

VIDANT TRAUMA CENTER

REGIONAL TRAUMA PATIENT TRANSFER CRITERIA



DOES PATIENT MEET CRITERIA BELOW FOR TRAUMA CENTER TRANSFER?

IF YES

PLEASE CALL
7828
1-800-672-STAT
WITHOUT DELAY

HELICOPTER OR GROUND TRANSPORT WILL BE DISPATCHED IMMEDIATELY
REFERRING PROVIDER WILL BE CONNECTED TO ACCEPTING TRAUMA SURGEON

TRAUMA RED ACTIVATION CRITERIA

- ADULT Shock:** Blood Pressure <90 at any time
- PEDIATRIC Shock:** SBP < 70mmHg + (2 x age in years)
- ADULT Respiratory Distress:** respiratory rate <10 or >29 at any time in Adults
- PEDIATRIC Respiratory Distress:** Infant 0-<2 (<30 or >60), Toddler 2-5 (<24 or >40), School Age 6-12 (<13 or >30) and Adolescent >12 years of age (<12 or >26)
- Airway Compromise and/or intubation
- Receiving blood to maintain vital signs
- Unresponsive – Glasgow Coma Scale Score <9 with mechanism attributed to trauma
- Gunshot/penetrating wounds to the head, neck, chest, or abdomen or extremities proximal to or including the elbow/knee

TRAUMA YELLOW ACTIVATION CRITERIA

- Depressed skull fracture
- Paralysis (Spinal cord injury-confirmed or suspected)
- Pulseless extremity (Vascular compromise or suspected)
- Amputation above the wrist or the ankle (proximal)
- Crush, instability or flail of chest
- Two or more proximal long bone fractures (femur and/or humerus)
- Burns: > 10% TBSA (second or third degree) and/or inhalation injury
***MD to provider communication may result in direct transfer to a burn center**
- GCS 9- 12 with traumatic mechanism
- Abdominal injury by CT scan
- Patients with upper/ lower extremity deformities/ or large soft tissue injury with significant mechanism:** Falls > 20 feet, Pedestrian hit (thrown or run over), Motorcycle crash > 20 mph with separation of rider and bike, Motor vehicle crash with: ejection, rollover, speed > 40 mph, or a death at the scene
- Crushed, degloved or mangled extremity
- All patients >65 excluding falls from ground level, including chair, wheelchair, bed, or toilet

TRAUMA GREEN ACTIVATION CRITERIA

- Stable pelvic fractures
- Stable chest injuries (e.g. rib fractures, sternal fractures, & pneumothorax)
- Brain injury (confirmed or suspected) with GCS 13-15
- Abdominal pain with significant trauma mechanism (see above criteria)
- Spine fracture (without paralysis)
- Snakebites without any of the above criteria