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	<b>Adult Trauma Center</b>			
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The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City is responsible to develop, approve and implement prehospital treatment and transport protocols for use within the five boroughs of the City of New York. The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City operates under the auspices of Article Thirty of the New York State Public Health Law.

The New York State Department of Health has recognized the New York Methodist Hospital as an Adult Trauma Center.

Effective 0800 hours, Wednesday, April 1, 2015, the New York Methodist Hospital Emergency Department began accepting Adult Trauma patients.

#### **RELATED PROCEDURES (attached)**

- 1. General Operating Procedures: Transportation Procedures and Decisions Major Trauma
- 2. Appendix F: Trauma Patient Criteria
- 3. Appendix H: Facilities Providing Specialty Care /Trauma and Burn Centers

Current and Updated Protocols can be accessed at the Regional EMS Council website: www.nycremsco.org.

Owners/operators of Ambulance and ALS First Response Services providing prehospital medical treatment within the five boroughs of the City of New York are responsible to provide copies of the NYC REMAC Prehospital Treatment Protocols to their personnel, and to ensure that Service Medical Directors and EMS personnel are informed of all changes/updates to the NYC REMAC Prehospital Treatment Protocols.

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**General Operating Procedures** 

#### TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES AND DECISIONS

#### **Major Trauma**

If the mechanism of illness/injury and/or historical/physical findings indicate major trauma, transport the patient to the nearest New York City 911 System Trauma Center (see Appendix F), unless **one** of the following conditions is met:

- The patient is in cardiac arrest;
- An on-line medical control physician so directs.

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# APPENDIX F TRAUMA PATIENT CRITERIA

#### Adult Major Trauma

Major trauma present if the patient's physical findings or the mechanism of injury meets **any one** of the following criteria:

#### **PHYSICAL FINDINGS**

- 1. Glasgow Coma Scale is less than or equal to 13
- 2. Respiratory rate is less than 10 or more than 29 breaths per minute
- 3. Pulse rate is less than 50 or more than 120 beats per minute
- 4. Systolic blood pressure is less than 90 mmHg
- 5. Penetrating injuries to head, neck, torso or proximal extremities
- 6. Two or more suspected proximal long bone fractures
- 7. Suspected flail chest
- 8. Suspected spinal cord injury or limb paralysis
- 9. Amputation (except digits)
- 10. Suspected pelvic fracture
- 11. Open or depressed skull fracture

#### **MECHANISM OF INJURY**

- 1. Ejection or partial ejection from an automobile
- 2. Death in the same passenger compartment
- 3. Extrication time in excess of 20 minutes
- 4. Vehicle collision resulting in 12 inches of intrusion in to the passenger compartment
- 5. Motorcycle crash >20 MPH or with separation of rider from motorcycle
- 6. Falls from greater than 20 feet
- 7. Vehicle rollover (90 degree vehicle rotation or more) with unrestrained passenger
- 8. Vehicle vs. pedestrian or bicycle collision above 5 MPH

#### HIGH RISK PATIENTS - DOES NOT REQUIRE TRANSPORT TO A TRAUMA CENTER

If a patient does not meet the above criteria for Major Trauma, but has sustained an injury and has one or more of the following criteria, they are considered a "High Risk Patient".

**CONSIDER** transportation to a Trauma Center.

**CONSIDER** contacting medical control.

- 1. Bleeding disorders or patients who are on anticoagulant medications
- 2. Cardiac disease and/or respiratory disease
- 3. Insulin dependent diabetes, cirrhosis, or morbid obesity
- 4. Immuno-suppressed patients (HIV disease, transplant patients, and patients on chemotherapy treatment)
- **5.** Age >55

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## APPENDIX H FACILITIES PROVIDING SPECIALTY CARE

#### TRAUMA and BURN

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Hospital Number	Hospital Full Name	Pediatric Trauma	Adult Trauma	Burn		
2	Bellevue Hospital Center		X			
7	Harlem Hospital Center		X	X		
7P	Harlem Hospital Center					
14	New York Presbyterian Hospital - New York Weill Cornell Campus		X	X		
17P	New York Presbyterian Hospital - Columbia Campus					
20	St. Luke's - Roosevelt Hospital Center - St. Luke's Hospital Division		X			
23P	Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center - Concourse Division	X				
25	Jacobi Medical Center		X	X		
25P	Jacobi Medical Center	X				
27	Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center		X			
27P	Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center	X				
31	New York Hospital Medical Center of Queens		X			
32	Elmhurst Hospital Center		X			
32P	Elmhurst Hospital Center	X				
34	Jamaica Hospital	X	X			
35P	North Shore - Long Island Jewish Medical Center	X				
41	Brookdale University Hospital Medical Center		X			
48	Kings County Hospital Center		X			
48P	Kings County Hospital Center	X				
51	Lutheran Medical Center	X	X			
<mark>54</mark>	New York Methodist Hospital		X			
60	Richmond University Medical Center		X			
62	Staten Island University Hospital - Ocean Breeze Campus (North)		X	X		
78	North Shore University Hospital Center - Manhasset	X	X			
82	Nassau County University Medical Center			X		
83	St. Barnabas Hospital		X			