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WHO SHOULD READ THIS PROCEDURE:

Examples: WakeMed General Surgery Raleigh and Cary

PURPOSE:

A Sub-specialty consultation is available for the care of the trauma patient when requested by the trauma attending or ED attending.

PROCEDURES:

- I. The trauma attending will identify the specialist needed for patient care.
- II. The specialist will be paged utilizing the specialty call schedule posted on SmartWeb or Rapid Connect.
- III. The trauma attending or designee will review the patient's injuries with the specialist and, in collaboration, decide the urgency of the consult.
- IV. The appropriate specialist will see patients with life threatening or limb threatening Orthopedic or Neurosurgical injuries within 30 minutes. (Exception- off-site radiologic evaluation is available and appropriate.) All other specialties will respond within a time frame mutually agreed upon between the trauma attending and the specialist. The time frame for response will be documented in the patient chart.
- V. For emergent operative requests the Anesthesia Attending will be available within 30 minutes of request.
- VI. All specialists will document in the patient's medical record the date and time that they first evaluate the patient and/or review off site radiology imaging.

THIS POLICY IS CROSS REFERENCED IN:

- I. Associated Documents:
 - a. [Radiology, Offsite Interpretation- Shared](#)
 - b. [Physician Medical Record Documentation- Shared](#)
 - c. [Neurosurgical Emergencies- Shared](#)
 - d. [Orthopedic Emergencies- Shared](#)