

## TRAUMA CODE/ALERT ACTIVATION CRITERIA

A Late Trauma Code or Alert will be called on those patients who have diagnostic findings of Life threatening injuries identified after a traumatic event. Responses from nursing and physicians are to be the same as when initially calling a Trauma Code or Alert.

RESPONSE	CRITERIA	PERSONNEL
<p><b>TRAUMA CODE</b></p> <p>(Most Severe Injuries)</p>  <p>Stabilize and Transfer these Patients to Higher Level of Care Trauma Facility</p>  <p>Goal: Time in ED &lt;2 hours</p>	<p><b>Physiologic: criteria indicating high risk or life threatening injuries:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>GCS &lt; or = 13</b></li> <li>▪ <b>SBP &lt; 90mmHg (Adult)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Age Specific Hypotension in Children</b></li> <li>▪ <b>RR &lt; 10 or &gt; 29</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Anatomic: criteria indicating high risk or life threatening injuries:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Traumatic Arrests</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Uncontrolled hemorrhage</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Open and depressed skull fractures</b></li> <li>▪ <b>All penetrating injuries to Head, Neck, Chest, Torso and Extremities proximal to elbow or knee.</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Respiratory Compromise, obstruction or intubation.</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Chest wall instability or deformity (e.g., flail chest)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Crushed, de-gloved, mangled or pulseless extremity</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Amputation proximal to the wrist or ankle</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Two or more proximal long-bone fractures</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Paralysis with mechanism of trauma</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Pelvic fracture - Obvious</b></li> <li>▪ <b>***OB Trauma (Chest, Abdomen, Pelvis)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Burns of &gt; 20% TBSA in Adults</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Burns &gt;10% TBSA in Children</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Burns involving face, hands, feet, genitalia, and/or perineum.</b></li> <li>▪ <b>ED Physician Discretion</b></li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Response Team:</u></b>                      ED Physician &amp; ED Resident                      TNCC RN I &amp; II                      Radiology Technologist                      Respiratory Therapist                      Phlebotomist</p>  <p><b><u>Also Notified:</u></b>                      Security Officer                      House Supervisor                      Trauma Coordinator                      ED Director                      ED CNC                      Chaplain                      Social Worker</p>  <p><b>***OB Trauma activation is by physician discretion. These patients will be Transferred to Bay Area ED unless multisystem.</b></p>
<p><b>TRAUMA ALERT</b></p> <p>(Moderate Injuries)</p>  <p>2 Blue = 1 Red</p>	<p><b>Patients who have any of the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Falls</b>                              -Adults: &gt;20 feet (one story is = to 10')                              -Children: &gt;10 feet or twice the height of the child</li> <li>▪ <b>High Risk auto crash</b>                              - Intrusion, including roof: &gt;12in occupant side; &gt;18 in any side                              - Ejection (partial or complete)                              - Roll over                              - Death in same passenger compartment                              - Initial speed &gt;40mph</li> <li>▪ <b>Motorized vehicle vs. pedestrian/bicyclist thrown, run over, or with significant impact.</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Motorcycle Crash &gt;20mph</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Head injuries with bleeding disorders or on Anticoagulants</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Pregnancy with Trauma &gt;20 weeks</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Watercraft injuries &gt; 5 mph</b></li> <li>▪ <b>ED Physician Discretion</b></li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Response Team:</u></b>                      ED Physician                      TNCC RN I &amp; II                      Radiology Technologist</p>  <p><b><u>Also Notified:</u></b>                      Security Officer                      House Supervisor                      Trauma Coordinator                      ED Director                      ED CNC</p>

**DO NOT DOWNGRADE OR CANCEL A TRAUMA ACTIVATION**