

## **PATIENTS ELIGIBLE FOR DIRECT ADMIT TO ORTHOPEDICS**

Trauma patients fully evaluated in resuscitation room and conclusive evidence exists the patient has only isolated orthopedic injuries regardless of their orthopedic operative status.

- Examples:
  - Isolated extremity trauma with normal full vascular examination
  - Ground level fall
- Exclusions:
  - Falls > 20 feet
  - MVC with ejection
  - Torso crush
  - P1 trauma page
  - Patient in ICU
  - Multiple trauma issues, examples: rhabdomyolysis, blunt cardiac injury
  - Any Hemodynamic instability
  - Abdominal seatbelt sign
  - Acute spinal cord injury
  - GCS less than or equal to 14
  - Mangled extremity

### **Process:**

- The Orthopedic Chief Resident will be called by the Trauma Chief Resident, and he/she will accept the patient to the Orthopedic Surgery Service. The Ortho resident will place the admission order.
- The Trauma Service will remain consultants until tertiary trauma exam completed
- For medical co-morbidities, Internal Medicine consultation will be obtained at the request of the Orthopedics service
- The Trauma Service can be re-consulted with any other new or recurrent trauma issues
- Trauma will provide trauma clinic follow up as needed for discharge

## **TRAUMA PATIENT TRANSFER TO THE ORTHOPEDIC SERVICE**

Trauma patients fully evaluated via tertiary examination and conclusive evidence exists the patient has only isolated orthopedic injuries regardless of their orthopedic operative status.

- Documented tertiary examination with no additional injuries- Radiographic reports must be finalized and confirm isolated orthopedic injuries
- Must be evaluated by the Trauma Attending
- No active non-orthopedic trauma problems
- Reason for hospitalization is orthopedic related (ex. Antibiotics, PT/OT)
- Exclusions:
  - Patients in the ICU
  - Patients with multiple trauma issues
  - Ongoing hemodynamic instability
  - Spine fractures

### **Process:**

- The Trauma Chief Resident will call the Orthopedic Trauma Chief Resident for acceptance. The orthopedics resident will place the transfer order or ask the trauma resident to place the order if they are unavailable.
- For medical co-morbidities, Internal Medicine consultation will be obtained at the request of the Orthopedics service
- The Trauma Service can be re-consulted with any other new or recurrent trauma issues
- Trauma will provide trauma clinic follow up as needed for discharge