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TITLE: Trauma Medical Director Job Description

PURPOSE:

The Trauma Medical Director is responsible for the care of the trauma patient. In this capacity, he/she reports to the Chief of Surgery and the Chief of Staff, and through the Chief of Staff to the Hospital Executive Committee and the Hospital Medical Board of Harris County Hospital District. The Trauma Medical Director develops and monitors the medical procedures and care policies pertaining to the Trauma Service.

PROCESS:

I. RESPONSIBILITIES
   A. Direct the care of the injured.
   B. Coordinate the medical specialties required in the care of the trauma patients.
   C. Develop and implement the policies and procedures pertaining to trauma patients.
   D. Coordinate trauma education for the Trauma Service, associated surgical and medical services and nursing service.
   E. Serves as chairperson of the Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital Trauma PI Committee and the Trauma M&M Committee.
   F. Interface with hospital administration to coordinate patient care, administrative activities, capital, and operating budgets.
   G. Coordinate trauma research activities at Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital.
   H. Develop and monitor credentialing for members of the trauma team.
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I. Monitor the quality of care of the trauma patients, enforce Trauma Service policies and procedures, trauma practice protocols and standards and intercede as necessary with members of the trauma team, including the removal from trauma call if required.

J. Works with the Trauma Program Manager, the Emergency Department Director and the Emergency Medical Director to ensure ongoing quality trauma care.

K. Consults with Medical Staff Chairman and Administration regarding quality care issues, adverse outcomes and identified areas to improve patient care.

L. Assists in maintaining Level III trauma designation.

M. Assists all Medical Staff, nursing and ancillary departments in establishing protocols for the management of trauma patients in all phases of care.

N. Attends and participates in Regional Advisory Council and acts as a liaison with area hospitals, physicians and Emergency Medical Services.

II. QUALIFICATIONS

A. MD license to practice medicine in the State of Texas.

B. Board certified in General Surgery

C. Certification as an ATLS Provider (ATLS Instructor preferred).

D. Member of the University of Texas – Houston Medical School, Department of Surgery Faculty.

E. Member of the surgical staff in good standing at Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital.

F. Board certification in Critical Care Medicine preferred.

G. Personal involvement in care of trauma patients.
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REFERENCE / BIBLIOGRAPHY:

OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY:

LYNDON B. JOHNSON HOSPITAL TRAUMA SERVICES

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