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Trauma Transports

The Western New York Regional Trauma System strives to provide the best care possible to our community. EMS is a vital part of the trauma system. Erie County Medical Center is moving forward with becoming part of the American College of Surgeon's (ACS) trauma system and we are implementing changes to our protocols. These changes will enhance our trauma system and assure our care is on par with the ACS trauma systems across the country.

In accordance with the ACS guidelines, Erie County Medical Center has revised its trauma activation protocols. The trauma team will be activated prior to the arrival of the trauma patient. Most importantly, **the level of activation will be based on information provided by EMS during the pre-hospital report.**

We are asking agencies to post a notice in each ambulance to remind you of the importance of the pre-hospital report for each and every trauma patient. MERS radio communication is preferred, but in the event that the MERS channel is busy you may call the triage desk at (716) 898-4911. Please note that this is for pre-hospital notification only and is **NOT** a medical command line. We ask for at least a **5-10 minute notice** whenever possible to ensure the team is present upon your arrival. Please update ECMC with any change in ETA or patient condition. Report ANY episode of SPB < 90 as it will change the level of activation for the trauma team.

Pre-hospital report for the trauma patient must include the following information:

- Mechanism of injury
- Chief Complaint
- Vital signs (detailed BP, Pulse, and RR), GCS and O2 saturation
- Treatments performed
- ETA

We appreciate the cooperation of EMS in improving our trauma system for the Western New York community. Together, we can improve the outcomes of our trauma patients. For more information on this change, please contact Beth Moses, RN, EMT-I (716) 898-5184, ECMC Trauma Education Coordinator.

Sincerely,



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Erie County Medical Center





TRAUMA TRANSPORTS

CALL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE



MERS Radio Preferred

or

716-898-4911

TELL US:

- ❑ Mechanism of Injury
- ❑ Chief Complaint
- ❑ Treatments
- ❑ Vitals: RR, HR, BP, GCS, O₂ sat
- ❑ ETA

* Include ANY episode of SBP <90 or airway issue

