GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS

Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital Trauma Services Department

Guideline/Protocol Number: T38

Prevention of Hypothermia

Title: Prevention of Hypothermia

Purpose:
Is to prevent or correct hypothermia in the trauma patient. Hypothermia in trauma patients will be corrected and/or prevented in the trauma patient population. Normothermic core body temperature will be goal of the resuscitative effort and during the hospital stay.

Process:

I. Prevention of Hypothermia

A. All trauma patients should have warming measures initiated in the Emergency Department and continued throughout the initial hospitalization.

B. These measures include, but are not limited to the following in the ED, OR and ICU:

1. Warm room temperature is maintained
2. Warmed fluids should be utilized on all trauma patients as indicated.
3. Warmed blankets should be placed on all trauma patients
4. The fluid warmer should be utilized for blood products and other fluids as indicated.
5. “Bair Hugger” blanket should be utilized as indicated
REFERENCES / BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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