MEMO

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To: Trauma Multidisciplinary Committee Members

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The Trauma Multidisciplinary Review committee met Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 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.

Case #1

- Appropriate resuscitation strategies in the acutely injured patient with pre-existing comorbidities and potential cardio-pulmonary compromise.
- Evaluation methods for assessing the acutely deteriorating trauma patient.
- Use of transthoracic echocardiography as a diagnostic tool to assess cardiac performance.
- Non-hemorrhagic cause of acute deterioration of the trauma patient.

Case #2

- Appropriate resuscitation strategies for the complex chest injury trauma patient.
- Use of intracranial pressure monitoring as an ICU management tool in order to guide fluid therapy and brain protective strategies.
- Mechanical ventilation strategies in the ARDS patient population and the need to maintain a sense of awareness of these strategies in order to apply them in a timely fashion to optimize clinical impact.