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Trauma Care Guideline

Type and Severity of Pelvic and Acetabular Fractures that are treated at University of Minnesota Medical Center

Purpose:

To communicate the differentiation of the types of pelvic fractures that University of Minnesota Medical Center will retain or transfer.

Recommendation:

Fractures involving the pelvis and acetabulum that ***need*** operative treatment should be transferred to HCMC, North Memorial or Regions Hospital. Optimal stabilization and medical management should occur before transfer.

Fractures involving the pelvis and acetabulum that ***do not need*** operative treatment should be admitted to University of Minnesota Medical Center.

Additional References:

Definition of operative pelvis fracture:

- Any gap in the pubic symphysis greater than 2cm
- Any vertical translation of one hemi-pelvis relative to the other side
- Any open pelvis fracture
- Any pelvic ring injury with 2 or more fracture locations

Definition of operative acetabular fracture:

- Any intra articular fracture of the acetabulum
- Any open fracture
- Any concurrent femoral head/neck fracture

