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	Title: Orthopedic Emergencies- Shared	Page: 1 of 1 Effective Date: 05/13/2021

PURPOSE:

To define an Orthopedic Emergency that warrants the physical presence of an Orthopedic specialist at the patient's bedside within 30 minutes of notification.

- I. Major pelvic disruption in hemodynamically unstable patient
- II. Any extremity injury with neurovascular compromise
- III. Any Grade III open long bone injury
- IV. Hip dislocation
- V. Spinal Cord Injury

At Cary Hospital

- I. Patients will be evaluated on a case by case basis for potential transfer to Level I or Level II Trauma Center for patients whose needs exceed resources.
- II. Acute Spinal Injury
 - a. No neurologic deficits
 - i. Consult spine on call
 - b. Neurological deficits
 - i. If due to spinal cord injury consult Spine on call and initiate transfer to Level I center
 - ii. If possibly due to nerve root or peripheral nerve damage (e.g. brachial plexus) then consult Spine on call and discuss if can be managed at WakeMed Cary (if other injuries also allow).

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