

Departments of Trauma and Orthopaedic Trauma Surgery

Purpose:

Orthopaedic surgery must be available in the trauma resuscitation area within 30 minutes after consultation has been requested by the surgical trauma team leader for orthopaedic injured patients (ACS CD 9-7) based on institution- specific criteria.

Background:

The intent is that orthopaedic care is promptly available for the acute care of the orthopaedic injured patient to include an in-person evaluation within 30 minutes. The time should start when the request is made to the orthopaedic team (time of page or call). The specific types of patients or clinical scenarios should be developed by each institution and agreed.

Criteria for immediate (30 min or less) response:

- Acute limb compartment syndrome
- Pulseless extremity

Responding team:

An orthopaedic resident of any level may act as a temporary consultant as long as there is communication and documentation with the orthopaedic surgeon.

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