

# DEPARTMENTAL POLICY/PROCEDURE

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## BARNES-JEWISH HOSPITAL TRAUMA SERVICES POLICIES/PROCEDURES

**TITLE: Trauma Surgeon Credentialing**

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### Policy Statement

- A. Trauma Surgeons at Barnes-Jewish Hospital must meet the following standards to become and remain on the trauma call roster.

### Procedure

- A. The surgeon must be a member of the active staff at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and be members of the Acute & Critical Care Surgery Section at Washington University School of Medicine. Additional members of the department of surgery with an active interest in trauma care and that otherwise meet criterion may be appointed to the trauma team by the Trauma Medical Director.
- B. The surgeon must:
1. Be board certified in general surgery by the American Board of Surgery, the American Osteopathic Association's American Osteopathic Board of Surgery, or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or have completed an accredited training program in general surgery and have applied to the American Board of surgery or the American Board of osteopathic surgery to enroll in the qualifying and/or certifying examination.
- C. The surgeon must have an average of 12 hours of trauma-related continuing medical education per year or demonstrate participation in an internal educational process conducted by the trauma program based on the principles of practice-based learning and the performance improvement and patient safety program-prorated from date of credentialing. ("Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient" document, 2014.) Per Missouri State Regulations (19CSR 30-40.430) all members of the surgical trauma call roster shall document a minimum average of 8 CME hours in trauma care each year. Per Illinois State Regulations (Section 515.2030) all members of the surgical trauma call roster shall document a minimum of 10 trauma related CME hours every two years. Documentation to support this activity must be provided.
- D. The surgeon must be either a provider or instructor in the Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS™) course. Active participation as an instructor for the ATLS course is desirable. Documentation to support this certification must be provided.
- E. During designated call periods, the Trauma surgeon is required to be in the Emergency Department on patient arrival, if adequate notification from the field is received. The maximum acceptable response time is 15 minutes as per American College of Surgeons, COT "Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient, 2014. An 80% attendance threshold must be met by each surgeon.
- F. The surgeon must be present in the operating room for all trauma operations during his/her designated call periods.
- G. The surgeon must meet or exceed all criteria for appointment to the trauma call roster. This appointment is renewable each calendar year subject to ongoing compliance with current standards for participation in the trauma call roster. Lack of continued compliance with the above listed standards may result in removal from the trauma call roster by the Trauma Medical Director.

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## **Resources/References**

American College of Surgeons, Committee on Trauma “Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient, 2014”

Barnes-Jewish Hospital Trauma Surgery Clinical Privileges Document

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