

TRAUMA SYSTEM

PURPOSE

To state general policies or principles that apply to the operation of the Trauma System and to the Trauma System policies and procedures contained in this section.

RELATED POLICIES

Trauma System Policies #4600-4618; EMS Aircraft, #5100; Determination of Death BLS 5, ATG 6; Traumatic Emergencies, BLS PR 5; Traumatic Injuries, T 1; Head Trauma, T2; Crush Injury, T3; EMS Communication, # 7000; Prehospital/Hospital Contact #7001; Do Not Resuscitate, GPC 07

DEFINITIONS

Trauma System refers to all aspects of care for injured patients set forth in the Marin County Trauma System Plan, approved by the California EMS Authority and implemented through contractual arrangements or policies and procedures detailed in this manual.

POLICY

A. The goal of the Trauma System Plan is to accomplish the following:

1. To provide an organized, systematic approach to trauma care that is expected to result in a reduction of preventable death and morbidity.
2. To enhance the delivery of trauma services to the residents of and visitors to Marin County.
3. To encourage, through the use of an inclusive design model, the participation of all prehospital care providers and acute care facilities within the county, according to their corporate mission, their resources, and their commitment to the provision of quality trauma care.
4. To promote physical and mental health and to prevent disease, injury and disability by providing equitable, high quality, appropriate and accessible health services to the community.

B. The Trauma System Plan will accomplish the above goals in the following manner:

1. By utilizing prehospital triage criteria, facility standards and transfer criteria that are based on national and state models.
2. By recognizing that a systemized approach to trauma care requires a multidisciplinary approach that acknowledges the importance of all those involved and engages them in the design and implementation of the system of care.
3. By adopting policies, guidelines, and criteria that will provide for the coordination of all resources and ensure accessibility to the closest, most appropriate medical facility for all injured patients, regardless of the nature or severity of their injury or their ability to pay for such services.
4. By establishing quality review processes and committees representing all involved disciplines to ensure a broad-based quality review of all trauma system activities.
5. By regularly reviewing operations within the system and making appropriate adjustments as often as needed.