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## Transfer of the Trauma Patient To Deaconess Midtown

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**Purpose:** To ensure rapid transfer of injured patients in a regional trauma system

**Goals:** Transfers from Deaconess Midtown Hospital shall be in accordance with the Deaconess transfer policy. The following guidelines are recommended for patients who have sustained a traumatic injury and need to be transferred to Deaconess Midtown Hospital

**Guidelines:**

- A. Responsibilities of the transferring physician
  - a. To resuscitate the patient within resources available
  - b. To assess the urgency of transfer
  - c. To decide on the mode of transportation
  - d. To decide on the level of care necessary to best manage the patient's injuries
  - e. To consider the potential problems which may develop during transport
  - f. To communicate with the Call Center regarding potential trauma transfer
  - g. To provide a copy of records, laboratory and radiologic studies
  - h. To complete and send transfer forms with the patient
    - i. This includes the pre-hospital patient care report
- B. Responsibilities of the receiving physician
  - a. To communicate directly with the transferring physician
  - b. To suggest additional maneuvers to enhance the care of the patient during transport
  - c. To assist the transferring physician in deciding the mode of transportation and type of personnel necessary for safe transfer
  - d. To obtain the name and phone number of the transferring physician, patient name, and information pertinent to continuity of care

**References:**

- Deaconess Hospital P&P 40-50 Transfer Line
- Deaconess Hospital P&P 40-06 Emergency Medical Transfer and Active Labor (EMTALA) Guidelines