

North Central Regional Trauma Advisory Council



Position Statement for Multiple Injured Family Members

Both Level II Trauma Centers in the NCRTAC region support whenever possible if there are 2 or more injured from the same family, every effort needs to be made to send them to the same trauma center for definitive care in order to best meet the family's physical and emotional needs. Both EMS and hospitals (i.e. Level III & IV) need be aware of this.

Early communication from the EMS providers on scene to the initial receiving hospital (base hospital) is critical.

The trauma center can be contacted for any questions.

Supported by the following:

Ministry St. Joseph's Hospital Level II Trauma Center and
Level II Pediatric Trauma Center

- Dr. Ivan Maldonado, Trauma Medical Director
- Dr. Jennifer Roberts, Pediatric Trauma Medical Director

Aspirus Wausau Hospital Level II Trauma Center

- Dr. Jennine Larson, Trauma Medical Director

Scenario Examples:

EMS need to be aware when 2 or more family members are in an incident together. Please make every effort to send them to the same Trauma Center that can meet their medical needs plus this will help the family emotionally too during this difficult time.

- If multiple air or ground services come to the scene at the same time for 2 or more family members, the Incident Command person needs to make every effort to have the EMS bring the pts to the same Trauma Center.
- If this is not possible, make sure the EMS hand-off communication to the hospital states where the other family member(s) are if known.

Referral hospitals should inquire with EMS if they are receiving an MVC, if other family members were in the same car. If they were, inquire if it is known where the family member(s) went.

