



**FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**ORANGE COUNTY EMS FACILITY DESIGNATIONS**  
November 12, 2024

The following hospitals have applied to Orange County Emergency Medical Services (OCEMS) for Emergency Receiving Center (ERC) and/or Specialty status (Trauma Center/TC, Pediatric Trauma Center (Ped TC), Cardiovascular Receiving Center/CVRC, Stroke Neurology Receiving Center/SNRC, and Comprehensive Children’s Emergency Receiving Center/CCERC) designation or re-designation. This report summarizes the OCEMS review of their applications noting deficiencies, conditions and recommendations. Today, it is presented to the Facilities Advisory Committee for committee endorsement.

*General Findings:* The following facilities currently meet the designation requirements for Emergency Receiving Center and Specialty Center designation, when applicable. Endorsement considerations of designation are for one to three-year terms or otherwise specified as recommended by committee.

**FACILITIES – CONTINUING DESIGNATIONS**

**Orange County Global Medical Center**

**Trauma Center**

**ACS PRQ Shared with OCEMS:** 05/08/2024  
**ACS Site Survey Conducted:** 06/04 – 06/05/2024  
**ACS Summary Report Received:** 08/21/2024  
**Program Review Period:** 03/01/23 – 02/29/24

**Criteria Deficiencies:** ACS identified two non-compliant standards resulting in an unverification with their own corrective action plan to be completed prior to 06/06/2025.

|   | <b>ACS STANDARD</b>  | <b>STANDARD DEFINITION</b>   | <b>DESCRIPTION</b>  | <b>OCEMS CORRECTIVE ACTION</b>   | <b>DUE DATE</b>   |
|---|--|--|---|--|-------------------|
| 1 | <b>Non-Compliant with Standard 4.8 (Emergency Department Physician Coverage)</b> | In Level I and II trauma centers, a board-certified or board-eligible emergency medicine physician must be present in the emergency department at all times. | The ED has single physician coverage most of the time, and the ED physician is required to leave the ED to respond to in-house Code Blue events. This leaves the ED without an ED physician, an uncommon event but one the program acknowledges has happened. | Re-configure the ED coverage model or re-configure the Code Blue coverage model to ensure there is an ED physician in the ED at all times, with no gaps in coverage.<br><br><b>Hospital to submit a written ED coverage plan, a signed &amp; dated contract, and six months of call schedules showing change.</b>  | <b>05/01/2025</b> |
| 2 | <b>Non-Compliant with Standard 5.16 (Trauma Diversion Hours)</b>                 | All trauma centers must not exceed 400 hours of diversion during the reporting period.   | The hospital spends a significant amount of time on diversion, a total of 419 hours in the review year. The most common causes are ED and inpatient capacity issues, but there were also several cases of diversion for equipment issues.                     | Hospital to reduce trauma diversion to meet County standards for this conditional designation period and then to continuously maintain this reduction throughout their next review period.<br><br><b>Hospital to provide a trauma diversion reduction plan with specific goals, including action(s) to be taken should the diversion goals not be met.</b> | <b>01/01/2025</b> |



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In addition to the opportunities for improvement provided by the American College of Surgeons (ACS), OCEMS also recommends and reinforces the following. Action is expected; however, redesignation is not contingent on these actions.

**Recommendation 1:** Provide a formal one hour lecture on any Trauma related subject at a County-Wide meeting (such as: OCGMC Base REAC, No Fear Conference, Facilities Advisory Committee) once per year.

**Recommendation 2:** Provide a trauma report out which includes a case review at any other Base Hospital's REAC meeting twice per year.

**Recommendation 3:** Expand cardiothoracic surgery service coverage.

**Recommendation 4:** Expand trauma surgeon service coverage.

**Recommendation 2:** Expand anesthesiology service coverage.

**Endorsement Consideration:** **Eight (8) months (10/01/2024 – 06/01/2025) – conditional.**