



Fact Sheet – OAR 333-200-0010 and 0080

Exhibit 2: Guidelines for Field Triage of Injured Patients

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The Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division, EMS & Trauma Systems (EMS & TS) program has permanently amended Exhibit 2 (National Guideline for the Field Triage of Injured Patients) in Oregon Administrative Rules chapter 333, division 200 to align with the revised, *2021 National Guideline for Field Triage of Injured Patients* and the *2022 Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient*.

Two Triage Categories

1. Red Criteria: High Risk for Serious Injury
2. Yellow Criteria: Moderate Risk for Serious Injury

How to Use Guidelines

The items in each category are sorted from top to bottom and from left to right according to risk.

Mental Status & Vital Signs

When using these guidelines, abnormal Mental Status & Vital Signs findings must be based on the suspicion of trauma being the mechanism of injury.

What's New in Red Criteria/High Risk for Serious Injury

- Active bleeding requiring a tourniquet or wound packing with continuous pressure
- Suspected fracture of two or more proximal long bones includes reference to humerus or femur
- Mental Status & Vital Signs:
 - Broken into 4 categories: all patients, age 0-9 years, age 10-64 years, and age 65 and older
 - For all patients: a motor Glasgow Coma Score of less than 6, respiratory distress or need for respiratory support, and room-air pulse oximetry of less than 90%
 - For patients age 0-9 years: systolic blood pressure less than 70 plus 2 times age in years
 - For patients age 10-64 years and patients 65 years and older: heart rate greater than systolic blood pressure

What's New in Yellow Criteria/Moderate Risk for Serious Injury

- High-Risk Auto Crash:
 - Need for extrication for entrapped patient
 - Child (Age 0-9) unrestrained or in unsecured child safety seat
- Rider separated from transport vehicle with significant impact (e.g., motorcycle, ATV, horse, etc.)
- Falls from height greater than 10 feet (**all ages**)
- Suspicion of child abuse
- Special, high-resource healthcare needs

Patient Transport

- Red Criteria: Patients meeting any one of the above RED criteria should be transported to the highest-level trauma center available within the geographic constraints of the regional trauma system.
- Patients meeting any one of the YELLOW CRITERIA WHO DO NOT MEET RED CRITERIA should be preferentially transported to a trauma center, as available within the geographic constraints of the regional trauma system (need not be the highest-level trauma center).