

**CONTRA COSTA EMERGENCY TRAUMA RE-TRIAGE PROCEDURE—PEDIATRIC (BELOW AGE 15 YEARS)**

**STEP 1**

**Determine if patient meets Emergency Re-Triage Criteria—Pediatric:**

**Blood pressure / perfusion:**

- ◆ Hypotension or tachycardia (based on age-appropriate chart below) or clinical signs of poor perfusion (see below)
- ◆ Need for more than two crystalloid boluses (20 ml/kg each) or need for immediate blood replacement (10 ml/kg)

**GCS / Neurologic**

- ◆ GCS less than 12 (pediatric scale—see verbal scale below)
- ◆ GCS deteriorating by 2 or more during observation
- ◆ Cervical spine injury with neurologic deficit
- ◆ Blown pupil
- ◆ Obvious open skull fracture

**Anatomic criteria:** Penetrating injuries to head, neck, chest, or abdomen

**Respiratory criteria:** Respiratory failure or intubation required

**Provider judgment:** Patients, who in the judgment of the evaluating emergency physician, are anticipated to have a high likelihood for emergent life- or limb-saving surgery or other intervention within 2 hours

**IMPORTANT PEDIATRIC RE-TRIAGE EXCEPTIONS:**

- ◆ *Pregnant patients of any age should be transferred to an adult trauma center*
- ◆ *Major burns should be preferentially transferred to a burn center*
- ◆ *Contact hospital first for major extremity injuries with vascular compromise*

NORMAL VITAL SIGNS				
Age	Weight	Hr	Systolic BP	Broselow Color
Newborn	3-5 kg	80-190	65-104	Grey or Pink
1 Year	10 kg	80-160	70-112	Purple
3 Years	15 kg	80-140	75-116	White
5 Years	20 kg	75-130	75-116	Blue
8 Years	25 kg	70-120	80-122	Orange
10 Years	30 kg	65-115	85-126	Green
PEDIATRIC CLINICAL SIGNS OF POOR PERFUSION		PEDIATRIC GCS—VERBAL SCALE (2< YO)		
◆ Cool, mottled, pale or cyanotic skin		5	Coos and babbles	
◆ Low urine output		4	Irritable	
◆ Lethargic		3	Only cries to pain	
◆ Prolonged capillary refill		2	Only moans to pain	
		1	None	

**STEP 2**

**Contact Trauma Center**

**Children’s Hospital & Research Center—Oakland**  
 Acceptance by: Intensivist on Duty  
 Phone: 1-877-CHO-KIDS (1-877-246-5437)  
 Fax: 510-601-3934

- ◆ State that the case is:  
**“EMERGENCY TRAUMA RE-TRIAGE”**

**STEP 3**

**Determine appropriate level of transport and arrange transport (can be done simultaneous to Trauma Center contact)**

- ◆ If within Paramedic Scope of Practice and timely transfer needed—contact 9-1-1 to request **Emergency Interfacility Transfer**
- ◆ Transport should generally arrive within 10 minutes

\*See information on transportation on Adult (Age 15 and Over) procedure

**STEP 4**

**Prepare patient, diagnostic imaging disk(s), and paperwork for immediate transport**

- ◆ Fax additional paperwork that is not ready at time of transport departure.
- ◆ Do not delay transport