

TRAUMA - RADIOGRAPHER RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT TRAUMA ACTIVATION – ST GEORGE HOSPITAL

<p>Cross references (including NSW Health/ SESHHS policy directives)</p>	
<p>1. What it is</p>	<p>Guidelines for Radiographer response to Emergency Department (ED) Trauma activation.</p>
<p>2. Employees it applies to</p>	<p>Emergency Department Radiographer.</p>
<p>3. When to use it</p>	<p>During the activation of ‘trauma required’ and ‘trauma standby’ pages</p>
<p>4. Why the rule is necessary</p>	<p>The aim of this policy is to ensure that the Emergency Department Radiographer is available and ready to obtain x-rays promptly after the patient’s arrival to the trauma resuscitation room(s). This business rule is necessary to provide a streamlined approach to the radiological assessment of the trauma patient.</p>
<p>5. Who is responsible</p>	<p>Emergency Department Radiographer. Trauma team leader.</p>
<p>6. Process</p> <p>6.1 The on-call trauma radiographer will carry a trauma pager with which he/she will be notified, through the usual trauma activation system, of any impending arrival(s) of a trauma patient(s) to the Emergency Department trauma resuscitation room(s).</p> <p>6.2 This page will be one of the following two types: ‘<i>Trauma Team Required</i>’, or ‘<i>Trauma Team Standby</i>’.</p> <p>6.3 When the page states ‘<i>Trauma Team Required</i>’ the radiographer is to respond in person to the ED trauma resuscitation room immediately upon receiving the page. The radiographer will be instructed by the Trauma Team Leader as to what types of x-rays to obtain.</p> <p>6.4 When the pages states ‘<i>Trauma Team Standby</i>’ the ED will page the on-call radiographer. The radiographer will be instructed as to what types of x-rays to obtain.</p> <p>6.5 The Trauma Team Leader will dismiss the radiographer from the trauma activation once it is determined that no further films in the resuscitation room are required for the evaluation of the patient.</p> <p>6.6 Should further films become necessary after the radiographer has been dismissed, the Trauma Team Leader (or his/her designee) will page the radiographer back to the trauma resuscitation room to obtain those films.</p>	
<p>7. Compliance evaluation</p>	<p>Q1. What are the 2 types of trauma page that may be activated? ANSWER: ‘Trauma team required’ and ‘trauma team standby’</p> <p>Q2. What is the responsibility of the radiographer during activation of each of these pages?</p>

	ANSWER: When the page states ' <i>Trauma Team Required</i> ' the radiographer is to respond in person to the ED trauma resuscitation room immediately upon receiving the page. When the pages states ' <i>Trauma Team Standby</i> ' the ED will page the on-call radiographer. The radiographer will be instructed as to what types of x-rays to obtain.
8. External references	

I, *Andrew Bridgeman*, A/Clinical Group Manager of *St George / Sutherland Hospitals and Health Services* attest that this business rule is not in contravention of any legislation, industrial award or policy directive.

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