



UTSW/Parkland BioTel EMS Alert

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EMS ALERT 22-004: Pediatric Trauma Center Destination Update

The purpose of this EMS Alert is to advise EMS personnel about an update to the approved PEDIATRIC trauma center destinations for the UTSW/Parkland BioTel EMS System.

➤ **Background:**

- Medical City Children's Hospital has recently downgraded their Pediatric Trauma Center designation to Level III (from Level II).
- Only Level I or Level II Trauma Centers are approved transport destinations in the BioTel System for patients who meet the Prehospital Trauma Center Triage Criteria outlined in the [Destination Decision-Making Policy](#).
- Previously, Medical City Children's Hospital was an approved transport destination for pediatric patients who met these Prehospital Trauma Center Triage Criteria.

➤ **Effective Immediately:**

- **Medical City Children's Hospital (Medical City Dallas) is no longer an approved transport destination for pediatric patients who meet any of the Prehospital Trauma Center Triage Criteria outlined in the [Destination Decision-Making Policy](#).**
- Children's Medical Center Dallas is the **ONLY** approved Trauma Center for pediatric patients younger than 14 years of age who meet any of the Prehospital Trauma Center Triage Criteria.
- Refer to the [Hospital Capabilities Matrix](#) for a list of approved, designated Level I or Level II Trauma Centers capable of receiving patients 14 years of age or older.

- Contact the BioTel Communications Center or your BioTel Agency Medical Director with questions or concerns.