MEMO

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To: Trauma Multidisciplinary Committee Members

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The Trauma Multidisciplinary Review committee met Tuesday, March 28, 2017 for our monthly review. Please find the following teaching points and synopsis of the discussion. Please share this information with physicians from your Department who participate on the Trauma Call schedule.

- Respiratory Insufficiency: This can be a common problem in an elderly pt in a trauma specially when pre-existing condition exist such as COPD. These patients can deteriorate rapidly and need quick intervention. If these patients are located on the floor, they may require admission to the ICU. They should be evaluated by a physician immediately and a treatment plan developed which may include high flow oxygen, BIPAP, EZPAP, nebulizer treatments and suctioning.

- Back-up call schedule: Occasionally the trauma team can be overwhelmed by large volume of patients. During these times, the back-up call schedule may be activated. There is also a Quick Response Team that can provide care if needed.