

Parent Policy: InsertLinkToParentPolicy	Title:	Standard Operating Procedure
	Upper Extermity Laceration with Possible Vascular Injury Algorithm	Effective Date: 12/22/2021

Collaborations: Orthopedics, Vascular, Trauma

Guidelines/Process:

1. Upper extremity lacerations and gunshot wound injuries with possible vascular injury from elbow crease and distal:
 - a. FIRST CALL: ORTHO
 - b. General surgery can take it but must ask Ortho on call if it is ok. Ortho is primary and must at least guide care.
 - c. ***If two vessel forearm injury then vascular must also be called unless ortho does not request it (i.e. if a hand surgeon is on call and comfortable with an arterial repair as opposed to just tying off a single vessel)
2. Upper extremity lacerations and gunshot wound injuries with possible vascular injury from elbow crease and proximal:
 - a. FIRST CALL: VASCULAR
 - b. Ortho should be called as well if concern for nerve injury/severe muscle injury
 - c. General surgery allowed to be involved but must ask both services if they can take the injury to the OR.
3. Open fractures (including gunshot wound injuries) with or without vascular injury in the upper extremity
 - a. FIRST CALL: ORTHO
 - b. Ortho will guide any other services deemed necessary to be involved, i.e. vascular