



TRAUMA ALERT CRITERIA



Escambia County, Florida – 1st Responder Medical Protocol

TRAUMA ALERT CRITERIA are established state mandated criteria.
FIRST RESPONDERS CANNOT CALL TRAUMA ALERTS

ADULT TRAUMA ALERT CRITERIA

(Physical and anatomical characteristics of a person 16 years of age or older)

Any 1 of the following:

1. Airway:

Needs assistance beyond oxygen

2. Circulation:

A. Lacks radial pulse with HR >120/min

B. BP < 90 mm Hg

3. Best Motor Response (BMR):

A. 4 or < on BMR of GCS

B. Paralysis

C. Loss of Sensation

D. Suspected SCI

4. Cutaneous:

A. 2nd or 3rd burns \geq 15%

B. Amputation proximal to ankle or wrist

C. Penetrating injury to head, neck, torso



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5. Longbone Fracture:

The patient reveals signs or symptoms of 2 or more longbone fx (humerus, radius and ulna, femur, tibia and fibula)

- Tib/fib and rad/ulna count as one fx
- Isolated distal wrist fx is not a Trauma Alert
- Isolated hip fx is not a Trauma Alert

Minimum of 2 of the following:

1. Airway:

RR \geq 30

2. Circulation:

HR \geq 120

3. Best Motor Response (BMR):

BMR = 5

4. Cutaneous:

- A. Major degloving
- B. Flap avulsion > 5 inches
- C. GSW to extremity



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6. **Longbone Fx:**

Single fracture resulting from a
MVA or fall of ≥ 10 feet

7. **Age:**

≥ 55 years of age

8. **Mechanism:**

A. Ejection from a motor vehicle

B. Drive has impacted the steering wheel and has caused deformity of it

After evaluation in the first two (2) columns, the patient shall be assessed using all elements of the Glasgow Coma Scale. A score of 12 or less shall be a Trauma Alert.

(Excluding those persons with a GCS which is normally 12 or below due to a preexisting condition)

In the event that none of the prior conditions are identified:

An EMT or Paramedic can call a Trauma Alert, if in his or her judgment, the patient's condition warrants such action.



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