

EMERGENCY TRANSPORTS AND ALS RENDEZVOUS

GENERAL TRAUMA

- ✓ Injuries resulting in unstable vital signs, altered level of consciousness, or severe anatomic injuries
- ✓ Injuries associated with severe mechanisms or comorbid factors which increase the likelihood of immediate complications or deterioration which would require immediate hospitalization or ALS intervention

GENERAL MEDICAL

- ✓ Medical emergencies resulting in unstable vital signs or altered level of consciousness
- ✓ Medical emergencies associated with the potential for significant complications requiring immediate hospitalization or ALS intervention

SPECIFIC INJURY CONDITIONS REQUIRING EMERGENCY TRANSPORT AND/OR ALS RENDEZVOUS

1. Vital signs and level of consciousness:
 - A. Shock: Systolic Blood Pressure < 90
 - B. Respiratory Distress: Respiratory Rate < 10 or > 29
 - C. Altered Mentation: Glasgow Coma Score < 13
2. Anatomy of Injury:
 - A. Penetrating injury of head, neck, torso, or groin
 - B. Combination of burns > 20% of total body surface or involving face, airway, hands, feet, and genitalia
 - C. Amputation above wrist or ankle
 - D. Spinal cord injury
 - E. Flail chest
 - F. Two or more obvious proximal long bone fractures
3. Consider emergency transport and/or ALS rendezvous if the following conditions apply:

- A. Biomechanics of injury
 - a. Death of same car occupant
 - b. Ejection of patient from enclosed vehicle
 - c. Falls > 20 feet
 - d. Pedestrian hit at > 20 mph or thrown 15 feet
 - e. Rollover
 - f. Motorcycle, ATV, or bicycle accident
 - g. Extrication time > 20 minutes
 - h. Significant intrusion
- B. Comorbid factors
 - a. Extremes of age (< 12 years old or > 60 years old)
 - b. Hostile environment (extremes of heat or cold)
 - c. Medical illness (such as **COPD**, CHF, renal failure, etc.)
 - d. Presence of intoxicants
 - e. Second/third trimester pregnancy
 - f. Emergency care provider judgment of injury severity
- C. Emergency care provider judgment of injury severity

SPECIFIC MEDICAL CONDITIONS REQUIRING EMERGENCY TRANSPORT AND/OR ALS RENDEZVOUS

- ✓ Cardiopulmonary arrest
- ✓ Acute myocardial infarction
- ✓ Respiratory distress
- ✓ Altered level of consciousness (**Glasgow Coma Scale** < 13)
- ✓ **Seizures**
- ✓ CVA
- ✓ G.I. bleeding
- ✓ **Anaphylaxis**
- ✓ Near drowning
- ✓ Imminent birth
- ✓ **Severe sepsis**