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**RWJBH EMS & JCMC EMS
Mobile Health
Policies and Procedures**

POLICY NUMBER: 3.4.4

TITLE: Triage to Trauma Centers

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/15/2019

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ATTACHMENTS: CDC Field Triage Decision Schema

PURPOSE: To properly triage trauma patients to the appropriate facilities.

DEFINITIONS:

POLICY: It is the policy of the Mobile Health Services, to be in adherence with the NJ Department of Health Office of Emergency Medical Services trauma and triage guidelines & the CDC Guidelines for Field Triage of Injured Patients, and to triage trauma patients to the most appropriate medical facilities as outlined below.

TARGET AUDIENCE: All field staff

PROCEDURE:

Trauma patients with specified injury(s) will be triaged to the closest trauma center. EMS personnel will initiate treatment and Medical Command will be contacted to determine final patient destination.

Any patient meeting the following criteria will be transported to the nearest trauma center, regardless of Level I or II designations, or the availability of ALS. These trauma centers must be located in the State of New Jersey.

THE TRAUMA TRIAGE GUIDELINES ARE PROVIDED TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING THE DISPOSITION OF TRAUMA PATIENTS. THESE GUIDELINES ARE INTENDED TO BE UTILIZED IN CONJUNCTION WITH CLINICAL JUDGEMENT. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THESE ARE GUIDELINES ONLY AND ARE TO BE USED WHENEVER POSSIBLE IN COMMUNICATION WITH A BASE STATION PHYSICIAN.

REFERENCES:

Guidelines for field triage of injured patients : recommendations of the National Expert Panel on Field Triage, 2011, <https://stacks.cdc.gov/view/cdc/23037>

ORIGINAL DATE: 6/15/2019

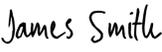
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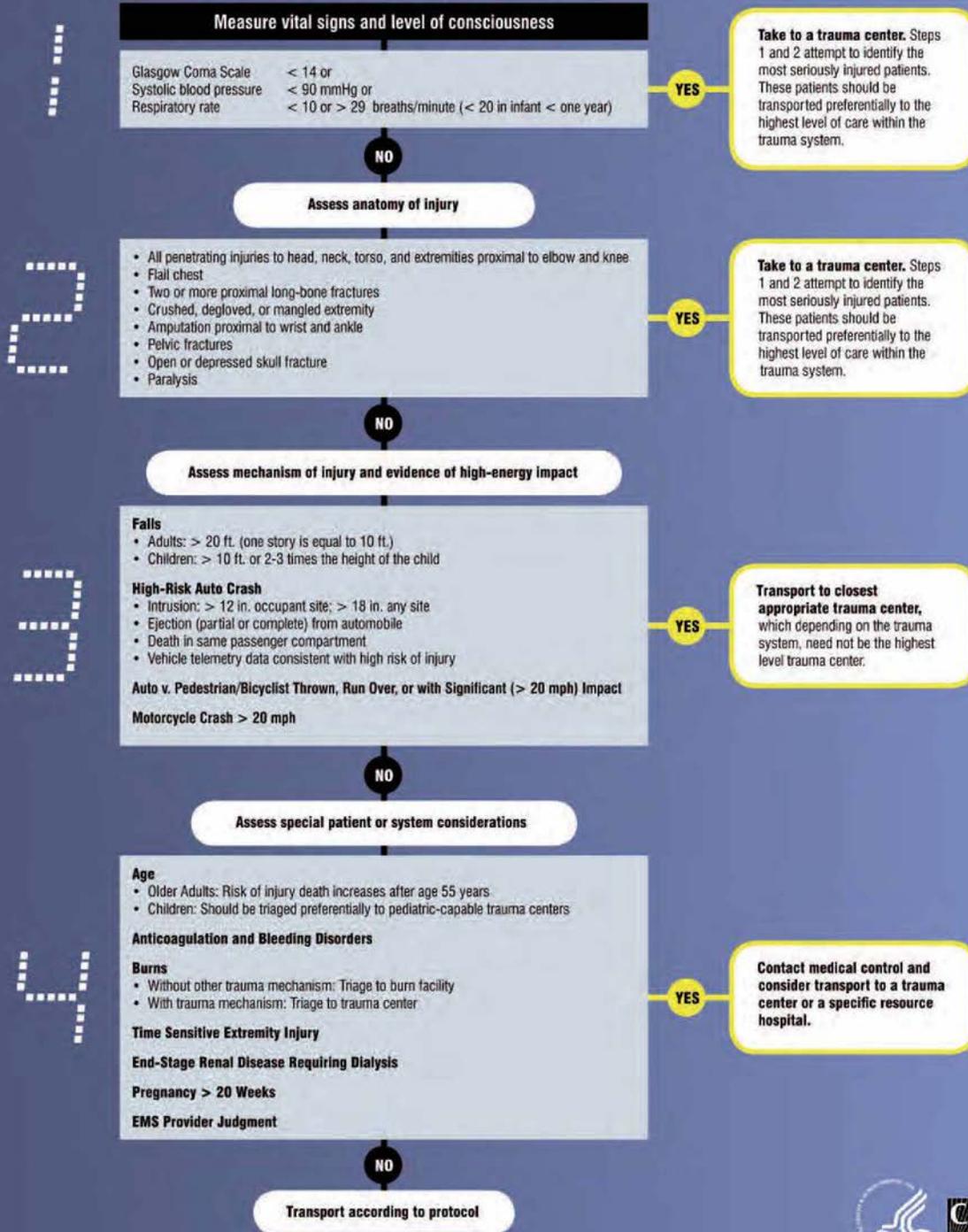
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FIELD TRIAGE DECISION SCHEME: THE NATIONAL TRAUMA TRIAGE PROTOCOL



When in doubt, transport to a trauma center.
 For more information on the Decision Scheme, visit: www.cdc.gov/FieldTriage



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