

<b>DEPARTMENT: Trauma</b>	<b>POLICY TITLE: Contingency Guideline for the Encumbered Neurosurgeon</b>
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**PURPOSE:**

To provide a guideline for definitive neurosurgical care in the event that both physicians on the neurosurgery call panel are not available.

**POLICY:**

The Neurosurgery call schedule is developed by Medical Staff Office on a monthly basis.

The neurosurgeon is dedicated to the facility while on call.

In the event that the primary neurosurgeon is unavailable, the back-up neurosurgeon call schedule should be utilized to obtain the second neurosurgeon on call.

If both neurosurgeons are unavailable and the patient needs immediate surgical intervention, The facility has a transfer agreement in place with a Level One designated Trauma Center.

If a transfer out of the facility is necessary, the staff in the clinical area where the patient is located should contact the Patient Transfer Center who will assist with making phone calls and ensuring a doctor to doctor conversation occurs.

All trauma surgeons are credentialed to provide non-operative neurosurgery care and should be contacted for assistance should the neurosurgeon be unavailable.