I. PURPOSE: To standardize data elements collected from trauma care facilities to monitor, review, evaluate, and improve the delivery of prehospital advanced life support and hospital trauma care services.


III. POLICY: The following information shall be collected by Ventura County designated Trauma Centers and Community Hospitals and reported to the Ventura County EMS Agency.

IV. INCLUSION CRITERIA
   A. Diagnostic code for any injury included in the following range:
      
      AND
      
      At least one injury with a diagnostic code outside the following range:
      S00, S10, S20, S30, S40, S50, S60, S70, S80, S90
      
   B. Meets at least ONE of the following criteria
      a. Death
      b. Hospital admission as either observation or inpatient status
      c. Interfacility transfer to provide a higher level of trauma care (in or out)
      d. Meets prehospital trauma triage criteria for Step 1-4
      e. Trauma centers ONLY: full or limited trauma team activation
C. Data element description
   1. Trauma Centers
      a. Current data components for NTDS® (National Trauma Data Standard)
      b. Ventura County specific data
         1. Hospital account number for ED visit
         2. If transported to trauma center by ambulance
            A. ImageTrend incident number
            B. Trauma Step assigned by EMS
   2. Community hospitals
      a. Date of birth
      b. Date of ED arrival
      c. Date of admission
      d. Hospital account number
      e. ICD-10 codes
      f. Hospital outcome

D. Reporting
   1. Trauma Centers
      a. Complete spreadsheets as requested by EMS each quarter
      b. Fax or email to EMS any transfer of trauma patients for a higher level of care
      c. Comply with data collection as needed by EMS
   2. Community hospitals
      a. Fax or email to EMS any Emergent/Urgent trauma transfer
      b. Comply with data collection as needed by EMS