



INTEGRATION OF PEDIATRIC CARE IN THE TRAUMA SYSTEM

I. AUTHORITY:

Title 22, 100256. A local emergency medical agency planning to implement a trauma system shall develop policies which address at least the following: The integration of pediatric hospitals, when applicable, into the overall trauma care system.

II. APPLICATION:

This policy establishes the criteria for the integration of pediatric trauma care within the Orange County Trauma System.

III. DEFINITION:

"**Integration**" means to join, unite, to make parts into a whole by bringing those parts together.

"**Pediatric Trauma**" means the trauma care provided persons younger than 15 years old.

IV. CRITERIA:

- A. Pediatric patients shall be provided the level of care within the trauma system appropriate to the level of trauma and their age.
- B. *Trauma centers shall not deny emergency medical care to trauma patients because of age (SB 12, 1317).*
- C. All transfers shall comply with law and standards in the community.

V. MONITORING:

- A. Orange County Emergency Medical Services (OCEMS) shall monitor compliance to this policy at the time of the biennial trauma center site survey and at any time otherwise deemed necessary by the OCEMS.
- B. Infractions will be investigated and disciplinary action may be implemented up to and including cancellation of designation.

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