

**Title:** Trauma Victim Care- Captaincy

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**POLICY:**

1. One physician should be identified as the primary coordinator of trauma victim care beginning with the patient’s arrival in the Emergency Department and continuing throughout the hospitalization. Initially, this role in most cases will be performed by the emergency physician and will subsequently be transferred to a surgeon. Whenever a transfer of the coordinating role is made from one physician to another, there should be clear and open communication among all involved, including emergency physician, surgeons and nursing personnel.

**References/Standards:**

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