

## TRAC-V GUIDELINES FOR FIELD TRIAGE OF INJURED PATIENTS

- Penetrating injuries to head, neck, torso, and proximal extremities
- Skull deformity, suspected skull fracture
- Suspected spinal injury with new motor or sensory loss
- Chest wall instability, deformity, or suspected flail chest
- Suspected pelvic fracture
- Suspected fracture of two or more proximal long bones
- Crushed, degloved, mangled, or pulseless extremity
- Amputation proximal to wrist or ankle
- Active bleeding requiring a tourniquet or wound packing with continuous pressure

### ALL PATIENTS

- Unable to follow commands (motor CGS < 6)
- RR < 10 **OR** > 29 breaths / min
- Respiratory distress or need for respiratory support
- Room-air pulse oximetry < 90%
- SBP < 90 (<110 mm Hg Age > 65)
- 0 – 9 < 70 Pediatric

**Transport to closest, most appropriate Trauma Center via ground or air.**

**\*Consider a Level I or Level II\***

**\*Free Standing is not considered an Appropriate Facility\***

### ASSESS MECHANISM OF INJURY AND EVIDENCE OF HIGH ENERGY IMPACT

### EMS Judgement

- High Risk Auto Crash
  - Partial or complete ejection
  - Significant intrusion (including roof)
    - > 12 inches occupant site OR
    - > 18 inches any site OR
    - Need for extrication for entrapped patient
  - Death in passenger compartment
  - Child (age 0-9) unrestrained or in unsecured child safety seat
  - Vehicle telemetry data consistent with severe injury
- Rider separated from transport vehicle with significant impact (e.g. motorcycle, ATV, livestock)
- Pedestrian / bicycle rider thrown, run over, or with significant impact
- Fall from height > 10 feet (all ages)

### CONSIDER RISK FACTORS, INCLUDING:

- Low-level falls in young children (age < 5 years) or older adults (age > 65 years) with significant head impact
- Anticoagulant use
- Suspicion of child abuse
- Special, high-resource healthcare needs
- Pregnancy > 20 weeks
- Burns in conjunction with trauma
- Children should be triaged preferentially to pediatric capable centers

**If concerned, take to a trauma center**

**Transport to closest, most appropriate Facility**

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### Appropriate Trauma Facilities

#### Level I

DHR  
STHS McAllen

#### Level II

VBMC HGN

#### Level III

Rio Grande Regional  
VBMC BRO  
Valley Regional

#### Level IV

Harlingen Medical  
Knapp  
Mission Regional

STHS Edinburg  
STHS Heart  
Starr County Memorial