

# **CRITERIA FOR TRAUMA TEAM ACTIVATION**

## **TRAUMA ALERT PROTOCOL**

### **PURPOSE:**

*To provide an immediate trauma system response for the trauma patient meeting the following criteria:*

### **AIRWAY**

*Life threatening  
Compromise*

1. Field intubations/Surgical Airway
2. Requires immediate intubations
3. Requires surgical airway

### **BREATHING**

1. Respiratory rate  $>30$  or  $<10$   
Pediatric  $>40$  or  $<15$
2. Blunt chest trauma affecting  
Oxygenation/ventilation

### **CIRCULATION**

1. BP  $<90$  systolic  
Pediatric for age 2 or less  $<80$  systolic.
2. Tachycardic  $\geq 130$
3. Patient requiring blood administration enroute.

### **DISABILITY**

1. Unconsciousness, posturing, paralysis,  
Seizure, paresthesias.
2. GCS  $\leq 11$   
Pediatric GCS  $\leq 12$  (altered responsiveness)

### **EXPOSURE**

1. Penetrating injuries to neck, trunk or head
2. Major amputations
3. Crush injuries to torso or upper thighs
4.  $>20\%$  burns or any burns involving airway.

### **PHYSIOLOGIC**

1. Any viable pregnancy with significant MOI  
(e.g.: ejection, rollover, fatality, intrusion etc.)
2. Extremes of age:  $<5$  or  $>65$  with significant MOI  
(e.g.: ejection, rollover, fatality, intrusion etc.) and/or  
Co-morbid conditions (e.g.: coagulopathies.)

**Lifeguard Dispatch activates Trauma Alert per Criteria.**  
**Emergency Dept MD/RN can activate upon presentation if not done PTA.**

**251-3700 = TAP**

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