

PEEL REGIONAL PARAMEDICS

Golden Hour in Trauma Care

- Trauma is the leading cause of death for people under 40
- Getting critically injured patients to definitive trauma care in the first hour after injury improves outcomes.
- Local hospitals do not have the experience or expertise to care for these patients

Trauma Care in Ontario

- There are 11 lead trauma hospitals in Ontario
- Injured people have access to a variety of 24 hour specialties in order to receive needed care when cared for at a lead trauma hospital
- Current Provincial standards allow paramedics to bypass to a lead trauma hospital if they can reach their destination within 30 minutes
- Standards allow local agreements to expand the transport window to 60 minutes
- Local agreements are inconsistent and require the consent of many local hospitals. This red tape is killing people.
- Peel Regional Paramedic Services has been attempting unsuccessfully to secure a local agreement for 4 years. Lack of agreement has left many residents of Brampton and Caledon without direct access to expert trauma care.
- Inability to transport trauma patients directly to a trauma centre may delay their access to definitive care by 3-6 hours

The Ask

- Support for a change in provincial regulation to allow paramedics to bypass local hospitals for appropriate trauma patients within 60 minutes of a lead trauma hospital.

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