

641—136.1(147A) Definitions. For the purposes of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

“*Cases*” means trauma patients that meet the trauma registry inclusion criteria.

“*Department*” means the Iowa department of public health.

“*Director*” means the director of the Iowa department of public health.

“*Health care providers*” for the purpose of this chapter includes licensed physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and registered nurses.

“*Inclusion criteria*” means criteria determined by the department and adopted by reference to determine which trauma patients are to be included in the trauma registry.

“*Reportable patient data*” means data and definitions determined by the department and adopted by reference to be reported to the trauma registry on trauma patients meeting the inclusion criteria.

“*Trauma care facility*” means a hospital or emergency care facility which provides trauma care and has been verified by the department as having Level I, Level II, Level III or Level IV care capabilities and has been issued a certificate of verification pursuant to Iowa Code section 147A.23(2)“c.”

“*Trauma patient*” means a victim of an external cause of injury that results in major or minor tissue damage or destruction caused by intentional or unintentional exposure to thermal, mechanical, electrical or chemical energy, or by the absence of heat or oxygen as defined in the “Iowa Trauma Patient Data Dictionary” as established in 136.2(1)“a.”

“*Trauma registry*” means the data repository operated by the department to collect and analyze reportable patient data on the incidence, severity, and causes of trauma, including the central registry for brain and spinal cord injuries (rule 641—21.1(135)) and farm-related injuries.

“*Trauma survey team*” means a group of health care providers contracted by the department to assist in verifying trauma care facilities’ compliance with trauma criteria adopted by reference in 641—subrule 134.2(3).

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