



# McLean County Area EMS System

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All MCAEMS System Providers, Hospitals, and Dispatch Centers  
**FROM:** Michael Crabtree  
Quality Assurance Coordinator  
**DATE:** 4/15/2015  
**RE:** **Trauma Early Notification**

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Effective **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015**, the early trauma notification process shall be amended. Early trauma notifications shall occur only for trauma patients presenting to EMS with:

- Hemodynamic instability
- Penetrating trauma to the head, neck, and/or torso

This change comes about after multiple discussions with hospital, system, and physician leaders. The intent is to increase the overall efficiency of the trauma notification system. EMS providers and dispatch centers have been doing an excellent job appropriately utilizing the present early trauma notification procedure and **SHOULD NOT** view this change as any shortcoming on their part. Rather, this change serves to assist the Trauma Centers in managing how to categorize patients and notify trauma surgeons.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the EMS office.

Approved by Dr. J. Nilles 4/14/2015  
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