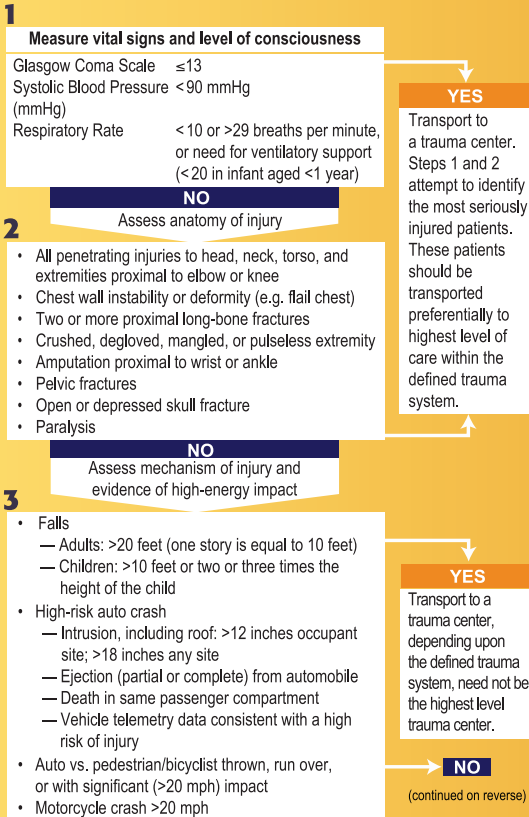


2011 Guidelines for Field Triage of Injured Patients



NO

Assess special patient or
system considerations

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- Older Adults
 - Risk of injury/death increases after age 55 years
 - SBP <110 may represent shock after age 65
 - Low impact mechanisms (e.g. ground level falls) may result in severe injury
- Children
 - Should be triaged preferentially to pediatric capable trauma centers
- Anticoagulants and bleeding disorders
 - Patients with head injury are at high risk for rapid deterioration
- Burns
 - Without other trauma mechanism: triage to burn facility
 - With trauma mechanism: triage to trauma center
- Pregnancy >20 weeks
- EMS provider judgment

YES

Transport to a trauma center or hospital capable of timely and thorough evaluation and initial management of potentially serious injuries. Consider consultation with medical control.

NO

Transport according to protocol

When in doubt, transport to a trauma center.

Find the plan to save lives, at www.cdc.gov/Fieldtriage