

Trauma Center Designation (Local EMS Agency) verses Verification (American College of Surgeons)

Trauma Center Designation:

Trauma Center designation in the State of California is the responsibility of local EMS agencies (LEMSA) in accordance with the California Health and Safety Code – Division 2.5 and California Code of Regulations - Title 22 (see links below). Trauma care systems and trauma center designation are part of the local trauma system as detailed in the LEMSA trauma plan approved by the EMS Authority.

Link to California Health and Safety Code – Division 2.5

<http://www.emsa.ca.gov/laws/files/division25.pdf>

Link to California Code of Regulations - Title 22

<http://www.emsa.ca.gov/laws/files/regs7.pdf>

Link to California designated Trauma Centers

http://www.emsa.ca.gov/systems/trauma/files/trma_ctr.pdf

Trauma Center Verification

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) has developed a verification process for trauma hospitals. The criteria developed by the ACS are similar but not identical to the California Code of Regulations – Title 22. Some LEMSAs utilize ACS verification as part of the designation process; however, ACS verification does not equate to LEMSA designation.

Link to ACS

<http://www.facs.org/trauma/verificationhosp.html>