

Memorandum

To: EMS Clinicians – via Dr. Chizmar, MIEMSS

Cc: Chris Hyzer

From: Rebecca Gilmore, Trauma Program Manager, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center

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Re: Clarification of CAPACITY ALERT

Capacity Alert

- Capacity alert applies only to the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center (STC). It may be used during times of multiple rapid admissions or severely limited bed availability.
- When STC is on Capacity alert, EMS clinicians should consult by requesting the TRAUMA LINE via EMRC/SYSCOM. The trauma surgeon will triage the patient based on acuity and location, as follows:
 - **Critically injured patients (Category A and B)** may still be accepted by the trauma surgeon based on acuity and geographic location.
 - **Non-critically injured (Category C and D)** patients may be directed to the next closest appropriate trauma center.
- This alert status will help to ensure that STC can accept all critically injured patients from the scene and critically injured/ill inter-hospital transfers statewide.
- Capacity Alert does NOT mean that STC is not receiving any patients. STC is happy to consult on any trauma patient while on this alert via the Trauma Line.