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Trauma Transfer Practice Management Guideline

1. Process/Procedure Description

To develop and provide a systematic and safe approach to the care of the adult trauma patient requiring transfer from a referring hospital.

2. Who Should Read This Process/Procedure?

Trauma Physicians, Surgery Residents, Adult Emergency Department, LifeForce, Med. Comm., Transfer Center

3. Process/Procedure

Step:	Process Instructions/Description:
1.	Acceptance of Trauma Patients from Referring Hospitals - Erlanger has an auto-accept and no-divert policy for trauma patients. The Trauma Chief Resident on call will be the contact person for notification of a pending transfer. In the event the Trauma Chief Resident is unavailable, the Trauma Attending surgeon will be contacted for acceptance. If the trauma chief wants to decline the patient, he/she must contact the Trauma Attending surgeon first to discuss the patient and the reason for the refusal. - The Trauma Chief has the authority to accept trauma patients on the behalf of the trauma attending. The referring physician will make the decision regarding the mode of transport utilizing established protocols, the condition and needs of the patient at their facility and in consultation with the accepting physician. - As a courtesy or to expedite care, the Trauma Chief may notify the ED physician on duty of the incoming trauma admission. In the event the ED physician accepts

	the incoming trauma patient prior to approval of the Trauma Chief, the ED physician will notify the Trauma Chief of the new trauma admission.
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References:

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