

UAMS MEDICAL CENTER

ACS SERVICES MANUAL

SUBJECT: Emergent Bedside Orthopedic Consultation

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PURPOSE:

To provide guidelines for Emergency Department bedside orthopedic consultation in the traumatically injured patient.

POLICY:

Any trauma patient requiring Orthopedic Emergency Department bedside consultation will be evaluated by the consultant within 30 minutes of request.

Orthopedic consultation is required as an emergent bedside consultation emergent bedside consultation in high-risk trauma patients who present with any of the following:

- Open fracture/dislocation
- Hip fracture/dislocation
- Knee dislocation
- Long bone fractures (femur, tibia, humerus, both bone forearm fracture)
- Polytrauma including orthopedic injuries
- Hemodynamically unstable due to pelvic fracture
- Fracture/dislocations with vascular compromise (avascular necrosis), including talus or subtalar, or suspected extremity compartment syndrome
- Neurological deficit as a result of potential SCI
- Trauma surgeon discretion

It is the responsibility of the Orthopedic Surgery Resident responding to the consultation to place a progress note which includes consult time and arrival time as well as an initial plan of care. This will be the source of the time documentation used to determine compliance with this policy.