

Trauma Activation Criteria

TRAUMA CODE	TRAUMA ALERT
Criteria: Unstable	Criteria: Stable
<p>Airway*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intubation/assisted ventilation • Significant maxillofacial injury w/potential airway obstruction <p>Breathing*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respiratory arrest with trauma • Respiratory distress (ineffective respiratory effort, stridor or grunting) with trauma <p>Circulation: PALS Criteria for Shock*</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>0-28 days</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Systolic BP less than 60</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>1 month - 10 years of age</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Systolic BP less than: BP 70 + 2x age years</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>10 years and older</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Systolic BP less than 90</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical signs of shock Pale; cold; clammy; tachycardia with weak pulses; capillary refill greater than 3 sec assuming a warm environment; depressed mental status; tachypnea • Transfer from another hospital receiving blood, fluids, or medications to maintain vital signs* <p>Neurological</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCS less than or equal to 8* • Suspected spinal cord injury associated with neurological deficits • Suspected head injury (GCS <12) with major torso or extremity injury <p>Specific Traumatic Injury</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penetrating injury to head, neck, torso, groin (GSW, impaling injuries)* • Open chest wound • High voltage electrical and lightning injuries • Any burn with hypotension or threatened airway patency • Amputation proximal to ankle/wrist • Flail chest <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request of Trauma Code by pre-hospital providers according to EMS protocols • Emergency Physician's Discretion* 	<p>Injuries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diminished mental status (GCS 9-13) • Open or depressed skull fracture • Significant, blunt maxillofacial trauma • Suspected pelvic ring fracture • Partial or full thickness burns greater than 20% BSA or inhalation injury • Deep penetrating injuries to proximal extremities • Two or more long bone fractures without neurovascular compromise <p>Mechanisms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death or severe injury of same-car occupant • Ejection from motorized vehicle • Submersion injuries <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Physician's Discretion • Stable trauma transfers less than 24 hours post injury that initially met code criteria • Request of Trauma Alert by pre-hospital providers according to EMS protocols
CONSULT/EVALUATION	
Criteria: Stable	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspicion of/confirmed non-accidental trauma requiring admission • Any trauma related injury where two or more systems are involved • Stable trauma transfers excluding single system injuries • Partial thickness burns not meeting alert or code criteria • Any trauma service admission that is not an alert or code • Emergency Physician's Discretion
	<p>*Mandatory criteria as defined by ACS</p>
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