

**UAMS MEDICAL CENTER**  
**ACS SERVICES MANUAL**

**SUBJECT:** Trauma Patient Direct Admission

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**PURPOSE:**

To distinguish which trauma patient transfers will be transferred to the Emergency Department versus directly admitted to the Intensive Care Unit or inpatient surgical unit

**POLICY:**

- A. All trauma patients transferred from another facility with time of injury less than 24 hours from injury or following recent surgery < 12 hours old will be transferred to the Emergency Department for evaluation and patient management.
- B. Trauma patients transferred from outside facilities with injuries that occurred greater than 24 hours from admission to UAMS Medical Center, require a thorough tertiary assessment in the ICU or surgical unit for identified and potential injuries.
- C. All CT and MRI imaging from outside hospitals will have an Over Read ordered and report from the UAMS Department of Radiology. Other imaging modalities may be sent for over read as clinically indicated.
- D. All trauma patient direct admissions to the inpatient setting should be admitted to the Trauma Service. In circumstances where the accepting service would like to admit the transferred patient to a service other than the Trauma Service, coordination with and the concurrence of the Trauma Attending on call will be required.