



UTSW/BioTel EMS ALERT

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EMS ALERT 15-006

CHANGE in Upper Age Limit for Pediatric Trauma Patients Transported to Children's Medical Center Dallas Campus

Purpose:

To notify UTSW/BioTel EMS Providers that the upper age limit for pediatric trauma patients transported to the Children's Medical Center Dallas Campus will increase on January 1, 2016.

Background:

Currently, Children's Health-Children's Medical Center (formerly known as Children's Medical Center) Dallas Campus accepts from the field or scene trauma patients who have not yet reached their 14th birthday.

Critical Points, Effective January 1, 2016:

1. ***Children's Medical Center Dallas Campus will accept from the field or scene trauma patients who have not yet achieved their 15th birthday.***
2. This change does not affect any other Children's Health-Children's Medical Center campus, as the other campuses do not accept trauma patients.

Resources (accessed December 2, 2015):

1. [UTSW/BioTel EMS Guidelines for Therapy](#), especially the Trauma Treatment Guidelines (pages 62-65), and the Destination Policy (pages 99-105)

- ***UTSW/BioTel EMS Providers may contact BioTel or the [EMS Medical Direction Team](#) at any time with questions or concerns about this Alert, or about pediatric trauma patient transport decision-making***