

TRAUMA FIELD TRIAGE CRITERIA

A licensee providing emergency medical care to a patient at the scene of an injury shall use the following procedures to identify and care for patients with traumas:

1. Step 1: If the patient's:

- (a) Score on the Glasgow Coma Scale or, if the patient is a pediatric patient, his score on the modified Glasgow Coma Scale is not more than 13;
- (b) Systolic blood pressure is less than 90;
- (c) Respiratory rate is less than 10 or greater than 29; or
- (d) Revised trauma score is less than 11,

the patient **MUST** be transported to a center for the treatment of trauma. If the patient is not required to be transported, the licensee providing emergency medical care shall assess the patient's condition based upon the degree of injury to the anatomy and the mode of injury.

2. Step 2: If the patient:

- (a) Has a penetrating injury to the head, neck, torso or the extremities proximal to the elbow or knee;
- (b) Has at least two proximal long bone fractures;
- (c) Has a fracture of the pelvis;
- (d) Has a combination of trauma with burns;
- (e) Has a flail chest;
- (f) Has an amputation proximal to the wrist or ankle;
- (g) Has acute paralysis;
- (h) Has an open and depressed fracture of the skull; or
- (i) Has major burns,

the patient **MUST** be transported to a center for the treatment of trauma. If the patient is not required to be transported, the licensee providing emergency medical care shall evaluate the patient to determine the method of injury and the existence of any high-energy impact.

3. Step 3: If the patient has experienced a high-impact blow to the body which may include:

- (a) A fall of at least 20 feet;
- (b) A motor vehicle accident in which:
 - (1) The motor vehicle was traveling at a speed of at least 40 miles per hour immediately before the accident occurred;
 - (2) There was at least 20 inches of severe damage to the body of the motor vehicle;
 - (3) There was a 12-inch intrusion into the passenger's compartment;
 - (4) The patient was ejected from the motor vehicle;

- (5) The period required to extricate the patient from the motor vehicle was more than 20 minutes;
- (6) The motor vehicle rolled over;
- (7) A person riding in the motor vehicle with the patient died as a result of the accident;
- (8) The patient was riding on a motorcycle that was traveling at a speed of at least 20 miles per hour when the accident occurred; or
- (9) The patient was thrown from a motorcycle driven by him;
- (c) As a pedestrian, being run over by a vehicle or thrown any distance by the impact of a vehicle, regardless of the rate of speed of the vehicle; or
- (d) Being struck as a pedestrian or bicyclist by a vehicle traveling at a speed of at least 6 miles per hour,

the patient **MUST** be transported to a center for the treatment of trauma. For patients who are injured outside a 50 mile radius from a trauma center, the licensee providing emergency medical care shall call and consider transport to the nearest receiving facility.

The person licensed to provide emergency medical care at the scene of an injury shall transport a patient to a designated center for the treatment of trauma based on the following guidelines:

Sunrise Hospital Catchment Area

Trauma calls that meet Step 1, 2, or 3 of the Trauma Field Triage Criteria Protocol and occur within the geographical area bordered by Paradise Road to the west, Sahara Avenue to the north, Sunset Road to the south and the county line to the east are to be transported to Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center and the medical directions for the treatment of the patient must originate at that center.

In addition, trauma calls that meet Step 1 or 2 of the Trauma Field Triage Criteria Protocol and occur within the City of Henderson or the geographical area bordered by Paradise Road to the west continuing along that portion where it becomes Maryland Parkway, Sunset Road to the north, and the county line to the east are to be transported to Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center and the medical directions for the treatment of the patient must originate at that center.

St. Rose Siena Hospital Catchment Area

Trauma calls that meet Step 3 only of the Trauma Field Triage Criteria Protocol and occur within the City of Henderson or the geographical area bordered by I-15 to the west and Sunset Road to the north and the county line to the east are to be transported to St. Rose Siena Hospital and the medical directions for the treatment of the patient must originate at that center;

University Medical Center Catchment Area

Trauma calls that meet Trauma Field Triage Criteria Protocol and occur within any other area of Clark County are to be transported to University Medical Center/Trauma and the medical directions for the treatment of the patient must originate at that center.

All trauma calls that meet Trauma Field Triage Criteria Protocol, regardless of location, that are transported by Air Ambulance are to be transported to University Medical Center/Trauma and the medical directions for the treatment of the patient must originate at that center.

Trauma calls that meet both the Trauma Field Triage Criteria Protocol and Burn Criteria Protocol should be transported to UMC Trauma Center.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Nothing contained within these guidelines precludes transport to any trauma facility if, in the provider's judgment, time to transport to the designated center would be unduly prolonged due to traffic and / or weather conditions and might jeopardize the patient's condition.
2. Additionally, nothing contained within these guidelines precludes transport to the closest facility if, in the provider's judgment, an inability to adequately ventilate the patient might result in increased patient mortality.