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Chief, Emergency Medical Services

**I. INTENT:**

To establish patient triage criteria and standards. This policy shall direct transportation of trauma patients to the closest, most appropriate level of trauma care.

**II. AUTHORITY:**

- A. Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Ch. 6, Art. 2.5, §1798.160.
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Ch. 7, Art. 1, §100252.

**III. APPLICATION:**


These criteria apply to any assessment by EMS personnel at the scene.

**IV. PHYSIOLOGIC CRITERIA:**

- A. GCS < 14
- B. Systolic BP < 90 mm Hg or age appropriate if pediatric (see PD# 9016)
- C. Respiratory rate < 10 or > 29 or age appropriate if pediatric (see PD# 9016)

**V. ANATOMIC CRITERIA:**

- A. Penetrating wounds to the head, neck, thorax, abdomen, pelvis, or extremities proximal to the elbow or knee including impaled objects.
- B. Chest injuries resulting in an unstable chest wall or flail chest.
- C. Trauma resulting in paralysis.
- D. Two or more proximal long bone fractures.
- E. Any patient at the extremes of age (pediatric and adult) who has suffered major injury and/or where physical examination or assessment is difficult.

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- F. Pelvic fractures.
- G. Amputations proximal to wrist or ankle.
- H. Traumatic Burns:
  1. Anyone with 9% or larger TBSA.
  2. Any electric burn.

**VI. MECHANISM OF INJURY CRITERIA**  
**(Patient must have an injury or complaint)**

- A. Surviving victims of any vehicular accident in which fatalities occurred in the same passenger compartment.
- B. Falls *greater than* two stories or twenty (20) feet.
- C. Auto-pedestrian / auto-bike > 5 mph impact or patient thrown or patient run over.
- D. Persons ejected from any motorized vehicle or horse.
- E. Patients requiring extrication greater than 20 minutes.
- F. High speed auto accident > 40 mph estimated speed.
- G. Vehicle Rollover.
- H. Intrusion into passenger compartment > 12 inches.

**VII. ADDITIONAL CRITERIA**

- A. If there is a clear history of a loss of consciousness and none of the above criteria are met then contact a trauma base for consultation to determine appropriate patient destination.
- B. Critical Trauma Patients who do not meet physiological criteria with the following conditions will normally be transported to UCDCMC:

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1. Traumatic amputations proximal to the wrist and/or the ankle.

2. Traumatic burns >9% TBSA.

C. Patients less than 15 years of age will be transported to UCDCMC if they meet ANY trauma triage condition with the following exceptions:

1. Pediatric Critical Trauma patients with no effective established airway may be transported to the closest available facility.

2. Traumatic CPR - transport to the time closest designated trauma center.

Cross Reference: Trauma Destination, PD #5052.  
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