

	Trauma Services	No. 4034
	Title: Backboard Removal- Shared	Page: 1 of 1 Effective Date: 01/24/2022

PURPOSE:

To ensure the prompt and safe removal of patients from long backboards upon admission to the trauma bay.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Trauma patients will be removed from backboard within 20 minutes of arrival to the trauma bay, or as soon as stabilization allows removal.

ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY (SCOPE):

Emergency Services: Raleigh Campus and Cary Hospital

WHO SHOULD READ THIS POLICY:

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

PROCEDURES:

Essential Steps:

- I. The medical and nursing staff logrolls the patient during the trauma assessment to remove backboard while maintaining cervical neutrality and spinal alignment.
- II. The skin is assessed and the provider will palpate the spine and/or proceed with the rectal exam.
- III. Patient's head of bed must remain flat at all times until the spines have been cleared. Patient may be placed in a reverse trendelenberg position for comfort and/or aspiration precautions.

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