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SCOPE

The guideline applies to all healthcare providers caring for trauma patients at Baylor University Medical Center (BUMC).

DEFINITIONS

None.

GUIDELINES

The purpose of this guideline is to provide guidance on which service should be consulted based on types of injury and/or mechanism of injury.

The Trauma Orthopedic service should be consulted for the following:

- Open Fractures
- Pelvis Fractures (except falls from standing)
- Femur Fractures
- Tibial Shaft Fractures
- Suspected Compartment Syndrome
- Transfers (unless specifically transferred to a general orthopedic provider)
- Any patient where the general orthopedic provider feels he/she is unable to adequately treat
- Any patient where Trauma Service is consulted

General Orthopedic Service can be consulted for the following:

- Closed ankle fractures
- Low energy hip fractures and pelvis fractures (ground level)
- Distal radius fractures
- Proximal humerus fractures
- Concerns for septic joint or infection
- All other orthopedic condition that does not fall into Orthopedic trauma, spine, or hand.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

None.

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