



Policy AC-127

Trauma Center Diversion—Level 1, 2 & 3 Trauma Centers

Purpose:

To demonstrate the trauma center's capacity and ability to care for trauma patients

Procedure:

1. Level 1, 2 and 3 trauma centers will submit trauma diversion information for the fiscal year July 1 through June 30 to the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation (PTSF) using a standard format (see attached) by July 15.
2. PTSF staff member(s) will review Diversion Reports.
3. Diversion includes any circumstances where trauma patients are not accepted to the trauma center. This includes both diversion of patients from the primary catchment area transported by emergency medical services (EMS) and the inability to accept interfacility transfers.
4. If a trauma center is found to be non-compliant with the Standards of Accreditation's diversion parameters, the information will be blinded and presented for review by the Board of Directors.
5. A letter outlining the Board's concerns will be sent to the institution within two weeks of the Board meeting.
 - a) The Board will decide whether comment(s) is required from the institution.
 - b) The letter will be provided to the site surveyors at the time of the institution's next site visit.
 - c) A hospital that diverts trauma patients greater than five percent (5%) of the time (438-hours per year or 225-hours in a six-month period), as noted on their ED diversion annual report, is at risk for Board action up to and including suspension of trauma center accreditation.

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