

Table 1: Appropriate/inappropriate transferring diagnoses*

Appropriate (n = 112)	Inappropriate (n = 104)
Pelvic fractures	Closed distal radius fracture
Pilon fracture	Rami fractures
Open tibial plateau fracture	Closed ankle fracture
Open intra-articular distal humerus fracture	Femur fracture
Compartment syndrome	Elbow dislocation
Slipped capital femoral epiphysis	Proximal humerus fracture
Table saw injury to hand	Felon
Flexor tenosynovitis	Closed midshaft radius/ulna fracture
Multitrauma	Closed metacarpal fractures
	Femoral neck fracture
	Intertrochanteric fracture
	Patella fracture
	Fibula fracture
	Metatarsal fracture

**Transfers were designated as appropriate or inappropriate based only on the diagnosis of transfer information; inappropriate transfers were defined as patients who could have been managed by the board-certified residency-trained general orthopaedists in the community.*