

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES: TEMPORARY TRAUMA CENTER CLOSURE POLICY

T13 Trauma Center Closure Policy

<http://www.upstate.edu/policies/documents/intra/T-13.pdf>

Definition: Closure of the trauma center due to an extenuating circumstance in which the admission of further patients would result in:

1) Inadequate resuscitation and evaluation,

or

2) jeopardy to patients already in the ED or hospital. Temporary Trauma Closure is considered separate from ED Diversion. It is possible to be on ED Diversion without affecting Trauma status.

Examples of circumstances where closure would be considered are:

- A disaster situation, such as a power failure or flood, where the primary and backup systems for the ED and OR are compromised.
- CAT scan equipment is not working without an anticipated re-start time.
- The trauma team, including the back-up team, is overwhelmed in the management of trauma patients without anticipated relief.

