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 EMS Medical Director

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**Purpose:**

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

**Authority:**

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9

**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.

**Protocol:**

- 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 prehospital care 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 Sacramento County Emergency Medical Services (SCEMSA) designated trauma center
- C. All CTPs less than ~~14~~ 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 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) will be transported to the time closest trauma facility.
- D. Any patient with a tourniquet in place shall be transported to the ~~nearest~~ appropriate trauma center.
- E. The paramedic with a NCTP may utilize a SCEMSA designated trauma base station for direct medical oversight.
- F. 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.

- G. 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.
- H. Direct medical oversight shall be obtained from a SCEMS<sup>A</sup> 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.