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PURPOSE:

To provide for optimum care of simultaneous multiple trauma patients to the ED.

ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY (SCOPE):

WakeMed adopts the following policy & procedures for WakeMed Raleigh and WakeMed Cary encompassing the following: Trauma Services, Emergency Services, and Hospital Administrator.

WHO SHOULD READ THIS POLICY:

This policy shall be read by department supervisors, managers, directors, and administrators. Furthermore, any individual considering issuing, revising, assisting in the drafting of, or archiving a policy.

PROCEDURES:

- I. In the event the ED is notified of multiple trauma patients, the ED charge nurse will discuss the situation with the ED physician to determine the availability of ED resources to respond to multiple casualties.
- II. The ED Charge Nurse notifies the on-call Trauma Surgeon of the multiple trauma expectation. The trauma surgeon on call will assess the need for additional trauma surgeon response and initiate a call for trauma administrative support as appropriate. A surgeons' availability list will be communicated to the ED Charge Nurse when available. The trauma surgeon on call may delegate responsibility to contact the trauma services administrator on call.
- III. In the event the number of casualties is such that existing ED staff is not sufficient to provide care, an "All Hazards Mass Casualty" will be discussed with ED Administration, Trauma Service Representatives, and Hospital Administration.
- IV. Unless otherwise indicated by the trauma surgeon on call, the responsible administrator is the Trauma Medical Director.

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