

PURPOSE:

To allow for a learning environment with observation in the trauma bay.

POLICY STATEMENT:

To provide a confidential and safe environment for patient care while facilitating a learning environment for selected staff.

ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY (SCOPE):

This policy applies to the Raleigh Emergency Services and Cary Emergency Services.

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. Nursing learners are identified and accompanied by nurse preceptors to observe in the trauma room.
- II. Physician and non-physician observers are required to fulfill medical staff office requirements for observation within the organization. Contact Medical Staff Office for information.
- III. In certain situations, learners and observers may be prohibited in the trauma room for risk management reasons.
 - a. The trauma surgeon or emergency physician are required to ensure a safe clinical environment which may require the limitation of observers.

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