The Trauma Nurse Practitioner (TNP) is responsible for the assessment of the trauma patient and participation in the development of the plan of care from resuscitation to rehabilitation. The TNP will round daily and document the progress toward healing. The TNP will collaborate with other members of the healthcare team in the care of the injured patient and participate in discharge planning and patient/family teaching. The TNP will participate in department performance improvement and injury prevention activities.

**Education**
Graduate of an accredited Nurse Practitioner program with acute care qualifications/certification.

**Licenses and/or Certifications**
Board certification as a family or emergency nurse practitioner with additional education and certification as an acute care practitioner. Current Licensure by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas to practice professional nursing Must be current in CPR; ENPC, TNCC and have audited ATLS within 6 months of employment.
Recognition as an Advanced Nurse Practitioner by the Board of Nursing for the State of Texas

**Related Work Experience and Other Skills**
Membership and active participation in a relevant professional organization preferred

**Job Roles**
Assesses learning needs of patients, families and staff. Plans, provides and coordinates patient/family education in collaboration with other professionals.

Assumes responsibility for the development, implementation and evaluation of Standards of Advanced Nursing Practice/medical practice model.

Based on protocols, standing orders, or in collaboration with a physician, arranges for necessary laboratory, radiologic and/or other diagnostic tests to complete the assessment.

Collaborates, as needed with other health care professionals in the formulation and initiation of a health care plan.

Consultant: Serves as clinical consultant to other healthcare professionals.

Collaborates with all members of the team to plan, implement, monitor and evaluate care. Works to further establish advanced clinical expertise and skills within a specialized area of nursing.

Educator Assists in the evaluation of educational activities to determine impact on care.

Participates in regional and national conferences regarding care of the trauma patient. Participates in revision and creation of trauma documentation tools.

Evaluates outcomes of the healthcare plan and modifies as needed. Facilities discharge and follow up care. Dictates discharge summary. Performs a complete daily assessment on patients and completes comprehensive second day assessment (tertiary exam). Dictates admission history and physical.

Refers deviations from normal to the appropriate health care professional/practitioner.

Researcher: Participates in Trauma Research. Reviews and utilizes current literature and research findings relevant to the healthcare of trauma patients and their families.

Assists with implementing research findings and monitoring the impact on patient care outcomes. Develops and refines clinical pathways and protocols related to the care of specific injuries based upon literature and research results. Assists with product evaluation. Participates in performance improvement activities.

Assists in enrolling patients and data collection for all trauma service research projects.

Serves as a liaison between the inpatient and outpatient areas along with other health care professionals to develop comprehensive health care plans for trauma patients and their families.

Serves as a role model by demonstrating expertise and comprehensive knowledge in the delivery of healthcare to trauma patients and their families.

Works to establish and to promote a multi-disciplinary approach to patient care, as evidenced by attendance at multi-disciplinary rounds, ICU and surgical unit rounds. Documents daily progress.

-Other duties as assigned