

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

**SUBJECT:** Guideline for Transfer of Pediatric Patients  
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**PURPOSE:**

To provide a guideline for expeditious transfer of injured pediatric patients to a Pediatric Trauma Center for specialty care.

**GUIDELINES:**

In an effort to facilitate care of pediatric trauma patients the Central Arkansas Trauma Regional Advisory Council (CATRAC) has developed a regional agreement regarding these patients. UAMS will evaluate and stabilize these patients. Upon stabilization, these patients will be transferred to a pediatric trauma center.

Once the need to transfer a pediatric trauma patient has been identified, physician-to-physician contact will be made to obtain transfer acceptance.

All pediatric transfers will be coordinated through the Arkansas Trauma Call Center. Those patients who arrive at UAMS via private vehicle and transferred to the pediatric trauma center shall have a trauma band placed and recorded on the trauma flow sheet prior to transfer.

All pediatric transfers out of UAMS will be monitored for timeliness and appropriateness.