

Documentation, Discharge, and Prescribing Tips

Trauma documentation and discharge process information:

- The Trauma Tertiary Survey is to be done when the patient has been here 24-48 hours. At the bottom of the daily progress note (hospital day 2 or 3), type the dot phrase “.traumatertiary” and complete the form. If done as a separate progress note, no co-sign is needed.
- The Trauma Discharge Survey is to be done when the patient is ready to have discharge orders signed (Trauma NP or resident). In a new progress note, type the dot phrase “.traumadcsurvey” and complete the form. This does not have to be co-signed.
- If the patient is discharged within first 24 hours, the Trauma Discharge Survey will meet the requirements of the Trauma Tertiary Survey; we do not have to do both forms.
- If incidental findings are identified on patient scans, put them in the “To Do” section of the patient handoff in the chart. (If none are present, type “none” so it is clear to the team.) When the patient is notified about the incidental findings, in a progress note, type the dot phrase “.incidentalprognosis” and complete the form. Then, go to the discharge instructions box and type the dot phrase “.dcincidental” and complete the same information there. This will document the information in the medical record and for the patient to have at discharge
- When consulting services sign off, type or copy/paste their instructions, follow-up, limitations, etc into the discharge instructions box.
- Trauma NP will organize the discharge instructions, ensure completion of the Discharge Trauma Survey and sign all discharge orders when at all possible on floor/ICRU patients. Every effort will be made to organize and pend discharge instructions/orders on likely evening/weekend discharges as well. Any pending or outstanding discharge info will be in the handoff “To Do On Call” section in Epic and sent to the rounding group via Tiger Text at the end of each day.
- Chest tube removal is to be documented in the progress notes using “.traumaCTremoval”
- Writing more than the “purple card” limits on narcotic prescriptions should be documented in the progress notes using “.narcoticsexemption” after CSMD inquiry and order for RN to obtain narcotic consent/agreement.
- For follow-up purposes, the Trauma Clinic (1st and 3rd Tuesday each month) is for uninsured or minimally insured patients; 423-757-0880. Patients with private insurance or Medicare will follow-up in the USA Offices with their attending of record; 423-267-0466.

Documentation Pearls in E-Chart for Trauma

Trauma – Related Order Sets in EPIC E-Chart		
Order Set Description	Order ID	EPIC Title
Admission	1556	EPHS Trauma/Acute Care Surgery Admission
Brain Injury	1558	EPHS Traumatic Brain Injury Management
Post-op PEG	1834	EPHS PEG Tube Post-Op
Infection Workkup	1838	EPHS Surgical Critical Care Infection Workup
TXA Administration	2206	EPHS Administration of Tranexamic Acid for Trauma
Blood Product Administration	3040000316	EPHS Adult Blood Admin Routine (single unit)
Massive Blood Resus Protocol	191	EOHS Adult Blood Admin Emergent/Multi-Unit Orders
Trauma Discharge	1874	EPHS Trauma Discharge Addendum
General Surgery Discharge	691	EPHS General Adult Surgery Discharge
CRRT Citrate	1549	EPHS Initial Adult CRRT Citrate
CRRT Heparin	1550	EPHS Initial Adult CRRT Heparin
CRRT NO Anticoagulation	2456	EPHS Initial Adult CRRT NO Anticoagulation
Trauma – Related Templates and Shortcuts in EPIC E-Chart		
Template or Note Description	Dot-phrase	
Trauma History & Physical	.utsurgtraumahp	
Trauma Daily Progress Note	.utsurgtraumaprog	
Trauma Tertiary Survey	.traumatertiary	
Trauma Discharge Survey	.traumadcsurvey	
Incidental Findings Note	.incidentalprognot	
Incidental Findings for DC Instructions	.dcincidental	
Trauma Chest Tube Removal	.traumaCTremoval	
Progress note for exceeding 3 days narcotics	.narcoticsexemption	

Opiate Prescription Limitations

Maximum Prescriptions of Opiates		
Common Opiate Dosages		# of tabs
Hydrocodone	5 mg	36
(Norco)	7.5 mg	24
	10 mg	18
Oxycodone	5 mg	24
(Percocet)	7.5 mg	16
	10 mg	12