

Policy 4606A: MARIN COUNTY EMS EMERGENCY TRAUMA RE-TRIAGE PROCEDURE—ADULT

Step 1

Emergency Level Re-Triage:

These are patients whose needs are generally known immediately or soon after initial arrival, based on clinical findings. Communication should be between Emergency Department (ED) and ED to avoid delay. Avoid any unnecessary studies (e.g. CT scans or angiograms). Request ambulance for transport.

Emergency Criteria:

Blood pressure / perfusion:

- Systolic pressure < 90 or
- Need for high volume fluid resuscitation (>2 L NS) or immediate blood replacement

GCS / Neuro:

- GCS Less than 9
- GCS Deteriorating by 2 or more during observation
- Blown pupil
- Obvious open skull fracture

Anatomic criteria:

- Penetrating injuries to head, neck, chest, or abdomen
- Extremity injury with ischemia evident or loss of pulses

Provider judgment:

- Patient's who have a high likelihood of need for emergent life or limb-saving surgery or other intervention within 2 hours

Step 2

Contact Marin General Hospital Trauma Center at 415-925-7203

For ED to ED communication to confirm transfer

Step 3

Determine appropriate level of transport and arrange and transport

- 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

If exceeds Paramedic Scope of Practice, contact appropriate transport agencies (CCT Transport) or arrange for nursing staff and/or MD to accompany paramedic or EMT ambulance

Step 4

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

- Fax any additional paperwork that is not ready at the time of departure to
MGH ED FAX Number: 415-925-7219
- Do not delay transport