



Policy: Trauma Admission Guidelines

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PURPOSE:

Guidelines for specialized care of the adult or pediatric trauma patient admitted to the Medical-Surgical Floor at PMH Medical Center to ensure proper management, optimal care and necessary interventions.

POLICY:

1. The surgeon will manage or co-manage with the hospitalist on any trauma patients with chest, abdominal or multi-system injuries.
2. Any trauma patient requiring abdominal surgery or placement of one or more chest tubes will be admitted to telemetry with continuous pulse oximetry monitoring for close observation under the care of the general surgeon and/or hospitalist.
3. A hemodynamically stable patient with a documented visceral injury being considered for "observation management" will be managed by a hospitalist, pediatrician or family practitioner with a surgeon consult and admitted for close monitoring.
4. Orthopedic injuries may be co-managed under the care of a hospitalist, family practitioner or pediatrician with an orthopedic surgeon.
6. Any pediatric trauma patient under the age of 15 can be admitted under the care of a general surgeon or orthopedic surgeon with a pediatric consultation.