

BACK-UP CHIEF POLICY

Background:

The Jon Michael Moore TRAUMA Center is an ACS verified Level 1 Trauma Center. In being so, there are several standards that are required to maintain that designation. The JMMTC operates on a tiered trauma response system. Trauma victims deemed to require major resuscitation are designated as Priority One (P1) traumas and require the in-house presence of an attending surgeon. Those that fall into the second tier of response are designated Priority Two (P2) patients. P2 patients require the presence of the PGY 4/5 chief resident on arrival.

Therefore the following policy regarding this matter has been established:

1. This policy applies to weekdays from 6:00pm to 6:00am and weekends/holidays 6:00am-6:00am.
2. There will be a chief resident (PGY 4 or 5) in house at all times.
3. There will be a published back-up chief call schedule.
4. All off hour cases will be performed by the appropriate level resident. When possible, the PGY-3 resident will also scrub on all senior level cases with the Chief resident.
5. When the in-house chief is required to go to the OR during off hours a discussion will be held with the operating attending prior to beginning the case. Should it be deemed that the case is of such a critical nature that the chief resident's absence would be a detriment to the patient; the back-up chief will be called in from home. If the back-up chief happens to be of the same service as the operating attending, that chief has first option to perform the case to maintain continuity of care. Otherwise, it will be at the in-house chief's prerogative to perform the case or pass it to the back-up chief.

When the in-house chief goes to the OR and a P2 Trauma is paged, unless otherwise discussed with the chief, the PGY-2/3 resident will immediately report to the OR to relieve the chief resident. The chief will break scrub and report to the trauma. After an assessment is made and plan established, the chief will return to the OR and the PGY- 2/3 resident will take over directing the trauma resuscitation.

The back-up chief will also be available to come in from home at the request of the in-house chief should it be felt that additional chief support is necessary. Back up chiefs must be within 30 minutes of the hospital and remain work-ready at all times. Prior to calling in the back up chief, the in-house chief should converse with the in-house trauma attending to determine need.