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Trauma Ophthalmology Contingency Plan

1. Guideline Statement:

The purpose of this practice management guideline is to provide an established contingency plan for sporadic gaps in ophthalmology coverage due to vacation, conference attendance, etc.

2. Who Should Read This Process/Procedure?

Administration Staff, Nursing Staff, Medical Staff

3. Procedure

Ophthalmology: When there are known sporadic gaps in ophthalmology coverage certain ocular injuries should be considered for referral to a higher level of care.

- Ruptured globe injuries with extensive additional orbital injuries that require the assistance of oculoplastics, such as for eyelid and facial reconstruction and repairs.
- Transfer will occur within the first four hours after the patient's arrival or when the medical staff determines the patient is medically stable for transport.
- The disposition of non-trauma patients with ruptured globes will be determined by Ophthalmology surgery services. Prior to patient transfer, a MD to MD conversation is required between sending and accepting providers. Ruptured globe patients with traumatic injuries that are too unstable for transfer will be admitted to the trauma service.

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