

# TRAUMA SYSTEM ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

## PURPOSE

To define the organization and management of the Trauma System.

## POLICIES

- A. As the lead agency for the Marin County EMS System, the EMS Program, within the Division of Health Services, the Department of Health and Human Services, is responsible for planning, implementing, and managing the trauma care system. These responsibilities include the following:
  1. Assessing needs and resource requirements;
  2. Developing the system design, including the number of trauma centers and patient flow patterns;
  3. Assigning roles to system participants, including designation of trauma centers;
  4. Working with designated centers and neighboring EMS systems regarding outreach and mutual aid;
  5. Developing a trauma data system, including a trauma registry at trauma centers and participation in regional trauma and prehospital data collection;
  6. Monitoring the system to verify compliance with appropriate state and local laws and regulations, local EMS Policies and Procedures and contractual arrangements;
  7. Evaluating the impact of the EMS and trauma system and revising the system design as needed.
- B. The Marin County EMS Trauma Coordinator oversees the implementation of the Trauma System Plan and coordinates monitoring activities within the Trauma System. Other program staff also participate in system monitoring, evaluation and problem solving activities.
- C. Trauma System issues are monitored and evaluated utilizing the CQI process outlined in the Trauma System plan, and include:
  1. Routine Patient Care Record audits
  2. Provider Quality Improvement Plans