

PRACTICE GUIDELINE

Effective Date: **5-20-05**

Manual Reference: **Deaconess Trauma Services**

TITLE: PROCEDURE FOR TRAUMA SURGEON “SIGNING OFF CASE”

PURPOSE: To define when it is acceptable for trauma surgery to relinquish patient’s care to other medical/surgical services.

GUIDELINES:

1. The trauma surgeon may determine that trauma services are no longer needed if
 - a. The trauma patient has been thoroughly evaluated and is hemodynamically stable with an isolated injury, or
 - b. The trauma patient has an injury that only requires outpatient follow up.

2. Upon determination of trauma services being no longer necessary, the trauma surgeon shall
 - a. Enter a progress note stating
 - 1) Why trauma services are no longer required and that re-consults can occur at any time;
 - 2) Transfer of care and naming the receiving service (i.e. Hospitalist, Critical Care, PCP, etc.).
 - b. An order shall be placed if receiving service is not already involved in the care of the patient
 - 1) Physician from the receiving service shall enter a note acknowledging acceptance of primary responsibility for patient

REFERENCES:

- ❖ Deaconess Hospital, Inc. – General Rules and Regulation of the Medical Staff; Admission and Discharge; Section 3

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JAN 06	JAN 08
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