MEMO

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To: Trauma Multidisciplinary Committee Members

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Chairman, Trauma Multidisciplinary Committee

The Trauma Multidisciplinary Review committee met Tuesday, September 23, 2014, 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.

- Pain management- Patients on the trauma service sustain multiple injuries that involve soft tissues, organs, and orthopedic injuries. These patients frequently have high pain scores which are closely monitored by the nursing staff. It is important to use multiple modalities to treat these painful injuries which include PO pain meds, IV medications and epidural catheters. With the high use of IV pain medications on the trauma service, the patient should be monitored closely for any signs of respiratory depression by all providers. When the patient is tolerating PO they should be transitioned to oral medications as tolerated.
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