

SURGICAL FELLOW RESPONSE TO TRAUMA PATIENTS

- I. The on-call surgical fellow will respond to the ED for trauma calls when the on-site surgical registrar is not available (i.e. scrubbed in operating theatre)
- II. Situations mandating prompt (within 30 minutes of being called) attendance by the fellow are:
 1. haemodynamic instability
 2. intubated patient with multiple-system injuries
 3. severe abdominal pain or tenderness
 4. suspected or confirmed major thoracic, abdominal or pelvic injuries
 5. patient suspected of requiring a laparotomy
- III. The on-call surgical fellow will respond to calls for assistance in the evaluation, stabilisation and treatment of injured patients, when requested to do so by the on-site surgical registrar, ED Registrar or ED Staff Specialist. In the event the issue of attendance cannot be resolved, direct communication between the EDSS and on-call Trauma Surgeon will ensure resolution.