

## 4.7 Emergency Department Physician Requirements—TYPE II

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### Applicable Levels

LI, LII, LIII, PTCL, PTCII

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### Definition and Requirements

In all trauma centers, emergency medicine physicians involved in the care of trauma patients must be currently board-certified or board-eligible, or have been approved through the Alternate Pathway.

- In Level I and II trauma centers, physicians must be board-certified or board-eligible in emergency medicine or pediatric emergency medicine.
  - Physicians who completed primary training in a specialty other than emergency medicine or pediatric emergency medicine prior to 2016 may participate in trauma care.
- In Level I pediatric trauma centers, at least one physician must be board-certified or board-eligible in pediatric emergency medicine.
- In Level III trauma centers, physicians must be board-certified or board-eligible in emergency medicine, pediatric emergency medicine, or a specialty other than emergency medicine.

All emergency medicine physicians must have completed the ATLS course at least once. Physicians who are board-certified or board-eligible in a specialty other than emergency medicine must hold current ATLS certification.

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### Additional Information

Refer to Appendix A for details on board certification, board eligibility, and the Alternate Pathway.

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### Measures of Compliance

- Evidence of board certification, board eligibility, or Alternate Pathway approval
  - Evidence of ATLS certification
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### Resources

None