



PURPOSE AND GOALS

Trauma care involves the entire spectrum of care from the first responder through rehabilitation. The successful outcome of a resuscitation of a seriously injured patient is determined by the skill levels of many health care providers and their ability to function as a team. The Trauma Service at Upstate University Hospital is a Level I Adult and Level I Pediatric trauma program. These programs work synergistically to provide comprehensive trauma care for all ages. As the only Level I center in Central New York, our responsibility is to support the entire CNY Trauma Region. The guidelines in this manual are the result of consensus by the trauma, emergency medicine, orthopedic, neurosurgery, radiology, and anesthesia departments after review and discussion of evidence in the current literature. These guidelines represent the Upstate approach to the care of the trauma patient. Individual skills, judgment and current best practices should be considered when choosing a course of treatment. Changes in the guidelines will be disseminated by lecture, email and notification to review pertinent sections of the manual.