

**UAMS MEDICAL CENTER
TRAUMA SERVICES MANUAL**

SUBJECT: Multi-team Perioperative Communication

SECTION: Trauma Services

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Multi-team Perioperative Communication

PURPOSE:

To facilitate patient care coordination when multiple teams are operating on a patient concurrently or in tandem to prevent adverse events.

APPLICATION:

1. Criteria:
 - a. This guideline applies to all trauma patients that are undergoing operations by multiple consultants simultaneously or in tandem without returning to the floor or PACU.
2. Action Steps
 - a. Once criteria are met, all operating consultant teams at the termination of their operation are required to make verbal contact with the trauma chief resident or staff.
 - i. Purpose of this contact is to communicate concerns regarding perioperative patient management.
 - b. After the trauma team member has established contact with all consultant teams, the trauma team member will give the OK for anesthesia to proceed with extubation or moving the patient off the operating room table for transport.
3. Documentation
 - a. The operating consultants will document the name of the trauma team member and a brief synopsis of their conversation in the immediate post operative note.