

**NorthEast Emergency Medical Services, Inc.
Massachusetts EMS Region III**

**Trauma Point-of-Entry Plan
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Based upon the Department of Public Health December 2010 Trauma Triage Guidelines the following Region III Trauma Point-of-Entry Plan was established. In addition to the plan a list of verified and DPH Designated Trauma Centers within Region III and adjacent regions has been included for reference.

Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support-Intermediate:

Critical Trauma Patients as defined by the Department of Public Health Trauma Triage Guidelines (Anatomical and Physiological Box 2) shall be transported to the closest DPH Designated Trauma Center without delay. Patients *suspected* of being critical Trauma patients by Mechanism of Injury (Box 3) shall be transported to the closest DPH Designated Trauma Center without delay.

Advanced Life Support-Paramedic:

Critical Trauma Patients as defined by the Department of Public Health Trauma Triage Guidelines (Anatomical and Physiological Box 2) shall be transported to the closest most appropriate DPH Designated Trauma Center with preference to the highest level center within the local system taking into account physiologic parameters, mechanism of injury as well as system availability and extended transport times. Patients *suspected* of being critical Trauma patients by Mechanism of Injury (Box 3) shall be transported to the closest DPH Designated Trauma Center without delay.

On-Line Medical Direction:

BLS and ALS providers should always consider contacting on-line medical direction when making transport decisions. Medical Direction should also be considered when assessing patients with special situations (e.g. age >55 or <15; Burns; Bleeding Disorders – Box 4 of Trauma Triage Criteria)

Air Ambulance:

Air Ambulances should be considered for patients with prolonged transport times to DPH Designated Level I Trauma Centers.

DPH Designated Trauma Centers:

Region III American College of Surgeons Verified Adult Level III Trauma Centers:

- Anna Jaques Hospital, Newburyport
- Beverly Hospital, Beverly
- Lawrence General Hospital, Lawrence
- Lowell General Hospital, Lowell
- North Shore Medical Center – Salem Campus, Salem

Non-Region III Hospitals to Consider Based Upon Current ACS Verification

- Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (ACS Verified Level I Adult Trauma)
- Boston Medical Center, Boston (ACS Verified Level I Adult and Level II Pediatric Trauma)
- Brigham & Women's Hospital (ACS Verified Level 1 Adult Trauma)
- Children's Hospital Boston (ACS Verified Level 1 Pediatric Trauma)
- Lahey Clinic, Burlington (ACS Verified Level II Adult)
- Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston (ACS Verified Level I Adult and Level I Pediatric)
- Tufts Medical Center and the Floating Hospital for Children, Boston (ACS Verified Level I Adult Trauma and Level I Pediatric Trauma)