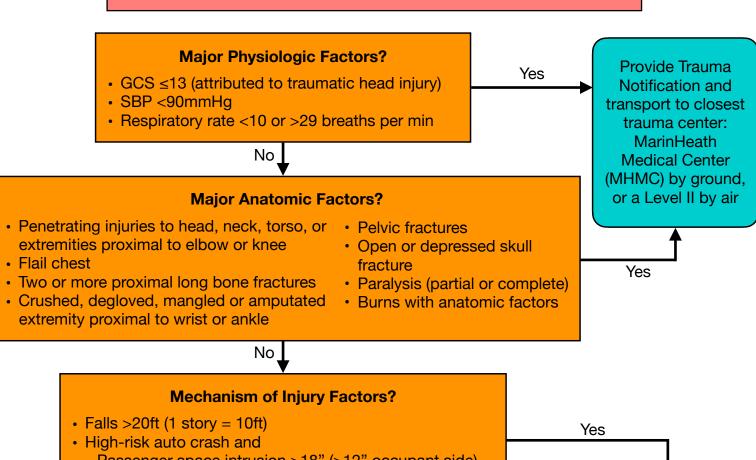
TRAUMA TRIAGE TOOL

Patients 14yrs and older

Uncontrolled Airway- Transport to closest Emergency Department



- Passenger space intrusion >18" (>12" occupant side)
- Ejection (partial of complete) from vehicle
- Death in same passenger compartment
- Auto vs. pedestrian or auto vs. bicyclist: thrown, run over, or with >20mph impact
- Motorcycle or bicycle crash: thrown and >20mph impact

No

Burns with MOI factors

Additional factors?

Assessment of additional factors (e.g. age >65, anticoagulant use, anti-platelet use, bleeding disorders with head/torso injury, pregnancy >20wks, etc) or other complaints or exam findings cause paramedic to be concerned about the patient

Provide Trauma
Notification and
transport to MHMC
Level III Trauma
Center

Yes

Transport to closest ED or ED of patient's choice

Trauma Notification

- Field personnel will advise the trauma center a minimum of 10 minutes prior to arrival (or as soon as possible if transport is <10min) by providing a Trauma Notification. This information will be used to activate the trauma team. Communication with the hospital via MERA is preferred. The notification must include at a minimum the following information:
 - Medic unit and transport code
 - Trauma Notification
 - Patient age and gender
 - M- Mechanism of injury
 - I- Injury and/or complaints; significant injuries and findings
 - <u>V</u>- Vital signs; blood pressure, pulse, respiratory rate, temperature, GCS
 - T- Treatment/interventions
 - ETA

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- The clinical findings, including past medical history, are critical to identifying the trauma patient, especially when assessing Mechanism of Injury (MOI) and additional factors
- A thorough clinical assessment is especially important in patients with:
 - Persistent and unexplained respiratory difficulty, tachycardia, or peripheral vasoconstriction
 - Inability to communicate (e.g. language barrier, substance abuse or psychiatric impairment)
- There are MOI not identified in the Trauma Triage Tool that may be associated with trauma.
 Any fall or impact with significant velocity is likely to produce a candidate for trauma activation

PHYSICIAN CONSULT

Trauma Center consultation is recommended for questions about destinations for injured patients