

## PRACTICE GUIDELINE

**Effective Date:** 7-6-05

**Manual Reference:** Deaconess Trauma Services

**TITLE:** TRANSFER OF THE TRAUMA PATIENT TO DEACONESS HOSPITAL

**PURPOSE:** To insure rapid transfer of injured patients in a regional Trauma system.

**DEFINITIONS:** Transfers to Deaconess Hospital shall be in accordance with the Deaconess Hospital transfer policy. The following guidelines are recommended for patients who are transferred to Deaconess Hospital as a result of traumatic injury.

### GUIDELINES:

Responsibilities of the transferring physician:

1. To resuscitate the patient within resources available.
2. To assess the urgency of transfer.
3. To decide on the mode of transportation.
4. To decide on the level of care necessary to deal with the patient's injuries.
5. To consider the potential problems that may develop during transport.
6. To communicate with the Call Center regarding potential trauma transfer
7. To provide a copy of records, lab and radiology studies.
8. To complete and send transfer forms with the patient. This includes the EMS run report.

Responsibilities of the receiving physician:

1. To communicate directly with the transferring physician.
2. To suggest additional maneuvers to enhance the care of the patient during transport.
3. To assist the transferring physician in deciding the mode of transportation and type of personnel necessary for a safe transfer.
4. 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

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AUG 2014	JUNE 11
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