OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES: Activation of the back-up trauma team for Pediatrics

**Pediatric Trauma Service:**

Our organization has a Pediatric Trauma Physician on call 24/7. The physician on service and the back-up physician are identified & published on AMION.

The Adult Trauma Physician on service is the backup physician for the Pediatric Trauma Physician. When the back-up team is activated, there will be a verbal conversation between the Adult & Pediatric Trauma Attendings.

The Pediatric Trauma Physician will make the decision to activate the backup team under the following circumstances:

1.) The Pediatric Trauma team has received multiple activations and the manpower is not sustainable to handle the clinical needs.
2.) The Pediatric Trauma team is in the Operating Room and immediate intervention by the back-up team is required.

The Pediatric Trauma Physician will promptly notify the Adult Trauma Physician when the back-up team is no longer needed.

**Neurosurgery Service:**

The Neurosurgery backup team will be activated by a verbal conversation between the Neurosurgeon on service and the second call Neurosurgeon. The second call Neurosurgeon scheduled is identified as the backup physician and is posted on AMION.

The Neurosurgery Attending on service will make the decision to activate the backup team under the following circumstances:

1.) The Neurosurgical team has received multiple red strips and the manpower is not sustainable to handle the clinical needs.
2.) The Neurosurgical team is in the Operating Room and a red strip comes in requiring immediate intervention.

**Orthopedic Service:**

Our organization has a dedicated Pediatric Orthopedic Physician on service 24/7 for the pediatric emergency department and in-hospital consults. The physician on service is published on AMION. The orthopedic physicians are dedicated to providing care to Upstate University Hospital and have the ability to meet the 30 minute requirement.
If the Orthopedic physician on service becomes encumbered the contingency plan is as follows:

1.) There is more than one Orthopedic Surgeon on call for the Upstate University Hospital downtown campus on any given day. These include physicians on call for adult trauma, hand trauma, and spine trauma. There is also an Orthopedic surgeon on call for Community Campus. The Orthopedic physician on service will contact another Orthopedic physician who will provide back-up.

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