

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TRAUMA TRIAGE COMPARISON

CRITERIA/GUIDELINE CRITICAL/MODERATE	National ACS/CDC	Los Angeles County	Orange County	Santa Barbara Co.	San Luis Obispo Co.	Ventura County
PHYSIOLOGIC						
GCS	< 14			< 14	< 12	< 14
SYSTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE	< 90	< 90 or < 70 for child ≤ 14 yrs	< 90 or < 70 for child ≤ 12 yrs	< 90	< 90	< 90
RESPIRATORY RATE	< 10 or > 29 OR < 20 for infant		< 12 or > 30	< 10 or > 29 OR < 20 for infant	< 10 or > 29 OR < 20 for infant	< 10 or > 29 OR < 20 for infant
PULSE			< 50 or > 130			
ANATOMIC						
PENETRATING INJURIES TO THE HEAD, NECK, & TORSO	X	All GSWs SW chest if between MCL	X	X	X	X
SKULL FRACTURE (open or depressed)	X			X	X	X
BLUNT HEAD TRAUMA		w/ GCS ≤ 14	w/ GSC < 12 sustained			
FLAIL CHEST	X	X	X	X	X	X
DIFFUSE ABDOMINAL TENDERNESS		X	X			
PELVIC FRACTURES	X		X	X		X
PENETRATING EXTEMITY (proximal to the knee or elbow)	X	"neuro &/or vascular compromise"		X		X
LONG BONE FRACTURES ≥ 2	X		Bilateral Femurs	X		X
AMPUTATION (proximal to the wrist or ankle)	X			X		X
EXTREMITY (crushed, degloved, mangled, or time sensitive)	X	"neuro &/or vascular compromise"		X		X
TRAUMATIC PARALYSIS	X	X &/or Neuro Deficit	X &/or Neuro Deficit	X	X	X
TRAUMATIC ARREST (w/penetrating torso)		X	X			

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MECHANISM						
FALLS	> 20 ft or Child > 10 ft or 2-3 times the child's height	> 15 ft	> 15 ft	> 20 ft or Child > 10 ft or 2-3 times the child's height	> 20 ft or Child > 10 ft or 2-3 times the child's height	> 20 ft or Child > 10 ft (< 15 years)
HIGH SPEED VEHICULAR CRASHES			> 40 mph			
PASSENGER SPACE INTRUSION	> 12 inches occupant site or >18 inches any site	No parameters stipulated		> 12 inches occupant site or >18 inches any site	> 12 inches occupant site or >18 inches any site	> 12 inches occupant site or >18 inches any site
EXTRICATION		X	> 20 min w/injury			
EJECTION	X	X	X	X	X	X
DEATH IN SAME VEHICLE	X	X w/injury/complaint		X	X	X
MOTORCYCLE CRASH	> 20 mph	Judgment	> 20 mph	> 20 mph	> 20 mph	> 20 mph
AUTO VS PEDESTRIAN / BICYCLE	> 20 mph	Judgment	> 20 mph or thrown 15 ft	> 20 mph	> 20 mph	> 20 mph
SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS						
PATIENT AT THE AGE EXTREMES	> 55 years or child	"Very old and very young"	> 60 years or < 5 years	> 55 years or child	> 65 years or < 5 years	> 55 years
GCS 12-13					X	
LONG BONE FRACTURES ≥ 2					X	
MAJOR BURNS W/ TRAUMA	X	X	X	X	X	X
BLEEDING DISORDERS	X	"Precarious Medical History"	X	X	X	X
RENAL DISEASE (requiring dialysis)	X	"Precarious Medical History"		X	X	X
PREGNANCY > 20 WEEKS	X	"Precarious Medical History"	X	X	X	X
EMS PROVIDER JUDGMENT	X	X	X	X	X	X

BLUE denotes a criteria only utilized by one County.

YELLOW denotes a criteria NOT utilized by one County.

ORANGE denotes a criteria only utilized by two Counties.

GREEN denotes a criteria NOT utilized by two or more Counties.

Infant is defined as less than 1 year of age.

One story is equivalent to 10 feet.

Bold denotes minor variations from the ACS/CDC Trauma Triage Protocol.