

**BARNES-JEWISH HOSPITAL  
TRAUMA SERVICES POLICIES/PROCEDURES**

**TITLE:** Activation Protocol

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**Policy Statements**

A. Trauma patients will be leveled by criteria and cared for by the designated trauma team.

**Purpose**

A. To provide efficient, specialized care to the severely injured patient in the Emergency Department

**Procedure**

- A. Radio calls received in the Communications Room will be answered by an RN. Upon notification that the call is trauma related, the nurse will obtain mechanism of injury, vital signs, ETA and any other relevant information regarding the incoming patient. Based on this radio interaction he/she will determine the level of trauma class for the patient and the appropriate trauma activation protocol will be instituted. The Communication Room nurse will notify the Trauma Critical Care area regarding this patient.
- B. For Level I trauma patients, the trauma team members will receive a simultaneous notification by telecommunication device. This notification will be initiated by the Communication Room nurse by entering patient information in the following format: Level—(one, twoA, etc.), ETA, MOI, SBP, P & Resp. (if known) and known injuries. When transfer patients arrive a page still needs to be sent out containing all information in the paging format mentioned previously.
- C. For Level II-A trauma patients, the EM Surgery Resident and Trauma Attending will receive a simultaneous notification by telecommunication device. This notification will be initiated by HMED.
- D. If the paging system fails to activate within 1 minute (the pagers in the Communication Room and Trauma Critical Care Area do not activate), the Communication Room nurse will activate the Level I trauma numerically by dialing **360-9584** from any phone and entering **362-9104-911**.

**Resources/References**

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

Barnes-Jewish Hospital Leveling Criteria

**Approval**

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