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	Title: Neurosurgical Emergency Contingency Plan	Page: 1 of 1 Effective Date: 07/14/2022

**PURPOSE:**

To ensure timely neurosurgical evaluation and intervention if access to primary neurosurgeon is impaired due to ongoing operative care or communication systems failure.

**PROCEDURES:**

- I. Contact On-call Trauma Surgeon to assist with patient care and problem resolution
- II. Access Rapid Connect to determine back up neurosurgeon to be called
- III. If both primary and back up neurosurgeons are inaccessible due to ongoing operative care, Trauma surgeon on call will communicate directly face to face with operating neurosurgeon to resolve time to likely availability and urgency of evaluation and/or intervention for new patient(s).
- IV. If timely availability not possible, trauma surgeon on call will contact Duke University Medical Center or UNC Hospitals to determine whether transfer would bring more timely care to the patient.

**THIS POLICY IS CROSS REFERENCED IN:**

Neurosurgical Emergencies,

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