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Chief, Emergency Medical Services

**I. INTENT:**

- A. To guide out-of-hospital personnel in determining which patients require the services of a designated trauma center.
- B. To serve as the EMS system standard for triage of patients suffering acute injury or suspected acute injury.

**II. AUTHORITY:**


- A. Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Ch. 5, §1798, §1798.2; Ch. 6, Art. 1, 1798.102; Art. 2.5, §1798.160 and Art. 3, §1798.170.
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Ch. 6, Art.5, §100218 and Ch. 7, Art. 2, §100254.

**III. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. **Critical Trauma Patient (CTP):** patient who is found to have at least one of the trauma triage criteria.
- B. **Non-Critical Trauma Patient (NCTP):** patient who is found to have none of the trauma triage criteria.

**IV. POLICY:**

- A. Any patient who is suffering from an acute injury or suspected acute injury shall have the Trauma Triage Criteria (program document 5053) applied by out-of-hospital personnel.
- B. Transportation units (both ground and air) shall transport CTPs who are the subject of any 9-1-1, emergency or non-emergency response, to the time closest appropriate designated trauma center (see program document 5053). If direct medical oversight is necessary, it shall be provided by the receiving SCEMS designated trauma center.

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- C. All Critical Trauma Patients less than 15 years of age will be transported to a designated pediatric trauma center i.e., University California Davis Medical Center (UCDMC) with the following exceptions:
1. Pediatric patients without an effective airway may be transported to the nearest available facility for emergent airway establishment.
  2. Pediatric trauma patients under Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) will be transported to the time closest trauma facility.
- D. The paramedic with a NCTP may utilize a SCEMS designated trauma base station for direct medical oversight.
- E. The CTP without an effective airway may be transported to the closest available hospital with an emergency department for stabilization prior to transfer to a designated trauma center when a life-threatening respiratory condition exists, i.e. obstructed airway or unrelieved tension pneumothorax.
- F. The NCTP who, in the judgment of a base hospital, requires immediate surgical intervention or other services of a designated trauma center shall be transported to a designated trauma center.
- G. Direct medical oversight shall be obtained from a SCEMS designated trauma center for any CTP refusing to be transported to a designated trauma center to guide prehospital emergency personnel in arriving at a destination decision.