



PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION
EMS and Trauma Systems

Kate Brown, Governor

Oregon
Health
Authority

800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 465
Portland, OR 97232-2162
Office: 971-673-0520
Fax: 971-673-0555
www.healthoregon.org/ems

August 13, 2021

To: Trauma Program Managers

Re: Health Care Surge

Oregon is currently experiencing an unprecedented health care surge. The Oregon Health Authority EMS & Trauma Systems program wishes to assure Oregon Trauma Hospitals, Trauma Program Directors, and Trauma Medical Directors, that patient care is the priority of the Trauma System. Should trauma hospitals find that clinical personnel assigned to administrative duties, such as performance improvement reviews, or the trauma registry, are needed for the clinical care of patients, then it is appropriate that they be assigned clinical duties until the crisis has passed.

Trauma programs needing to postpone currently scheduled trauma surveys should contact the EMS & Trauma Systems program to schedule a new date. Postponed surveys will use materials prepared for the survey dates currently scheduled, and any awards of certification will be backdated to the currently scheduled survey date.

Thank you all for your dedication and for the quality care you are providing. For questions contact the Oregon Health Authority EMS & Trauma Systems program at: EMS.TRAUMA@dhsosha.state.or.us

Sincerely,

David Lehrfeld, MD
Medical Director
Oregon Health Authority
Emergency Medical Services & Trauma Systems