Date: 7/15/2021

To: All Staff

From: Rich Cearns

Subject: Ground Level Fall – Trauma System Entry

All Staff,

Head strikes can be fatal for patients taking blood thinners (anticoagulants or antiplatelets). Effective today, Dr Adams has instituted the “head strike protocol” to provide uniform and expedited care for trauma patients taking preinjury anticoagulants and antiplatelet medications with suspected head injury.

So, starting today, 7/15/2021**, a ground level fall of any person of age with a known head strike, long bone fracture, or any significant bodily injury that are on anticoagulants and/or antiplatelet medications will be a mandatory trauma system entry.** This includes a daily does of Aspirin.

I am working on getting a list of the most common medications from the hospital.

This will be a change reflected in the T-3 protocol in the next print.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Rich