

UAMS MEDICAL CENTER
ACS SERVICES MANUAL

SUBJECT: Transport of Trauma Patients From the ED for Diagnostic or Therapeutic Interventions

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PURPOSE:

To set forth standards when and how trauma patients are transported from the Emergency Department (ED) to procedural areas for diagnostic or therapeutic interventions and to help assure continuity of care.

GUIDELINES:

- A. For ED patients who do not have admitting orders and bed requests, the ED attending physician or emergency medicine resident acting on his behalf will make a determination concerning a patient's stability for transport for diagnostic/therapeutic procedures and document the approval for transport in the electronic health record (EHR).
- B. For admitted patients in the ED who are awaiting bed availability, the service attending physician or resident acting on his behalf will make the determination concerning the stability for transport for diagnostic/therapeutic procedures.
- C. The patient's provider is responsible for assessing the medical needs of the patient and the medical supervision of the patient in the outpatient area.
- D. An RN will accompany the trauma patient for diagnostic/therapeutic procedures.
- E. All patients, stable or unstable, will have a complete set of vital signs and pulse oximetry before leaving the ED for diagnostic/therapeutic procedures and upon their return.