

Appendix A

Translating Triage to Tiers: Tool for the LAC EMS Agency Medical Alert Center

Translating Disaster Triage to Tier

Disaster Triage Categories to Tiers (**Trauma Event**)

The following table is a visual representation of the suggested triage categories to be distributed to each tier in the event of a Pediatric TRAUMA surge event that has a disproportionate number of pediatric victims. **Use of the LA County Trauma system would be used first**

		Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5	Tier 6	Tier 7
Triage Category	Age							
Immediate	8 yrs and Under	X						
Immediate	over 8 yrs	X		X				
Delayed	8 yrs and under	X	X		X	X		
Delayed	Over 8 yrs			X	X	X	X	Transfer patients
Minor	All				X	X	X	

Legend

Facilities have resources to handle and should be PRIORITIZED to receive these types of patients.
Facilities have resources to handle these types of patients but should be utilized for their priority patients first.
Facilities are accustomed to handling patients other than this type.

This figure was created as a guide based on feedback during the exercise. Triage categories are used on a routine basis for prehospital providers. whereas the use of a tiered system for the pediatric surge is not. The figure is intended to support the understanding of how the pediatric surge tiers correspond to triage categories.

Distribution of Patients to Tiers (Medical Event)

The following table is a visual representation of the suggested age categories to be distributed to each tier in the event of a MEDICAL surge event that has a disproportionate number of pediatric victims.

	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5	Tier 6	Tier 7
Age							
under or equal 8 yrs	X	X		X			
over or 8 yrs	X	X	X	X	X	X	Transfer patients



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