

SUBJECT: MCI TRANSPORT PRIORITY GUIDELINES

PURPOSE: To provide guidelines for the Treatment Unit Leader, Treatment Area Manager and Patient Transportation Unit Leader for transport decisions that provide the maximum utilization of hospital resources during a Multiple Casualty Incident (MCI).

PRINCIPLES:

1. The Transport Priority Guidelines were developed to assist EMS personnel in determining which of the “Immediate” patients have the most life-threatening injuries/illness requiring priority transport and would receive the greatest benefit from time critical medical interventions and definitive care.
2. Patients that meet Trauma Center Criteria (Ref. No. 506) should be transported to designated Trauma Centers whenever possible.
3. Pediatric patients should be transported to designated Pediatric Trauma Centers (PTC), Pediatric Medical Centers (PMC) or Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) as appropriate to their condition.

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