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Area Trauma Surgical
Critical Care

Applicability Tennessee
Facilities ONLY

Inter-Facility Transport for Bariatric Imaging in Trauma Patients PMG

1. Process/Procedure Description

To develop and provide a systematic approach to the care of injured patients with bariatric imaging needs.

2. Who Should Read This Process/Procedure?

Emergency Department personnel, Trauma Personnel

3. Process/Procedure

Step:	Process Instructions/Description:
1.	If BEH Main Radiology cannot accommodate a trauma patient's size and/or weight for necessary imaging, the ordering care team, or designee, should contact the Erlanger contracted EMS agency for transport to an accommodating institution.
2.	The Trauma Attending should be contacted prior to arranging transportation.
3.	The accommodating institution's Emergency Department should be notified of the pending arrival by the ordering care team, or designee, in the event the patient should decompensate while on their premises. The notification should include pending arrival for imaging purposes only, patient deemed stable for transport and imaging (i.e. negative FAST), EMS will not relinquish care and the patient will return to BEH upon imaging completion.
4.	Limitations of BEH Main Radiology Equipment First Floor CT (64-slice)

	◦ Diameter: 27 inches ◦ Max Weight: 450 lbs • Second Floor CT (16-slice) ◦ Diameter: 32 inches ◦ Max Weight: 675 lbs • MRI ◦ Diameter: 27.6 inches ◦ Max Weight 550 lbs
5.	Limitations of CHI Memorial Radiology Equipment • CT Large-Bore (64-slice) ◦ Diameter: 33.4 inches ◦ Max Weight: 650 lbs

References:

Approval Signatures

Step Description	Approver	Date
VP Approval	Jessica Holladay: VP & ACNO Surg & Trauma Svcs	06/2025
Trauma Services Committee Approval	Stephanie Spain: Trauma Prgm Mgr Adult	06/2025
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Erlanger Health - Baroness, Erlanger Health - Bledsoe, Erlanger Health - Children's, Erlanger Health - East, Erlanger Health - North, Erlanger Health - System