Guidelines and Protocols

TITLE: Trauma Admissions to the ICU

PURPOSE: To provide guidelines for trauma patients needing care in the ICU.

PROCESS: All trauma patients admitted to LBJ-M/SICU must meet the admission criteria for ICU (see ICU policy I-4)

1. All trauma patients needing ICU care must be admitted to the Trauma Service for a minimum of 24 hours
2. Intensivist Consult should be ordered by the primary team as deemed necessary.
3. Trauma patients need to be identified by signage.
4. Orders must be written by the primary team (trauma service) or signed off by the primary team if written by a consulting team.
5. Nursing will ensure that orders written by consulting services are approved by the primary team.
6. Once the patient no longer meets ICU admission criteria, the patient will be transferred to the appropriate unit by the primary team.

REFERENCE / BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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