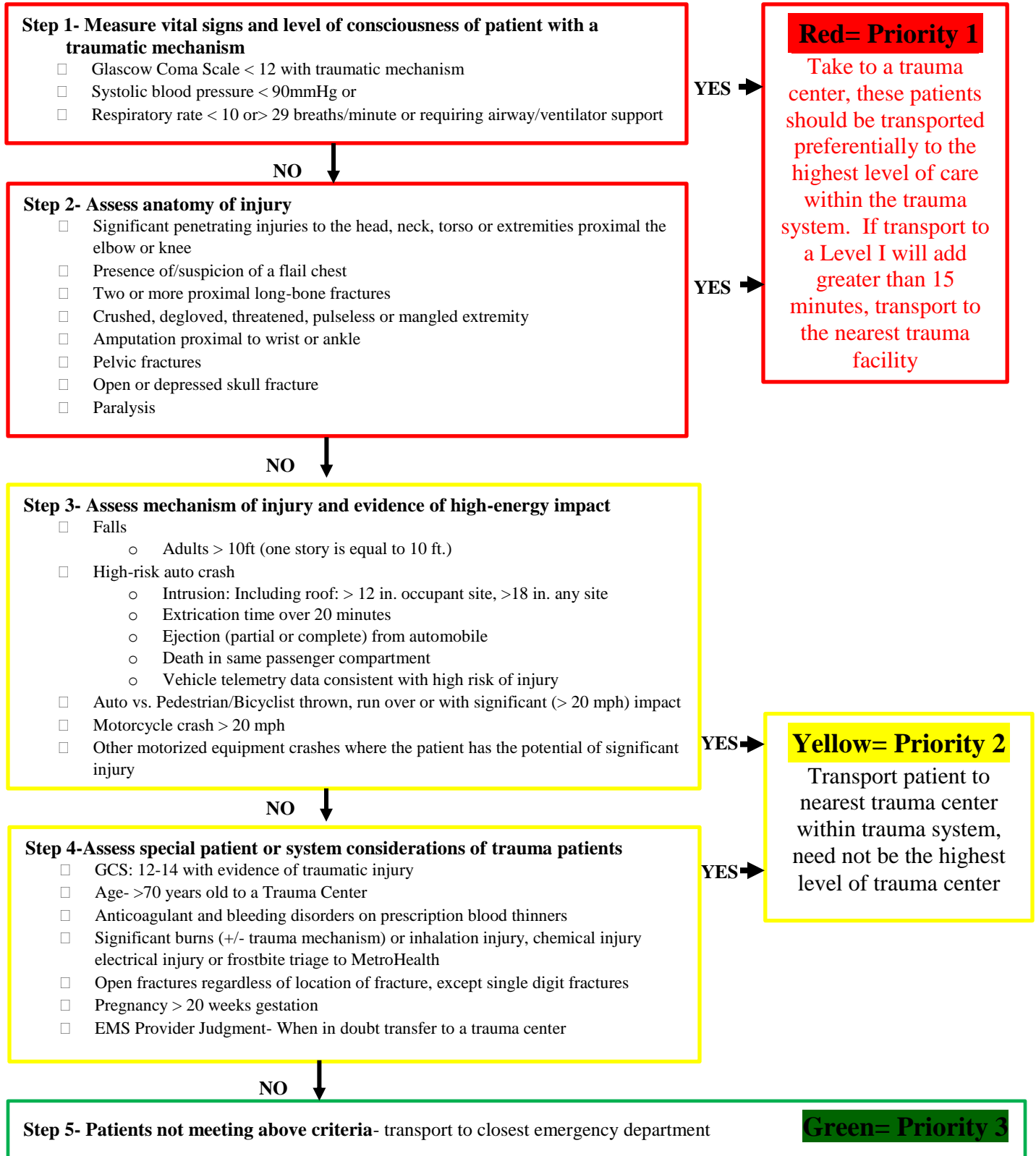




Section 6: Adult Trauma Protocols

ADULT TRAUMA: TRAUMA TRIAGE GUIDELINES

EMS shall use the following criteria an adult trauma victim (>16 years old) in conjunction with the definition of trauma according to the State of Ohio Trauma Triage Guidelines





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PEARLS and KEY POINTS

Field Trauma Triage Criteria: Mechanism of Injury (MOI) & Special Considerations

Co-Morbid Diseases and Special Considerations:

- Age < 70
- Cardiac disease
- Respiratory disease
- Diabetes
- Immunosuppression
- Morbid obesity
- Pregnancy
- Substance abuse / intoxication
- Liver disease
- Renal disease
- Bleeding disorder / anticoagulation

Exceptions to Mandatory Transport to a Trauma Center:

- Emergency Medical Service personnel shall transport a trauma victim directly to an adult or pediatric trauma center that is qualified to provide appropriate adult or pediatric care, unless one or more of the following exceptions apply:
 1. It is medically necessary to transport the victim to another hospital for initial assessment and stabilization before transfer to an adult or pediatric trauma center;
 2. It is unsafe or medically inappropriate to transport the victim directly to an adult or pediatric trauma center due to adverse weather or ground conditions or excessive transport time;
 3. Transporting the victim to an adult or pediatric trauma center would cause a shortage of local emergency medical service resources;
 4. No appropriate adult or pediatric trauma center is able to receive and provide adult or pediatric trauma care to the trauma victim without undue delay;
 5. Before transport of a patient begins, the patient requests to be taken to a particular hospital that is not a trauma center or, if the patient is less than eighteen years of age or is not able to communicate, such a request is made by an adult member of the patient's family or a legal representative of the patient.



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GLASCOW COMA SCALE				
EYE OPENING		Spontaneous	Spontaneous	4
		To voice	To voice	3
		To pain	To pain	2
		None	None	1
VERBAL RESPONSE		Oriented	Coos, babbles	5
		Confused	Irritable cry, inconsolable	4
		Inappropriate	Cries to pain,	3
		Garbled speech	Moans to pain	2
		None	None	1
MOTOR RESPONSE		Obeys commands	Normal movements	6
		Localizes pain	Withdraws to touch	5
		Withdraws to pain	Withdraws to pain	4
		Flexion	Flexion	3
		Extension	Extension	2
		Flaccid	Flaccid	1

TRAUMA ASSESSMENT CHARTS		
REVISED TRAUMA SCORE		
		RTS
GLASGOW COMA SCALE	13 – 15	4
	9 – 12	3
	6 – 8	2
	4 – 5	1
	0 – 3	0
RESPIRATORY RATE	GREATER THAN 29	4
	10 – 29	3
	6 – 9	2
	1 – 5	1
	0	0
SYSTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE	GREATER THAN 89	4
	76 – 89	3
	50 – 75	2
	1 – 49	1
	0	0