

**I. Purpose:**

1. To establish a mechanism by which trauma registry information is obtained, stored, and utilized as part of the system assessment and quality assurance process.

**II. Authority:**

1. Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapter 5, Article 2.5.
2. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 7.

**III. Policy:**

1. Each designated trauma center within Imperial County shall submit a trauma registry record for each patient meeting the following criteria:

**A.** Patient meets the definition of Critical Trauma Patient as described in Trauma Triage Criteria Policy.

**B.** Patients who are triaged as Non-Critical Trauma Patients but are admitted or transferred to a higher-level trauma center.

**C.** Trauma deaths that occur at the designated trauma center.

2. Designated trauma centers shall submit their data to the EMS Agency in an approved format, on a quarterly basis, or as requested by the Trauma Advisory Committee (TAC).

3. If a trauma registry record is updated at the trauma center, the revised record shall be submitted to the EMS Agency.

4. The Imperial County Trauma Registry will be stored in a secure manner with access restricted to personnel operating within the trauma quality assurance program.

5. The Imperial County Trauma Registry will be utilized for quality assurance purposes and shall be protected from disclosure pursuant to California Evidence Code, Section 1157.7.

6. Each individual with access to the Imperial County Trauma Registry shall sign a TAC Confidentiality Agreement.

7. Aggregate data (without patient or facility identifiers) may be used for reports, public health surveillance, and injury prevention efforts in accordance with TAC expectations.

APPROVED:

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