

Registry rules require that ALL runs (both medical and trauma) be submitted to the Registry within 90 days of occurrence.

Frequently the Registry gets calls from entities that have not been submitting data regularly for reasons usually related to lack of time and personnel. Because we understand these issues only too well, our stock reply is to say, “If you are unable to submit all runs by the deadline then submit trauma runs first and submit all other runs as time permits.” At no time have we ever stated that entities should submit only trauma runs. Because of this misunderstanding, Registry staff will be revisiting the stock reply, and will consider insisting that entities stick to the letter of the law no matter what circumstances exist.

In the future, we will also make sure to clarify with entities that Registry requirement and RAC requirements may be different and that they should be sure to contact their RAC personnel for those specific requirements.

Though submission of data is a time consuming activity, it is extremely important in enabling epidemiological analyses of injuries in any given area. The data is the tool we use to conduct all sorts of public health activities.