

Trauma Center Practice Management Guideline

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Emergent Bedside Orthopedic Consultation

**ADULT & PEDIATRIC
Practice Management Guideline**

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PURPOSE:

To provide guidelines for Emergency Department bedside orthopedic consultation in the injured patient.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Any trauma patient requiring Orthopedic Emergency Department bedside consultation will be evaluated by the consultant within 30 minutes of request.

Orthopedic consultation is required as an emergent bedside consultation in high risk trauma patients who presents with any of the following:

- Open long bone fractures
- Dysvascular limb in adult patient
- Mangled extremity
- Compartment Syndrome

If orthopedic traumatologist unavailable, trauma and ortho surgery will collaboratively determine need to transfer. If patient is unstable, the priority should be stabilization through damage control guidelines.

Patients with the following injuries may require prompt consideration for transfer, including but not limited to:

- Operative/Unstable pelvic fracture
- Dysvascular limb in pediatric patient
- Pediatric femoral neck fracture