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 or age 65+ with significant co-morbidities or polypharmacy)
- Stepdown Status at Minimum
- Confirm Code Status, Pre-existing Living Will, Advanced

Obtain History and Home Medicine Reconciliation within 24 hours

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

Geriatric – polypharmacy, delirium, dementia

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

REHAB SERVICES: Within 24 hours
- PT and OT Evaluation
- Nutrition Consult (MNT)

Medicine – Management of Medical problems
- Consult completed within 24 hrs when stepdown status
- Weekends/Holidays

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