

Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

DD-15 FIELD TRIAGE OF TRAUMA PATIENTS TO THE NEAREST HOSPITAL

All Trauma patients shall be transported to the nearest hospital or trauma center as outlined in the Regional Plan unless specifically ordered by medical control. See Bypass SOP A-15.

General Criteria for transport to the nearest hospital/trauma center:

1. Mechanism of Injury:
 - 1.1. Deceleration Injury:
 - 1.1.1. High energy transfer due to rapid deceleration with blunt chest or abdominal injury.
 - 1.1.2. Falls of 20 feet or greater (adults).
 - 1.2. Motor Vehicle Collision:
 - 1.2.1. Extrication time of 20 minutes or more.
 - 1.2.2. Passenger space invaded by 12 or more inches.
 - 1.2.3. Ejection from the passenger compartment.
 - 1.2.4. Fatality at the scene within the same motor vehicle.
 - 1.2.5. Rollover.
 - 1.3. Major Burn by ABA Classification:
 - 1.3.1. All patients with burns over 20% BSA, 10% in children <10 and adults >50.
 - 1.3.2. Full thickness burns over 10% or more BSA.
 - 1.3.3. All burns involving face, eyes, hands, feet or perineum that can cause functional impairment.
 - 1.3.4. All burns due to caustic chemical agents.
 - 1.3.5. All high-voltage electrical burns.
 - 1.3.6. All burns complicated by inhalation injury or trauma.
 - 1.3.7. All patients with significant pre-existing medical conditions.
2. Obstetric/Pediatric Trauma:
 - 2.1. Pediatric Trauma Score of 8 or less.
 - 2.2. Child 5 years or younger without age appropriate restraint.
 - 2.3. Fall 3 times the height of the pediatric patient.
 - 2.4. Child under 12 years struck by motor vehicle.
 - 2.5. The pregnant patient 20-40 weeks gestation.
 - 2.6. Pediatric head injury with persistent altered level of consciousness.
 - 2.7. Pediatric patient with obvious blunt or penetrating chest or abdominal injury.
3. Head, Face, Neck and Ophthalmic Trauma:
 - 3.1. Head injury with loss of consciousness, unconsciousness or neurological deficit.
 - 3.2. Traumatic or chemical eye injury.
 - 3.3. Maxillofacial injury.
 - 3.4. Penetrating injury to neck.