



TRAUMA SYSTEM PROVIDERS

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I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define the roles of the participants in the Santa Clara County Trauma System.

II. Prehospital System

A. Access to Trauma Care

1. The Trauma System may be accessed by the enhanced-911 capable Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) in each city.
2. First response vehicles and ambulances shall be dispatched in accordance with Santa Clara County EMS Agency (Agency) policy.

B. Prehospital Care

1. Local Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) may participate in Emergency Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) Pre-Arrival Instructions, as approved by the EMS Medical Director.
2. All paramedics shall be accredited to practice in Santa Clara County and shall meet all trauma training requirements of the Santa Clara County EMS Agency and its Medical Director.
3. Prehospital trauma care shall be administered according to the Policies and Procedures developed by the EMS Agency.
4. When multiple patients are injured at a single site, the Multiple Casualty Incident Plan (MCIP) may be activated according to Agency policy.
5. Trauma patient triage shall be triaged according to EMS Agency policy.



III. Trauma Centers

A. Hospital Organization: Trauma centers shall have the following resources available:

1. Trauma Service:
 - a. Shall be located within the Department of Surgery.
 - b. Directed by a surgeon certified by the American Board of Surgery.
2. Emergency Department with special permit from the State of California to operate either as a Basic or a comprehensive Emergency Medical Service, Physician-on-duty, Department, and conform to the requirements of Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 70411 et seq.
3. Surgery Departments/Divisions/Staffs/Sections.
4. Intensive Care Unit.
5. Post-anesthesia Recovery Room (PAR).
6. Radiology.
7. Laboratory.
8. Social Services.
9. Specialized Radiological Services.
10. Pharmacy.
11. Blood Bank.

B. Equipment and Facilities

1. Equipment for resuscitation and diagnosis and to provide advanced life support for the critically and seriously injured adult and pediatric patient shall include, but not be limited to, that required for a licensed general acute care hospital with a special permit for Basic Emergency Medical Services, Physician-on-duty, Department in accord with the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 70411 et seq.



IV. Other Designated Receiving Facilities

Other facilities in Santa Clara County may receive patients who do not meet the requirements of a Major Trauma Victim, but who have injuries that are substantial. Some of these patients are delivered to the hospital through the 911 system, others by private vehicle. The 911 system ambulances will deliver patients only to hospitals that have an Emergency Department permitted by the State of California Public Health Department to operate as a Basic or Comprehensive Emergency Medical Service, Physician-on-duty, Department, and conform to the requirements of Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Division 5, Section 70411 et seq or to similar federal facilities.

Should a major trauma patient be delivered or present to a non-trauma facility at which their injuries cannot be addressed, that facility will implement a rapid transfer of that patient to the closest trauma center utilizing the Santa Clara County Transfer Guidelines.