



# San Benito County Emergency Medical Services Agency

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## TRAUMA DATA COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT

Policy: 6010  
Effective: July 1, 2015  
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- I. Purpose
  - A. To establish requirements for data collection and management by trauma system participants.
- II. Authority
  - A. Authority for this policy is noted in Division 2.5, California Health and Safety Code, Sections 1798.162, 1798.163 California Code of Regulations Sections 100255, 100257.
- III. Definition
  - A. "Trauma Center" or "designated trauma center" means a licensed hospital, accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, which has been designated as a Level I, II, III, or IV trauma center and/or Level I or II pediatric trauma center by the local EMS agency, in accordance with California Trauma Care System Regulations.
  - B. "Trauma Receiving Facility" means a licensed hospital within the Trauma Service Area (San Benito County), accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, which receives trauma patients.
- IV. Policy
  - A. Prehospital records -- In addition to normal patient information, prehospital providers shall, for all patients who meet the trauma triage criteria (Policy #6050 and Policy #6070), record MAP criteria met.
  - B. Trauma Center -- The Trauma Center shall complete a trauma registry form for all patients who are determined in the field to have met the trauma triage criteria (Policy #6050 and #6070) or who are brought to the Trauma Center and are later determined to meet triage criteria, and who are admitted to the Trauma Center, or transferred to another Trauma Center.
  - C. Trauma Receiving Facility - The Trauma Receiving Facility shall complete a trauma registry form for all patients who are determined in the field to have met the trauma triage Major Trauma Victim criteria (Policy #6050 and Policy #6070) and have been brought to the Trauma Receiving Facility or who are brought to the Trauma Receiving Facility and are later determined to meet triage criteria, and who are admitted to the Trauma

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Receiving Facility, or transferred to another hospital or Trauma Center.

- D. The trauma registry process shall include at least the following:
  - 1. Time of arrival and patient treatment in:
    - a. Emergency department or trauma receiving area
    - b. Operating room
  - 2. Dates for:
    - a. Initial admission
    - b. Intensive care
    - c. Discharge
  - 3. Discharge data, including:
    - a. Total hospital charges (aggregate dollars only)
    - b. Patient destination
    - c. Discharge diagnosis
  
- V. Cooperation with other counties
  - A. Where patients from the San Benito County EMS system are transported to a trauma center or trauma receiving facility in another EMS system, San Benito County EMS will seek patient information which is equivalent to that provided by a San Benito County trauma receiving facility.
  
  - B. Where patients from another EMS system are transported to a San Benito County EMS trauma receiving facility, San Benito County EMS will attempt to provide patient information which is equivalent to that provided by that system's designated trauma centers or trauma receiving facilities.
  
  - C. Hospitals and ambulance providers within the San Benito County EMS system are encouraged to cooperate with other EMS agencies in data collection and evaluation efforts.