



## University of Colorado Hospital

### Trauma Clinical Practice Guideline

<b>Trauma Orthopaedics: Urgent Response</b>	
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To define criteria for urgent response of the Orthopaedic Service at the University of Colorado Hospital.

#### Scope:

- I. Providers and/or Professionals to adhere to this guideline when caring for a patient with time sensitive orthopaedic injuries.

#### Guideline Details:

1. The following conditions will prompt a required 30 minute response by the orthopaedic service:
  - a. Mangled or Crushed Extremity
  - b. Pelvic fracture and hemodynamic instability
  - c. Suspected Compartment Syndrome
  - d. Extremity Injury with Vascular Compromise
  - e. Any trauma alert/activation native joint dislocation
  - f. Request from TACS faculty for urgent response
2. Upon arrival of orthopaedic team members the nurse or person recording documentation of the resuscitation will be notified and the time will be recorded in the medical record
3. Time of consultation will be recorded in the provider note for all patients by the provider
4. Compliance with this guideline will be monitored by the Trauma Performance Improvement program

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*Care of the Patient with Isolated Hand Injuries and/or Amputation*

**References:**

Resources for the Optimal Care of the Injured Patient, 2014. American College of Surgeons.