**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

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

**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)

**Medicine – Management of Medical problems**

- Consult completed within 24 hrs when stepdown status
- Weekends/Holidays

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