

4.31 Trauma Registry Staffing Requirements—TYPE II

Applicable Levels

LI, LII, LIII, PTCI, PTCII

Definition and Requirements

In all trauma centers, there must be at least 0.5 FTE dedicated to the trauma registry per 200–300 annual patient entries. The count of entries is defined as all patients who meet NTDS inclusion criteria, and those patients who meet inclusion criteria for hospital, local, regional and state purposes.

Combined adult and pediatric programs (Level I/II adult trauma center with Level II pediatric trauma center) may share resources, but someone must be identified as the lead pediatric registrar.

Additional Information

Trauma centers must take into account the additional tasks, beyond the abstraction and entry of patient data, that are assigned to the registrar. Processes such as report generation, data analysis, research assistance, and meeting various submission requirements will decrease the amount of time dedicated to the meticulous collection of patient data. Electronic downloads into the trauma registry also create additional tasks, as does ongoing data validation before data acceptance. Additional staff will be required to perform these tasks to ensure the integrity and quality of registry data, which are used for prevention, PIPS, and other essential aspects of the trauma program.

Measures of Compliance

- Number of trauma registry personnel
- Annual trauma registry report that shows the volume of all entries

Resources

None