

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

TITLE: Nursing & PCT/SNT Roles in Level I Resuscitations

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Policy Statement

- A. An organized team approach is required to properly care for the critically injured patient. Trauma team members should understand their roles during resuscitation and be qualified to carry out their responsibilities.

Purpose

- A. To provide specific responsibilities for RN and Patient Care Technician/Student Nurse Technician members on the resuscitation team.

Procedure

A. Implementation

1. Documenting Nurse: Duties include (but are not limited to):
 - a. Prepares room for the trauma patient prior to admission.
 - b. Obtains history and pertinent information from paramedics during rapid MIVT EMS report
 - c. Contact person for 'the story details' once the pre-hospital report completed
 - d. Record all events that occur during the resuscitation
 - e. Communicates and coordinates information regarding patient resuscitation and keeps staff informed
 - f. Ensures labels placed on blood tubes
 - g. Ensures labs sent with code runner
 - h. Responsible for documenting vital signs
 - i. Informs trauma team of lab results.
 - j. Mixes medications
 - k. Monitors traffic flow during the resuscitation, limiting personnel as necessary
 - l. Receives orders from EM physician and Trauma attending
2. Bedside Nurse: Duties include (but are not limited to)
 - a. Assists in room preparation prior to trauma patient admission
 - b. Collaborates with team leader to provide necessary interventions during primary assessment and verbalizes findings to documenting nurse
 - c. Ensures all patient monitoring be completed.
 - d. Provides psych/social support to patient
 - e. Manages Belmont when in use (second bedside nurse may be needed)
 - f. Provides on-going assessment and reports findings to documenting nurse
 - g. Places indwelling urinary catheter using sterile technique
 - h. Prepares for patient transport to ancillary departments and accompanies as directed
3. Patient Care Technician/Student Nurse Technician
 - a. Assist in preparing for the trauma patient prior to admission
 - b. Assist with procedures as required

- c. Assist with transfer of patient
- d. Assist with patient clothing removal, obtaining vital signs including initial manual BP and temperature. Responsible for applying monitoring devices
- e. Responsible for Point of Care Lactate and spun HCT
- f. Brings in warm blankets at start of resuscitation and places them on patient

Resources/References

American College of Surgeons, Committee on Trauma “Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient, 2006”

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