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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:

- A. 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)
- B. If a pregnant patient with estimated gestation of \geq 18 weeks needs fetal heart monitoring, call the OB ED physician directly at 812-842-4149
 - a. If the OB ED physician does not respond within 5 minutes, call 812-842-4309
- C. OB ED physician will:
 - a. Call ED for more information
 - b. Deploy the Maternal and Neonatal Team (with Neonatal Transporter)
 - c. Notify the patient's Primary/Service OB Provider.
- D. 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:

- American College of Surgeons, Committee on Trauma, Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS)
- "Activation Process for Trauma Patients" guideline