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| **TRAUMA TEAM ACTIVATIONS** | | | | | | | |
| **Purpose** | To instruct laboratory staff in responding to Trauma Team Activations | | | | | | |
| **Policy Statements** | * This applies to all core lab staff and lab associates | | | | | | |
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| **Materials** | **Supplies** | | | | **Equipment** | | |
|  | * Fully stocked phlebotomy cart * Blood Bank emergency release form- * Blood Bank trauma release form * Orange trauma specimen form | | | | * Trauma Pager | | |
| **Special Safety Precautions** | Appropriate PPE | | | | | | |
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| **Procedure** | All Core laboratory staff and lab associates are responsible for knowing how to appropriately respond to Trauma Team Activations. Trauma Team activations occur by trauma pager (located in processing), and/or overhead announcement. The trauma pager may give information about the trauma prior to responding. One person from the lab must respond immediately upon activation. | | | | | | |
|  | **Step** | **Action** | | | | | **Related Document** |
|  | 1 | The lab staff responding to the trauma should take a fully stocked phlebotomy cart. | | | | |  |
|  | 2 | If Level Trauma 1 is announced, head to Blood Bank. Wait for a cooler to be ready and take that cooler to the Trauma room. Let one of the nurses know you brought blood products and place the cooler where the RN directs you to place. If Level Trauma 2 is called, no need for a cooler; head straight to the trauma room. | | | | |  |
|  | 3 | Upon arrival at the trauma room, announce that “lab” is there. There is a white board in the trauma room where stickers are located for each responder. Grab a sticker for lab and place it on your lab coat where other responders can see it. Write down the time you arrived at the trauma room next to where it says “lab” on the board.  • Please remain out of the way until requested | | | | |  |
|  | 4 | Labs may not be requested with every trauma. However, this will be determined by the attending ED physician.  • Depending on the situation, lab staff, nurse or an EMT may draw labs. If RN or EMT is collecting the blood, make sure to scan the patient’s badge for any Blood Bank specimen. Print the TYAS label and label the lavender top drawn for Type and Screen. If lab fails to do this, a second lavender top needs to be drawn for proper Identification of the patient. | | | | |  |
|  | 5 | Blood products may be requested for level 2 trauma as well. If requested, provide MD with both the orange blood release form and if necessary, the purple emergency release form. | | | | |  |
|  | 5 | Ensure that all specimens are labeled completely and correctly. If the specimens were collected by a nurse or EMT, ensure that THEY have labeled all specimens. NOTE: **Lab staff should not be labeling specimens that they have not personally collected or identified that patient**. | | | | |  |
|  | 6 | Personally deliver all specimens and forms to the lab/blood bank. Announce that they are from a trauma.  • ED staff should place orders in the computer. | | | | |  |
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| **Procedure Notes** | 1 | Core lab staff will process trauma specimens ahead of all other samples | | | | |  |
|  | 2 | Critical values will be called directly to the trauma room. | | | | |  |
|  | 3 | The blood banker will process blood product order per protocol. | | | | |  |
| **Appendices** | Appendix B-Laboratory Trauma Panel | | | | | | |
| **Training Plan/**  **Competency**  **Assessment** | Employees will read procedure | | | | | | |
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| 1 | | Daniel Shaw | 6/2010 | | Initial Version | |
| 2 | | Daniel Shaw | 6/2013 | | Modified Formatting | |
|  | 3 | | Lisa Kappenman | 7/10/2017 | | Retired See Children’s policy 2003.00 Trauma Team Roles and Responsibilities | |
|  | 4 | | Dawit Getachew | 06/10/2019 | | Added step 2, differences between Level 1 and Level 2 Traumas. Biennial Minor revisions. | |