

**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 Statewide Trauma Field Triage [Statewide Trauma Field Triage Criteria and Point of Entry Plan](#) for Adult and Pediatric Patients the following Region III Trauma Point-of-Entry Plan was established. In addition to the plan a list of American College of Surgeons (ACS) verified and DPH Designated Trauma Centers within Region III and adjacent regions has been included for reference.

**EMT and Advanced EMT:**

Critical Trauma Patients as defined by the Department of Public Health Trauma Field Triage Criteria (Physiological and Anatomical Box 2) shall be transported to the closest DPH Designated Trauma Center, or ACS verified trauma center if out of state, 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, or ACS verified trauma center if out of state, without delay.

**Advanced EMT and Paramedic:**

Critical Trauma Patients as defined by the Department of Public Health Trauma Triage Guidelines (Physiological and Anatomical Box 2) shall be transported to the closest most appropriate DPH Designated Trauma Center, or ACS verified trauma center if out of state, 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, or ACS verified trauma center if out of state, 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.

**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

**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 I Adult)
- Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston (ACS Verified Level I Adult and Level I Pediatric)
- Portsmouth Regional Hospital, Portsmouth, NH (ACS Verified Level II Adult)
- Tufts Medical Center and the Floating Hospital for Children, Boston (ACS Verified Level I Adult Trauma and Level I Pediatric Trauma)