Table 6-3: Criteria for Trauma Center Transport

Does the patient have...?

Uncontrollable Airway?

YES

Transport to the Nearest Trauma Center (Level I/II or III)

NO

EMS Witnessed BLUNT Traumatic Arrest

YES

ADULTS: Level I/II Trauma Center
PEDIATRIC: Level I Pediatric Trauma Ctr.

If above not possible within 20 minutes,
ADULTS: Level III Trauma Center
PEDIATRIC: Any Trauma Ctr.
(Level I/II preferred)

NO

EMS Witnessed PENETRATING Traumatic Arrest

YES

ADULTS: Level I/II Trauma Center
PEDIATRIC: Level I Pediatric Trauma Ctr.

If above not possible within 45 minutes,
ADULTS: Level III Trauma Center
PEDIATRIC: Any Trauma Ctr.
(Level I/II preferred)

NO

Physiologic Parameters?

- Hemodynamic compromise (Hypotension (for age) or Absent Peripheral Pulses)
- Respiratory compromise (RR < 10 or > 30)
- Altered Mental Status (GCS < 13, AVPU = P or U)

YES

ADULTS: Level I/II Trauma Center
PEDIATRIC: Level I Pediatric Trauma Ctr.

If above not possible within 45 minutes,
ADULTS: Level III Trauma Center
PEDIATRIC: Any Trauma Ctr.
(Level I/II preferred)

NO

Anatomical Injuries?

- Penetrating injury to head, neck, torso or groin
- Burns > 20% TBSA or in combinations with burns involving the face, airway, hands, feet or genitalia
- Extremity injuries - Any of the Following: 1)Total or Partial Amputation above the digits, 2)Use of Tourniquet or 3)Absence of Distal Pulses
- Paralysis or suspected spinal injury
- Two or more long bone fractures
- Open or suspected depressed skull fracture
- Unstable pelvis or suspected pelvic fracture

YES

ADULTS: Level I/II Trauma Center
PEDIATRIC: Level I Pediatric Trauma Ctr.

If above not possible within 45 minutes,
ADULTS: Level III Trauma Center
PEDIATRIC: Any Trauma Ctr.
(Level I/II preferred)

NO

Mechanism of Injury?

- High Risk Motor Vehicle Incident - Any of the Following: 1)Partial or Complete Ejection, 2)Death in Same Passenger Compartment or 3)Extended Extrication Time due to Vehicle Damage
- Auto-pedestrian injury with significant impact (> 5 MPH)
- Motorcycle crash > 20 MPH or with separation of rider from motorcycle
- Fall from 20 feet or higher (1 story is 10 feet)

YES

Patients who meet criteria for a Level I, II, or III trauma center based on Physiologic Parameters or Anatomical Injuries shall be transported Priority 2 (at a minimum). A report shall be given to Telemetry to ensure early notification of the receiving hospital.

NO

High Risk Trauma Patient?

- Age < 5 or > 55 years
- Anticoagulation and Bleeding Disorders
- Pregnancy > 20 weeks

YES

Transport to Level III Trauma Center

NO

Any appropriate General Care Hospital