

# **GERIATRIC TRAUMA**

## Inpatient Practice Management Guidelines

### **IN TRAUMA BAY**

- 12 Lead EKG
- ABG/VBG and check Base Deficit
- If Base Deficit > 6 then ICU

- ADMIT Inpatient (Age > 70 years)
- Stepdown Status at Minimum
- Confirm Code Status, Pre-existing Living Will, Advanced Directives, and Medical Power of Attorney

Obtain History  
and  
Home Medications

Care Management

Within 24 Hours of Admission

- Establish MPOA or Healthcare Surrogate, if Not Already Determined
- Obtain Functional Status Prior to Injury
- Home Assessment
- Anticipate Needs at Discharge

REHAB SERVICES:

BY PTD # 1

- PT and OT Evaluation
- Nutrition Consult (MNT)

MEDICINE CONSULT: BY PTD # 1  
(unless expected to stay < 24 hour)  
Only When/If Step-down Status (not ICU)

Tell Medicine Why They Are Consulted (List Below):

- Maximize Medical Conditions
- Home Medication Review
- Recommendations for Changes Prior to Discharge
- Assist in the Management of Issues (Renal Insufficiency, Hyponatremia, etc.)