MEMO

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To: Trauma Multidisciplinary Committee Members

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The Trauma Multidisciplinary Review committee met Tuesday, May 23, 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.

- Pneumothorax: Remember to look for a PTX in the patient that is coding on arrival. Many times patients will have agonal respirations at the scene and will have assisted ventilation or intubation enroute. This has the potential to make the PTX worse. Airway patency followed by assessment of breathing should be the top priority on presentation of the patient.

- Active extravasation on CT scan: Vascular surgery consults and consideration for emergent angiography and possible embolization should be considered in patients with arterial extravasation. Please review the Eastern Association of Trauma guidelines on the Trauma IEP, will be posted soon in the Mandatory Featured Articles folder.