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**PURPOSE:**

To identify level of support needed for initial resuscitation and stabilization of the injured patient.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

The ED charge nurse will determine the patient status based on report received via the established communication system. If indeterminate, ED clinician/charge nurse will collaborate with ED physician and/or Trauma Surgeon on-call.

**ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY (SCOPE):**

WakeMed adopts the following policy & procedures for 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. Pre-hospital emergency personnel report patient injuries and vital signs via the established communication system.
- II. If the patient meets trauma criteria, the patient is directed to the trauma room via radio transmission.
- III. The ED charge nurse activates the trauma through the paging system.
- IV. The ED charge nurse assigns a trauma team to include an ED nurse and ED technician to attend to the patient one-on-one until the patient disposition is determined. The ED charge nurse, or designee, assists the primary trauma care nurse with initial care.

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