

1. INITIAL ASSESSMENT AND RESUSCITATION
A. Trauma Team Assignment

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1. **Trauma Team Leader (TTL)**: Surgical resident (PGY 4 or 5), fellow: directs the overall resuscitation and performs or assists lifesaving procedures.
2. **Trauma Attending (TA)**: Supervises all aspects of the resuscitation and is the designated trauma triage officer directing flow of patients to the OR, CT, and ICU.
3. **Primary MD (PMD)**: Surgical resident (PGY 1-3), fellow or APP: performs primary survey and secondary survey, may perform/ assist with invasive procedures (central venous access, chest tube insertion, wound explorations, etc.)
4. **Primary Airway MD (PAMD)**: ED Attending, Anesthesia resident with Anesthesia Attending Supervision: assesses patient's airway and maintains C-spine stabilization, performs head examination (pupillary and verbal response, control of bleeding from scalp lacerations)
5. **ED Attending (EDA)**: Function as/ or supervising/ assisting the PAMD. In the absence of the TA, responsible for the resuscitation and supervising the TTL, until arrival of the Trauma Attending. The EDA may also assume the role of TTL during resuscitation of multiple patients.
6. **Scribe Nurse (Scribe)**: Primarily responsible for documentation of the resuscitation/ flow sheet and assuring tests and labs as ordered are completed.
7. **Primary Nurse (PN)**: Direct patient care during all aspects of the trauma resuscitation, including administering any medications for rapid sequence intubation, antibiotics, or medications for pain or sedation.
8. **Secondary Nurse (SN)**: Level I Activations Only: Direct patient care during all aspects of the trauma resuscitation, including obtaining blood for lab work, medication administration, and operating the Rapid Transfuser / Belmont.
9. **Patient Care Technician (PCT)**: Assisting with direct patient care during all aspects of the trauma resuscitation, including placing monitoring, removing clothing/ exposure, securing patient valuables, and placing ID band on patient.
10. **Respiratory Therapist (RRT)**: Assisting airway management, obtaining the initial blood gas specimen, and maintaining the mechanical ventilator.
11. **Radiology Technician (XRT)**: Present at all trauma resuscitations and prepared to perform the standard X-rays as directed by the Trauma Team Leader.
12. **Medical Student (MS)**: Tasks commensurate with abilities as assigned by either the Trauma Team Leader or Primary MD.
13. **WMC Security**: In the event of violent crime, security officers will be available for safety issues and crowd control.

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