



PEDIATRIC TRAUMA PROGRAM
Connecticut Children's

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Dear EMS Provider:

We are pleased to announce that Connecticut Children's Medical Center has been designated a Level I pediatric trauma center by the American College of Surgeons and the Connecticut Department of Public Health. Connecticut Children's is now one of only 22 hospitals nationally to achieve this distinction.

Connecticut Children's and Hartford Hospital will continue to collaborate as an integrated pediatric and adult trauma center called The Trauma Institute. The level I designation does not fundamentally change the way we provide care but rather emphasizes our goal of providing the highest quality care to injured children in Connecticut.

We have developed guidelines to help EMS providers in the greater Hartford area triage pediatric trauma patients to the appropriate destination.

TRIAGE GUIDELINES FOR SEVERELY INJURED PEDIATRIC TRAUMA PATIENTS

Connecticut Public Health Code 19a-177-5 delineates that severely injured patients less than thirteen (13) years of age should be taken to a LEVEL I or II facility with pediatric resources including a pediatric intensive care unit. Any critically ill pediatric trauma patient in the Hartford area less than 13 years of age that meets triage guidelines for transport to a LEVEL I or II trauma center should be taken to the TRAUMA INSTITUTE.

When time permits contact Connecticut Children's Medical Center via C-MED for destination emergency department. Otherwise proceed directly to the Hartford Hospital emergency department.

It is important to note that BOTH Connecticut Children's AND Hartford Hospital have systems in place to treat critically injured children and adults should an error in triage or change in condition occur unexpectedly. Should you have any questions regarding the transport of pediatric trauma patients or the Connecticut Children's Trauma Program please feel free to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Campbell", written over a horizontal line.

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