

## Clinical Structure of the Trauma Services Section

Trauma Services consists of multiple clinical teams that work coherently to provide care to all patients on the service. The following teams provide patient rounding and trauma coverage:

**SCCS team** – rounds on patients in the intensive care units

**Intermediate Care (IMC) and Ward team** – rounds on IMC and general ward patients

**Acute Care Surgery team** – covers daytime trauma and ACS consults/admissions

**Daytime trauma** – covers trauma and surgical patients in the Emergency Department

**Nighttime trauma** – covers all service patients in the hospital and the Emergency Department

**SCCS:** The SCCS is comprised of one Trauma/SCC faculty member, one or two PGY 2 IFH surgery residents, a PGY 3 emergency medicine resident from George Washington University Hospital (GW), and a midlevel practitioner. Fourth year medical students also rotate on the service intermittently. The multidisciplinary team also includes the ICU nurses, a nutritionist, respiratory care practitioners, physical and occupational therapists, pharmacists, and pharmacy residents and students.

A faculty member will round on the SCCS for the week from Monday through Sunday during the dayshift and also during the Sunday nightshift. Each remaining nightshift is covered by a different faculty member, with an SCCS faculty member in-house 24 hours a day.

New critical care consults (i.e. ICU patients) are seen by the SCCS team.

Sign out is conducted at each change of shift (a.m. and p.m.), via a face-to-face “walk rounds” in the TICU.

**IMC/Ward:** This team consists of one Trauma/SCC faculty member, a PGY 4 IFH surgery resident (the chief of the service), a PGY 1 IFH surgery resident, several midlevel practitioners, and medical or PA students. The teams round after morning report, and will cover any operations planned for patients on the service. The team hold afternoon sit-down rounds to review the care of patients during the day, and plan for the night.

**Acute Care Surgery/Daytime trauma:** A Trauma/SCC faculty member covers daytime trauma codes and consults, and emergency general surgery consults from the ER on select days, and from the inpatient units on all days.

**Night-time trauma:** A Trauma/SCC faculty member is present in the hospital every night and covers the entire clinical service (SCCS, IMC, ward), trauma codes and consults, and new ICU consults. This attending gives sign out in person to the daytime SCCS attending the next morning, before morning report.

**Weekend Coverage:** The SCCS attending and team do ICU rounds. The IMC/Ward attending and team round on all IMC, ward, and ACS patients. The IMC/Ward attending covers ER trauma until rounds are complete, after which the SCCS attending assumes coverage for the house.