://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](mailto:NCTTRAC_EMCC@ncttrac.org) for assistance with access credentials if needed.