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Helicopter Destinations for Trauma Patients

(This is an interim update to the protocol “Trauma: General” effective 1/1/06)

The Medical Advisory Committee recognizes that there are Area Trauma Centers and American College of Surgeons Level 2 Trauma Centers that are potential destinations for trauma patients under the care of the LifeNet and LifeGuard helicopter EMS programs.

These facilities may be appropriate destinations for patients suffering acute trauma and transported by air, and flight crews should use their best judgment to determine correct patient destination. If there is any question, the crew should consult with a physician at the potential receiving hospital or Medical Direction.

If possible, the following patients should always be transported directly to the Regional Trauma Center:

1. Patients believed to be under the age of 18
2. Patients with significant chest trauma and concern for great vessel injury
3. Patients believed to have unstable pelvis fractures
4. Patients who have both trauma and burns

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