



TIME CRITICAL DIAGNOSIS MANUAL

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DISTRIBUTION: All Emergency Medical Services and Designated Trauma Center Personnel

PURPOSE: To distinguish trauma patients by the severity of symptoms in order to guide the transport to the appropriate designated trauma center.

Trauma I (RED)

- Glasgow Coma Scale < 14 at time of report
- Systolic Blood Pressure: ADULTS <90 at any time and/or clinical signs of shock
PEDS 0-12 months < 70
1-5 yrs < 80
6-12 yrs < 90
and/or clinical signs of shock
- Respiratory rate: ADULTS < 10 or > 29
PEDS: 0-12 months > 60
1-5 years > 44
6-12 years > 30
13 years or older > 22
- Heart Rate: ADULTS >120, and/or clinical signs of shock
PEDS: 0-12 months > 160
1-5 years > 130
6-12 years > 115
13 years or older > 100
and/or clinical signs of shock
- All penetrating injuries to head, neck, torso, boxer short and T-shirt coverage areas
- Airway compromise or obstruction, flail chest, hemo- or pneumothorax, patients intubated on scene
- Two or more proximal long-bone fractures
- Extremity trauma with loss of distal pulses
- Amputation proximal to wrist and ankle
- Pelvic fractures
- Open or depressed skull fractures
- Paralysis or signs of spinal cord or cranial nerve injury
- Active or uncontrolled hemorrhage
- BURNS: ADULTS: Major burns >20% BSA or any signs of inhalation injury
PEDS: BURNS > 10% BSA or any signs of inhalation injury
(burn protocol addresses electrocution)
- PEDS other:
 - Maxillo-facial or upper airway injury
 - 2 or more extremity fractures

Trauma II (YELLOW)

- Falls
 - ADULTS: > or = 20 ft (one story = 10 ft.)
 - PEDS: > or = 10 ft.
- High-risk auto crash
 - Intrusion: > 12 in occupant site; > 18 inches in any site
 - Ejection (partial or complete) from automobile or rollover
 - Death in same passenger compartment
 - Vehicle telemetry data consistent with high risk of injury or highway speed
- High-risk Pedestrian, Cycle, ATV Crash
 - Auto v. Pedestrian/bicyclist thrown, run over, or with significant (> or = 20 mph) impact
 - Motorcycle or ATV crash > or = 20 mph with separation of rider or with roll-over
- Crush, degloved, or mangled extremity
- One proximal long-bone fracture and All open fractures
- Penetrating injuries distal to T-shirt and boxer area to wrist and to ankle
- Assault with prolonged Loss of Consciousness
- Pregnancy with acute abdominal pain and traumatic event
- Non-major burns with associated trauma
- PEDS other:
 - Seat Belt Sign
 - Unrestrained child 8 years of age or younger

Trauma III (GREEN)

- Age
 - OLDER ADULTS: > age 55
 - PEDS: < 15 years –potential for admission triage preferentially to pediatric capable trauma centers
- Falls:
 - ADULTS 5-20 Feet
 - PEDS < 10 feet
- Burns
 - Non-major burns without other trauma mechanism: Triage to burn facility (will follow burn protocol)
 - PEDS: Burns < 10%
- Lower-risk Crash
 - MVC < 40 MPH or UNK speed,
 - Auto v. Pedestrian/bicyclist with <20 mph impact
 - Motorcycle or ATV crash < 20 mph with separation of rider or rollover
- Amputation distal to wrist or ankle of two or more digits
- Medical Co-Morbidity
 - Anticoagulation and bleeding disorder
 - End-stage renal disease requiring dialysis
 - All pregnant patients involved in traumatic event
- Penetrating injury distal to wrist or ankle
- Assault without Loss of Consciousness
- Suspected child or elder abuse
- Near drowning/ Near hanging
- EMS provider judgment