

## PRACTICE GUIDELINE

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Manual Reference: **Deaconess Trauma Services**

### **TITLE: MANAGEMENT AND TRIAGE OF THE OBSTETRICAL TRAUMA PATIENT**

**PURPOSE:** To rapidly identify and triage the obstetrical patient who has sustained a traumatic or suspected traumatic injury and is at least 18 weeks gestation. To ensure immediate response by an obstetric team if necessary for the care of the patient and the fetus.

**DEFINITIONS:** Pregnant patient is defined as one who is at least 18 weeks gestation.

#### **GUIDELINES:**

1. When notified that a trauma activation involves a pregnant female  $\geq$  18 weeks gestation, the Call Center will page the OB ED physician for The Women’s Hospital (TWH)
2. OB ED physician may
  - a. Make recommendations via phone triage only
  - b. Send OB RN to evaluate patient within 30 minutes of call.
  - c. Send OB RN and OB physician to evaluate patient
  - d. Deploy maternal transport team to provide care for the patient’s obstetrical needs
3. The trauma surgeon shall remain the primary decision maker until care has been relinquished.
  - a. After evaluation by the trauma surgeon, if the patient does not require admission for traumatic injuries, the patient may be transferred to TWH for obstetrical care.

#### **REFERENCES:**

- Advanced Trauma Life Support
- “Activation Process for Trauma Patients” Practice Guideline

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