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**PURPOSE:**

The trauma team evaluates all activated trauma patients. Response and allocation of resources is based on clinical presentation, categorized as either "Trauma Alpha" or "Trauma Bravo."

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

Trauma Alpha- An injury patient who requires all available trauma resources.

**ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY (SCOPE):**

Emergency Services Cary Hospital, Trauma Service Cary Hospital

**PROCEDURES:**

- I. The Trauma Alpha evaluation is under the direction of a board-certified surgeon who responds to the trauma room within 30 minutes of notification, and is carried out in the resuscitation room of the Emergency Department.
- II. In the event that the trauma surgeon is not present upon patient arrival, the ED attending physician directs patient care until arrival of the trauma surgeon.
- III. Specialty services are consulted as needed and will respond within 30 minutes for life threatening or limb threatening injury.
- IV. Initial airway management and intervention is directed by the Emergency Department Attending. *[Reference policy: Airway Management of the Trauma Patient]*
- V. An Emergency Department RN who is trained in ACLS and completed TNCC directs primary nursing care of the trauma patient.
- VI. Resuscitation equipment for care of the injured patient ages 0-99+ is immediately available within the trauma room at all times.
- VII. Lab services are available at all times to include all standard analysis, type and cross matching, coagulation studies, blood gas analysis, drug and alcohol screening, microbiology.
- VIII. Uncrossed blood is brought to the trauma room for trauma one patients in advance of patient arrival and is administered under physician direction. *[Reference policy: Blood Transfusion and Massive Transfusion in Trauma Patients]*
- IX. Each team member is assigned duties and standing locations within the resuscitation area.


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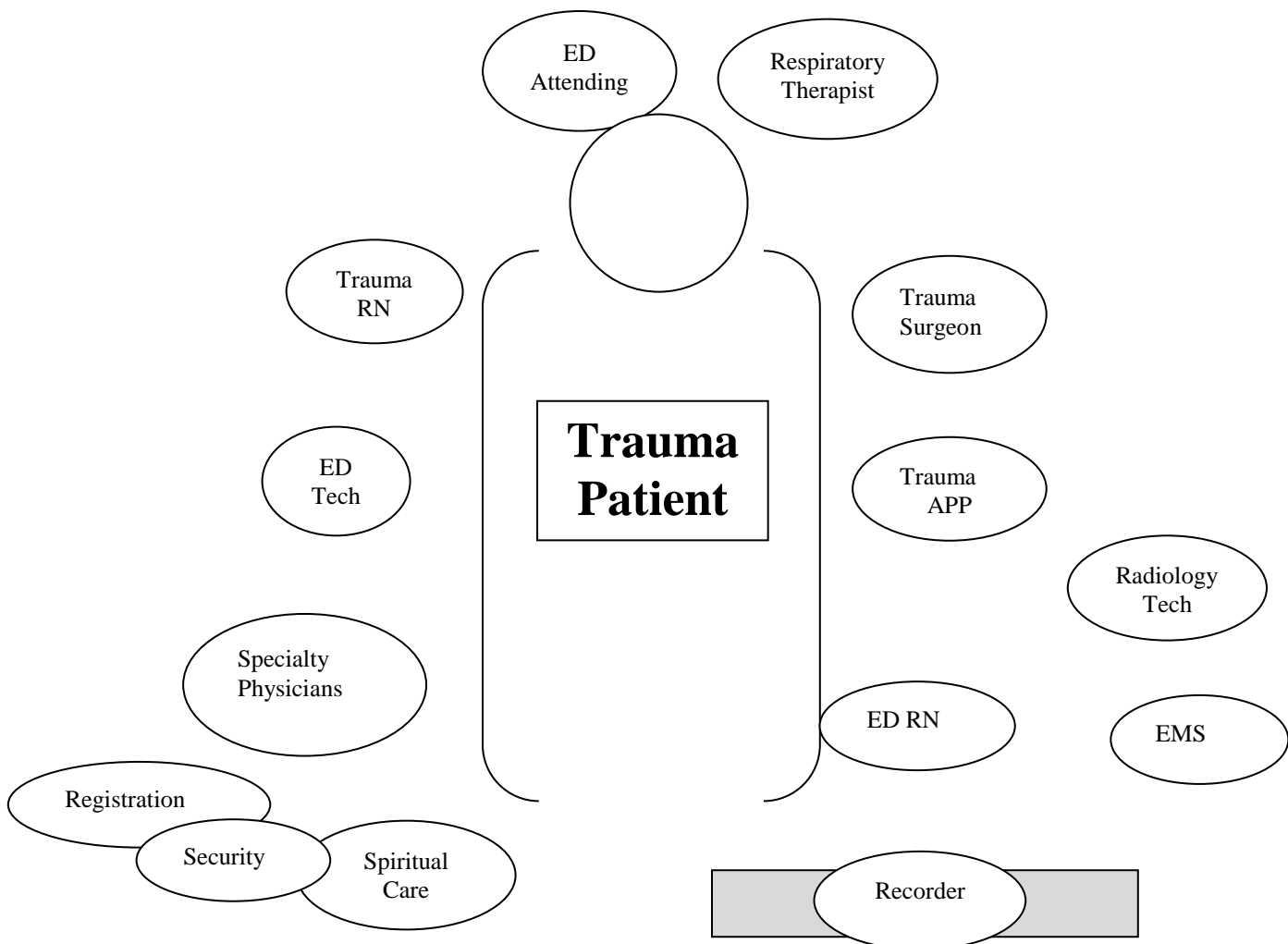
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| <b>Trauma Alpha Response Team</b><br>Trauma attending-Leader<br>ED Attending<br>Trauma Mid-level provider(when available)<br>Trauma RN<br>RN Scribe<br>Radiology Tech<br>Respiratory Therapist<br>Spiritual Care/SW (when available)<br>ED Tech | <b>For OB Trauma ≥20wks approximate gestation add**</b><br>OBGYN Hospitalist<br>OB RN |
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**TRAUMA ALPHA TEAM POSITIONS**



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