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## Advanced Practice Provider Requirements for the Care of Trauma Patients

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**Purpose:** To delineate the requirements for trauma Advanced Practice Providers (APPs) participating in the care of the trauma patient at Deaconess Regional Trauma Center

**Guidelines:**

A. Trauma APPs

- i. The Trauma APP cannot replace the assessment and evaluation required of the Trauma Surgeon and/or back-up surgeon
- ii. The services of the Trauma APP are solely to enhance and provide additional resources for the care of the trauma patient when necessary
- b. Daily rounding on trauma patients is made by the Trauma Surgeon in collaboration with the Trauma APP
  - i. The Trauma APP and Trauma Surgeon are responsible for the clinical care of the trauma patients and work in conjunction with the Trauma Services Department to meet regulatory requirements for performance improvement (PI) and event resolution
- c. The Trauma APP must be credentialed by the Hospital Credentialing Committee and have active privileges to participate in the care of the trauma patient
  - i. Trauma Services will review documentation of adherence to the Trauma APP requirements with an annual review conducted by the Trauma Medical Director
- d. Trauma APPs who round with Trauma Surgeons must attain Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) certification within 6 months of hire and maintain current certification as an ATLS provider thereafter
- e. Trauma APPs should attend at least 50% of Trauma Mortality and Morbidity (“Trauma Peer Review”) meetings annually to ensure keeping current of trauma center performance improvement program and guidelines
- f. Trauma Medical Director or designee will complete and send the “Mid-Level Practitioners Trauma Credentials” form to the Medical Staff Office when requested
  - i. Trauma Services will keep on file and make readily available when needed

- g. Services for which the Trauma APPs are responsible shall include, but not be limited to, the following
    - i. Assist in the care and treatment of appropriate patients of the Deaconess Regional Trauma Center
    - ii. Participate in peer review activities and PIPS program as required by the Trauma Medical Director
    - iii. Assist with supplying a signed History and Physical, Daily Progress Notes, and Discharge Summary on each activated trauma patient
    - iv. Facilitate daily multidisciplinary communication with therapy, social work, and case management for patient discharge needs.
  - h. A complete list of designated Trauma APPs who meet trauma requirements is available upon request from the Trauma Services Department
- B. ED APPs
- a. ED APPs cannot participate in the evaluation of trauma patients who meet activation criteria
    - i. If at any time during evaluation a patient meets activation criteria, the ED APP must hand off care of the ED Physician
  - b. ED APPs must attain Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) certification within 6 months of hire and maintain current certification as an ATLS provider thereafter

**References:**

- Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient: 2022