

Sample Trauma Program Medical Director Job Description

Job Title: Trauma Program Medical Director

Reports to: Chief of Medical Staff

Qualifications:

1. Board certified in Family Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine or General Surgery.
2. Member in good standing of the hospital medical staff.
3. Currently licensed to practice medicine in Minnesota.
4. Currently certified in Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) or Comprehensive Advanced Life Support (CALLS).
5. Three years clinical experience in emergency/trauma care.
6. Two years administrative experience.
7. Ability to establish and maintain effective interpersonal relationships.
8. Ability to accept and implement change.
9. Ability to problem solving make decisions.
10. Demonstrated history of positive collegial relations with colleagues, support staff, hospital-based providers, administrators and patients.

Nature and Scope: The Trauma Medical Director is responsible for the ongoing development, growth and oversight/authority of the Trauma Program. He/she must be able to demonstrate effective interpersonal skills and an understanding of the interdependent roles of various allied health professions. The Trauma Medical Director is responsible for promoting high standards of practice through development of trauma policies, protocols and practice guidelines; participating in rigorous performance improvement monitoring; resident and staff education and trauma research. He/she has authority to act on all trauma performance improvement and administrative issues and critically review trauma deaths and complications that occur within the hospital. Decisions affecting the care of trauma patients will not be made without the knowledge, input and approval of the Trauma Medical Director.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities:

Administration:

- Participate in the research, development and writing of trauma policies, protocols and practice guidelines.
- Implement all trauma program policies and procedures as they pertain to patient care.
- Organize, direct and integrate the trauma program with all other departments and services within the hospital.
- Promote a cooperative and collaborative working environment among the clinical disciplines involved in trauma care.
- Maintain an effective working relationship with the medical staff, trauma service staff, administration and other departments.
- Provide advice and direction in recommending privileges for the trauma service.
- Participate in trauma program marketing activities.
- Establish a physician case management process that fosters cost-effective, high quality patient care.
- Assesses need for equipment, supplies, budget

- Assist the Trauma Program Coordinator in developing and meeting the trauma program budgetary goals.
- Oversee, participate in and develop projects that ensure the cost-effectiveness of care provided by physicians and hospital.

Program Initiatives:

- Lead efforts to develop and maintain a trauma center.
- Collaborate with the Trauma Program Coordinator to establish trauma program goals and objectives consistent with those of the hospital and ensure that those of the trauma program are being met.
- Develop and provide input on the development and maintenance of practice guidelines, policies and methodologies for medical/surgical trauma care.
- Participate in site review by regulatory agencies.
- Organize, direct and implement departmental practices to assure continued compliance with applicable laws including the guidelines established by the Statewide Trauma System and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.
- Demonstrate positive interpersonal relationship with colleagues, referral MDs, hospital personnel, and patients/families in order to achieve maximum operational effectiveness and customer satisfaction.
- Assure transfer agreements in place and in good standing; maintain relationship with receiving facilities, foster collaborative relationship.
- Make appropriate referrals for specialty services and communicate regularly with referring physician as appropriate.
- Assume clinical responsibility for all trauma patients.
- Ensure that adequate attending physician availability is provided to render care to trauma patients.
- Ensure establishment of physician/surgeon call schedules for all trauma care, excluding those who do not meet educational and credentialing requirements.
- Provide trauma care leadership and consultation for emergency, surgery and intensive care unit departments.
- Participate in regional and statewide activities affecting the trauma program.
- Attend local and national meetings and conferences to remain current regarding issues relevant to the performance of duties.
- Demonstrate consistent, efficient, cost effective and quality trauma care at all times.
- Participate in trauma patient/family satisfaction projects as developed by hospital.

Performance Improvement:

- Determine and implement PI activities appropriate to the trauma program.
- Oversee the trauma PI program and participate in other quality initiatives that deal with the care of injured patients.
- Review and investigate all trauma PI inquiries in collaboration with the Trauma Program Coordinator and refer to the appropriate committees.
- Monitor compliance with trauma treatment guidelines, policies and protocols.
- Assure that the quality and appropriateness of patient care are monitored and evaluated and that appropriate actions based on findings are taken on a consistent basis.
- Report quality of care issues promptly to appropriate individuals, including Trauma Program Coordinator and hospital administration.
- Identify and correct deficiencies in trauma care policies, guidelines and protocols.

- Consult with appropriate medical staff and administration regarding quality care issues and adverse outcomes; identify areas to improve patient care.
- Assure that continuum of care is maintained.
- Identify representatives from various disciplines appropriate to participate in PI activities.
- Coordinate, schedule and facilitate the PI peer review process.
- Chair the Morbidity and Mortality Committee meeting and the Multidisciplinary Trauma Conference.
- Review all trauma-related peer review and initiate action as necessary.
- Assist the Trauma Program Coordinator in evaluating the effectiveness of corrective actions resulting from PI processes.
- Assume responsibility for the accuracy and validity of trauma statistics.

Clinical Education:

- Support the requirements for trauma CME by participating and assisting in the education and training of hospital personnel physicians and specialists.
- Provide education for hospital staff regarding trauma program policies and appropriate medical practices.

Community Outreach:

- Maintain relations with community organization and legislative bodies whose activities relate to trauma care and injury prevention
- Participate in hospital outreach activities as may be requested by administration.
- Develop and participate in trauma community education and injury prevention activities.
- Function as a liaison to other hospitals within the region.

Knowledge and Skill:

- Lead the hospital in program development.
- Oversee the clinical practice of medical staff.
- Analyze and interpret complicated information.
- Determines a course of action based on research, data, standards of care and general guidelines/protocols.
- Communicate effectively with a wide variety of intra- and inter-facility staff and administration using both oral and written communication.
- Possess critical thinking, analytical, teaching/coaching and research skills.