



## Trauma Center Practice Management Policy

*Iowa Methodist Medical Center and Blank Children's Hospital  
Des Moines, Iowa*

<b>TRAUMA SURGEON ON CALL</b>	
<b>Policy #8</b>	
<b>ADULT AND PEDIATRIC Practice Management Policy</b>	<b>Effective: 11/20/1998</b>
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- I.     **PURPOSE:** To assure prompt and adequate trauma surgeon coverage for seriously injured trauma patients.
  
- II.    **STATEMENT:** The trauma surgery on call list will be maintained to facilitate easy identification of trauma surgeon availability. Any changes in call must be communicated by the surgeon or his designee to the Emergency Communications Center. The Emergency Communications will notify the Adult and Pediatric Emergency Departments and the Hospital Operator.
  
- III.   **PROCEDURE:**
  - A. The trauma surgeon on call will remain in house and will be notified via Trauma Team Activation policy, physician referral, and/or at the Emergency Department's physician discretion.
  
  - B. When multiple seriously injured trauma patients arrive in the emergency/trauma center within minutes of each other, the second on call trauma surgeon may be notified. The trauma surgeon on first call will be consulted in this decision if possible.
  
  - C. The second on call trauma surgeons are listed as Backup on the call schedule.

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