MEMO

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To: Trauma Multidisciplinary Committee Members

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The Trauma Multidisciplinary Review committee met Tuesday, September 26, 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.

- Vascular procedure – It is important to control hemorrhage from trauma as soon as possible. Control may be obtained thru open surgical procedures in an operating room or endovascular procedures in the vascular lab. It is important to notify the OR or vascular lab expeditiously once it is decided that these procedures are needed. Once the trauma team stabilizes the patient as best as possible, the vascular surgery team should be standing by and ready to initiate the indicated vascular procedure.

- Confirming ETT placement- When patients are intubated at the scene and arrived in the trauma bay, it is important for the trauma team to confirm ETT placement as part of the primary survey. This information should be relayed to the EMS service.