

**PURPOSE:**

To outline the process of Trauma Center Designation for Level III and Level IV Trauma Centers.

**AUTHORITY:**

Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 7

**POLICY:**

Nor-Cal EMS does not view our classification of Trauma Centers as a ranking of medical care, but a ranking of resource depth. Commitment to quality care is expected to be the same, regardless of facility resources.

**LEVEL III/IV TRAUMA CENTER DESIGNATION PROCESS:**

1. Individual Receiving Facilities will request a Level III/IV Designation Application Packet and submit the completed application to Nor-Cal EMS documenting that their facility meets the criteria for the level of Trauma Center for which they are applying.
2. The Level III/IV Trauma Center Designation will be awarded for up to a five (5) year period.
3. At a minimum of every two (2) years after the designation has been awarded, an internal compliance audit shall be performed by Nor-Cal EMS. If requirements are not met by the Trauma Center, the Denial, Revocation or Suspension of Designation policy will be implemented.
4. A designation team, which may include the Medical Director, Trauma System Director, EMS Systems Director, and if available, two members from the Trauma Audit Committee shall perform an onsite review to determine that the designation criterion have been met.
  - a. If the criterion has been met, the designation will be awarded.
  - b. If the criterion has not met, recommendations will be made in writing, and a follow-up site review will be conducted as necessary.
  - c. If the facility is not compliant by the second review, one more opportunity to correct any deficiencies will be provided and a follow-up site review will be conducted as necessary.
  - d. If the facility is still not compliant, the designation process may be repeated after one (1) year.

**TRAUMA MARKETING AND ADVERTISING:**

5. Level III and Level IV Trauma Centers:
  - a. May NOT advertise/market using the term trauma.
  - b. May include the word “trauma” in position titles; may only use Medical Director of Trauma Services for their trauma services director.