


<b>Name of Policy:</b>	<b>Backboards</b>	 <b>Effective Date:</b> December 25, 2005
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<b>Department:</b>	Trauma Department	
<b>Approving Officer:</b>	Associate Executive Director/Associate Vice President	
<b>Responsible Agent:</b>	Director, Trauma Services	
<b>Scope:</b>	The University of Toledo Medical Center	
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**(A) Policy Statement**

Backboards will be removed from the Trauma Patient prior to leaving ED.

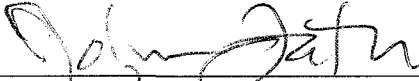
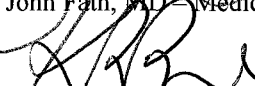
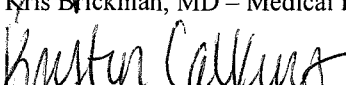

**(B) Purpose of Policy**

To maintain a consistent method to promote skin integrity. Ensure that the backboard is removed from the trauma patient in a timely manner (preferably 15 minutes from arrival to ED).

**(C) Procedure**

Identification of patient on backboard and removal

- The trauma service or ED Attending will identify that the patient is on a backboard with C-Spine precautions:
  - Neurovascular checks will be done as appropriate prior to and post logroll
  - All trauma patients will be log rolled and C-Spine precautions maintained to exam the back of the patient and to remove the backboard.
  - The patient will have backboard removed prior to leaving the ED for CT scan
  - Patient will remain flat on back until back is cleared by Trauma Services or ED Attending.
  - If Patient does not have a collar in place and is taped to the backboard, the backboard will not be removed until management of the C-Spine is implemented with a cervical collar.

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