

UAMS MEDICAL CENTER
ACS SERVICES MANUAL

SUBJECT: Orthopedic Surgery Contingency Plan

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PURPOSE:

Documentation of the orthopedic contingency plan

PROCEDURE:

If the Orthopedic trauma surgeon on-call is overwhelmed, the contingency plan is as-follows:

1. Orthopedic trauma on-call person will notify Orthopedic Department Chair and the Chief of Orthopedic Trauma of the need for the contingency plan.
2. If the Chair or the Chief of Orthopedic Trauma agree, the contingency plan will be activated.

The following surgeons will be notified by the trauma surgeon on-call. The backup surgeons are, in order:

- Orthopedic Joint Reconstruction surgeon on-call
 - Orthopedic Hand surgeon on-call
 - Orthopedic Pediatric surgeon on-call
 - Orthopedic Spine surgeon on-call (if on ortho call week)
 - Remaining orthopedic trauma surgeons
3. Any need for additional orthopedic surgeons after exhausting this list will prompt the Trauma Center to go on diversion from orthopedic trauma if no unlisted backup surgeons are available.

To provide timely and appropriate care for orthopedic injured patients, a trauma surgeon may initiate the management of these fractures before the arrival of the orthopedic resident and attending. This includes reducing and splinting the fracture.