



PRE HOSPITAL CARE AND SAFE TRANSPORT – FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS

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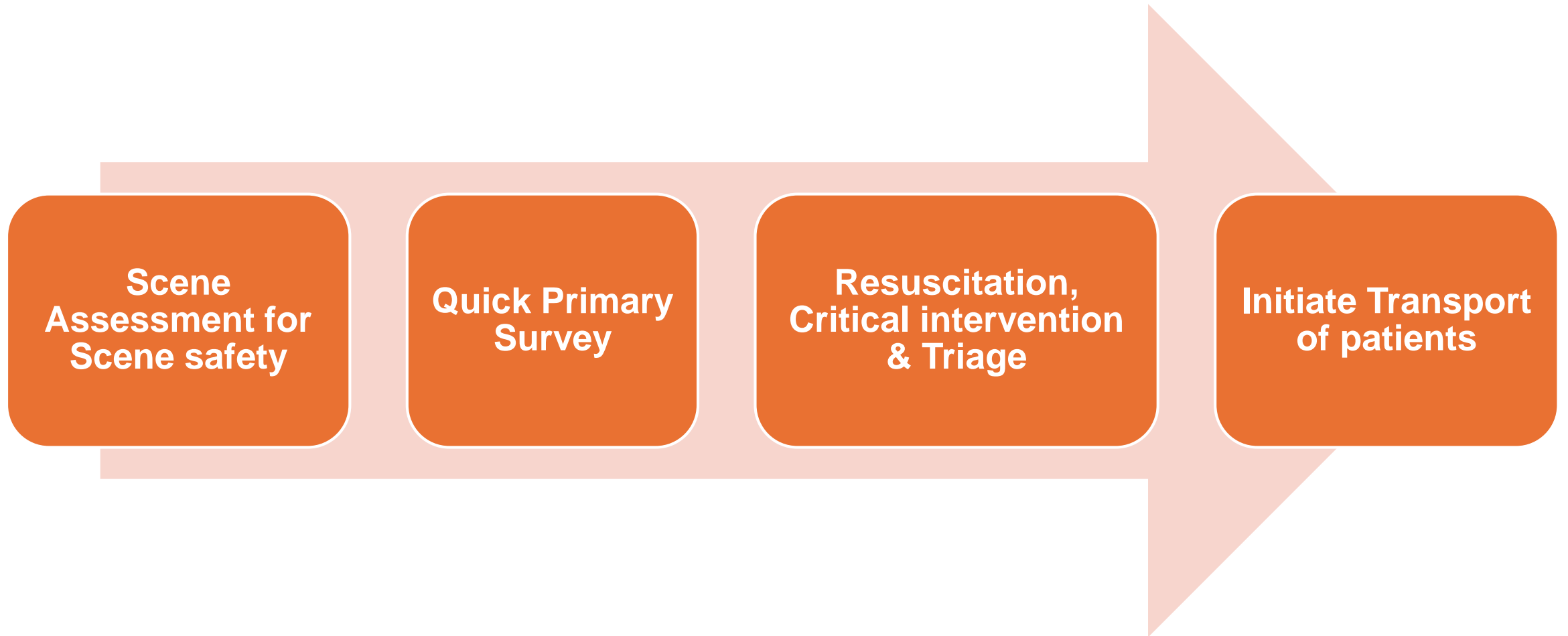
CLINICAL CARE

Case scenario

- An explosion happened in nearby market
- You are deployed to that place
- You have a team of a doctor and nurse/
- You are seeing first case
- Middle aged man, drowsy, gurgling sounds with bleeding from left leg
- What will you do?



Pre hospital care -Approach



Pre hospital care - Approach

- Scene safety
 - Safety of the provider - universal precautions
 - Safety of the scene
 - Safety of the patient



Primary survey

- X**- Exsanguinating hemorrhage control
- A**- Airway management and cervical spine stabilization
- B**- Breathing (Ventilation and oxygenation)
- C**- Circulation (perfusion and other hemorrhage)
- D**- Disability
- E**- Exposure

What is a quick, simple way to assess a patient in 10 seconds?

- Identify yourself
- Ask the patient his or her name
- Ask the patient what happened

Good Response indicates -

- **A** Patent airway (phonating)
- **B** Appropriate air reserve (for phonation)
- **C** Good perfusion to critical organs (brain)
- **D** Clear sensorium (full GCS)

Exsanguinating hemorrhage control

- Direct pressure
- Wound packing
- Compression dressings
- Elastic wrap
- Tourniquet-extremities
- Pelvic binder



Airway with C spine cor



- **Look** for any obvious airway injury -face and neck
- **Listen** for any gurgling sounds, hoarseness, stridor, noisy breathing
- **Feel** the neck for any expanding swelling/hematoma, active bleed
- Airway opening
- Definitive airway - ET intubation



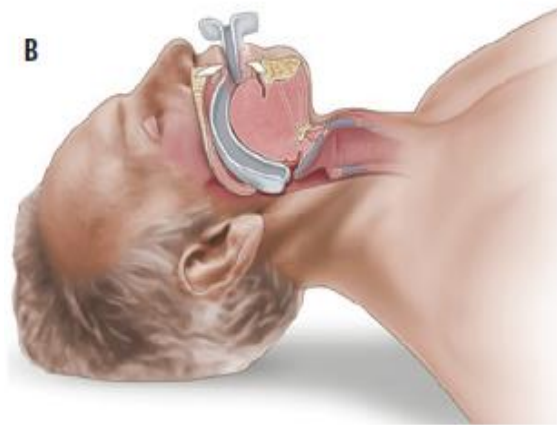
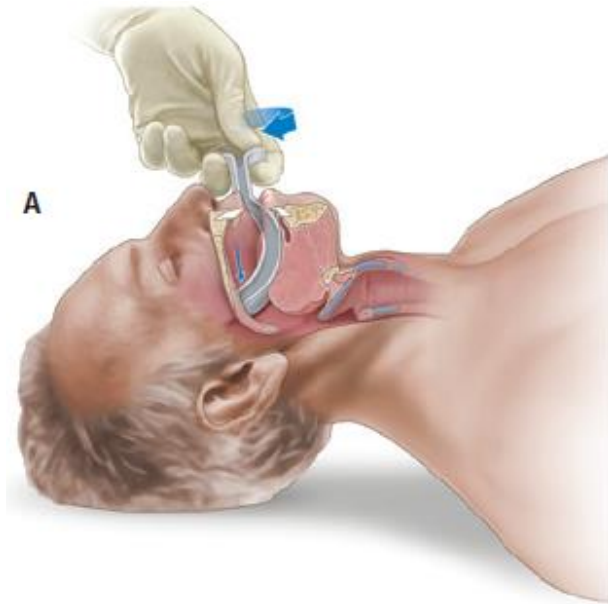
Airway management



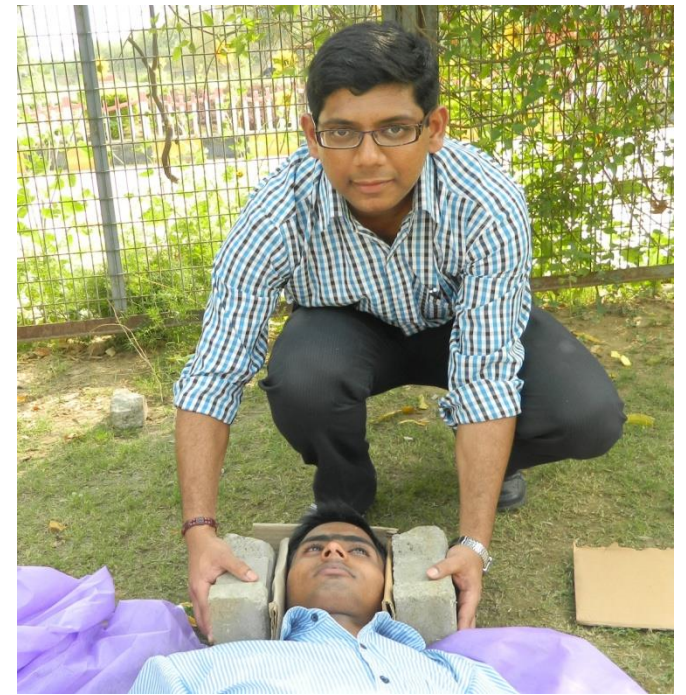
Jaw
Thrust



Airway adjuncts



C spine stabilization

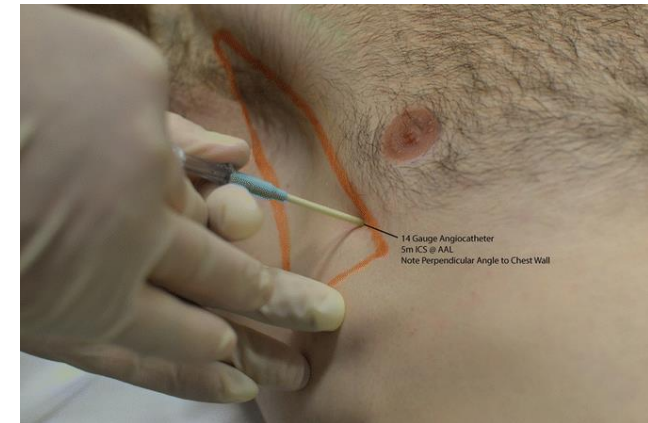
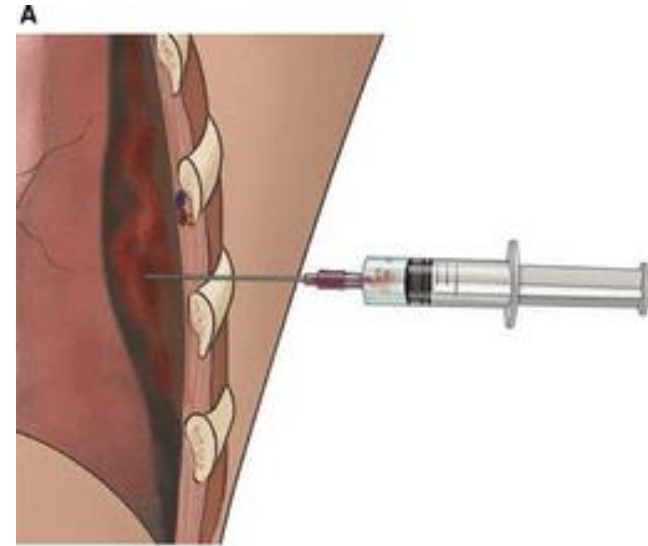


Breathing with ventilation

- Expose the neck and chest
- **Listen** for chest bilaterally
- Start Oxygen
- **Feel** for
 - Chest for dullness or hyper-resonance
 - Crepitus (Emphysema/#)
 - Deformity
- **Look** for
 - Rate and depth of respiration
 - See for engorged neck veins
 - Tracheal deviation
 - U/L and B/L chest movements
 - Use of accessory muscles
 - Any signs of injury
 - Decline in Mental Status



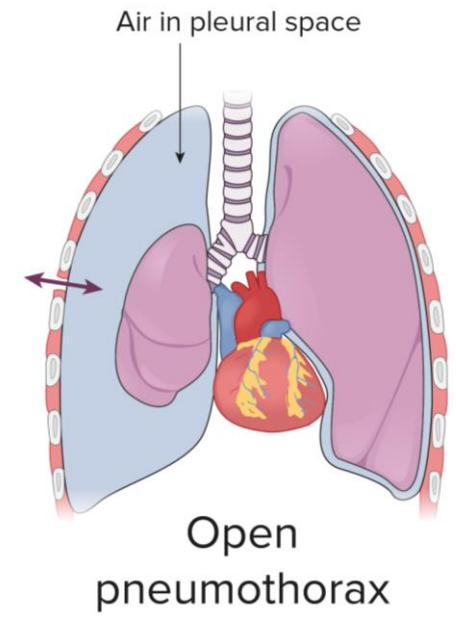
Tension pneumothorax



ICD insertion

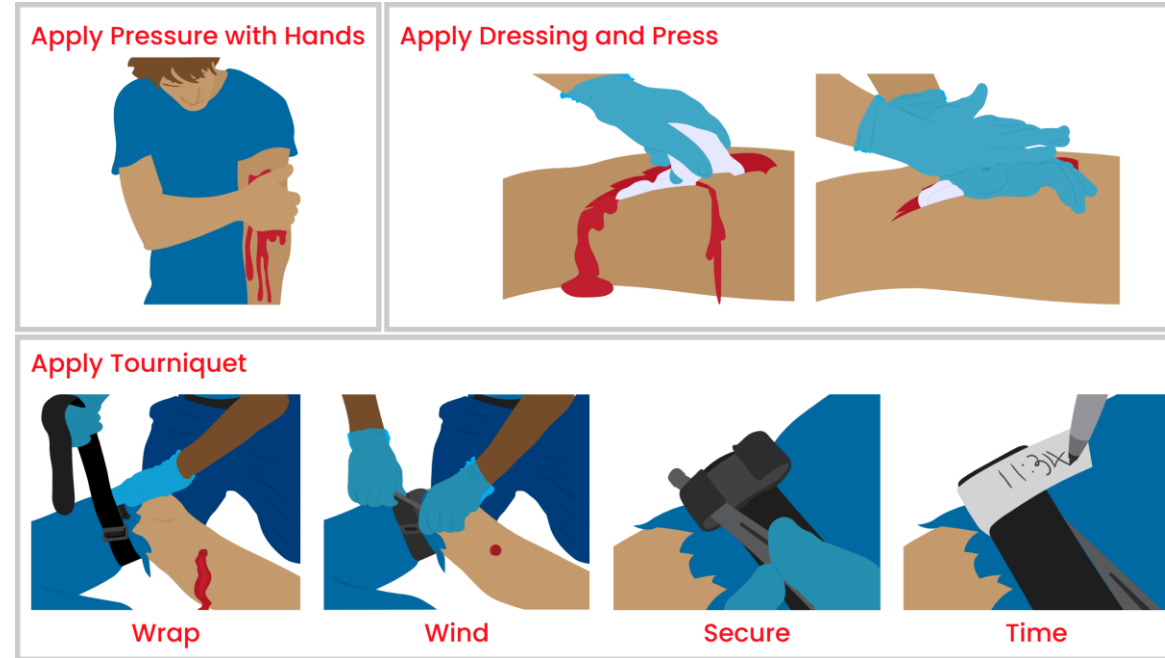


Open pneumothorax



Circulation with hemorrhage control

- Killer bleeds
 - Chest
 - Abdomen
 - Pelvis and retroperitoneum
 - Long bones
 - Maxillofacial bleeds
- Control bleed by external pressure/tourniquet



Circulation with hemorrhage control



Assessing circulation

- Identify source of external, exsanguinating hemorrhage.
- Assess the Pulses:
 - Central (Carotid, radial),
 - Assess the skin color and temperature.
- Capillary refill time (CRT) – normal 2 seconds
- Blood Pressure measurement
- Identify potential sources of internal hemorrhage

Managing circulation

- Direct pressure to the external bleeding site
- Insert two large bore IV cannula >16G
- Initiate Intravenous fluid resuscitation. (Pre-warmed NS/RL) .
- IV Tranexamic Acid.
- Try splintage to decrease bleeding from fracture sites
- Apply the Pneumatic anti shock garment (PASG) if available.
- Prevent hypothermia

Disability and Exposure

- Disability – GCS / AVPU
- Exposure
 - Look for any major external wound/foreign body
 - Don't remove any impaled objects
 - Prevent hypothermia



Alert
Patient is fully awake and responsive.



Voice
Patient responds to your voice.



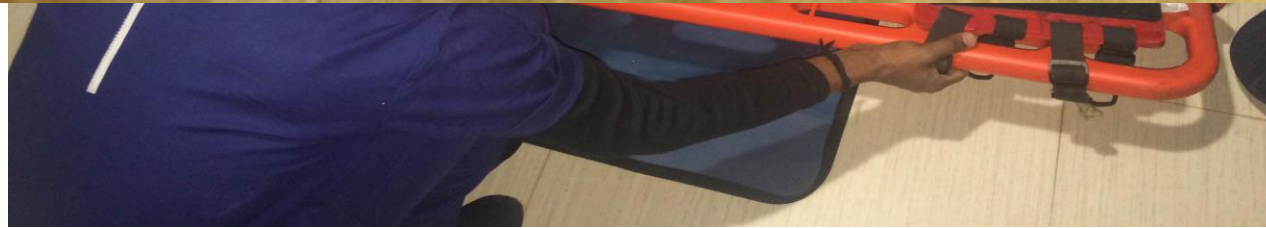
Pain
Patient responds when you cause them pain.



Unresponsive
Patient does not respond no matter what you do.



Transporting the patient – Log roll



Helmet Removal



Extrication

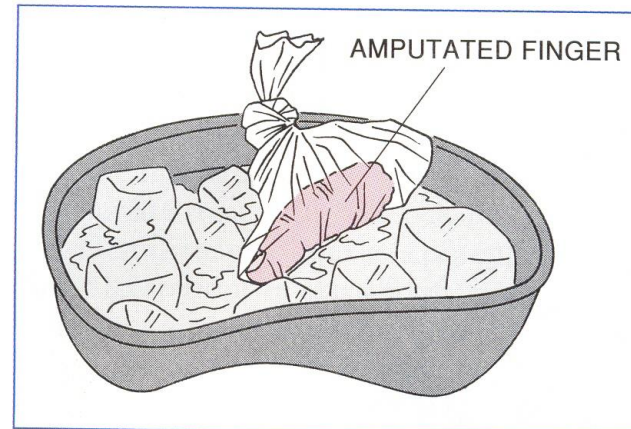
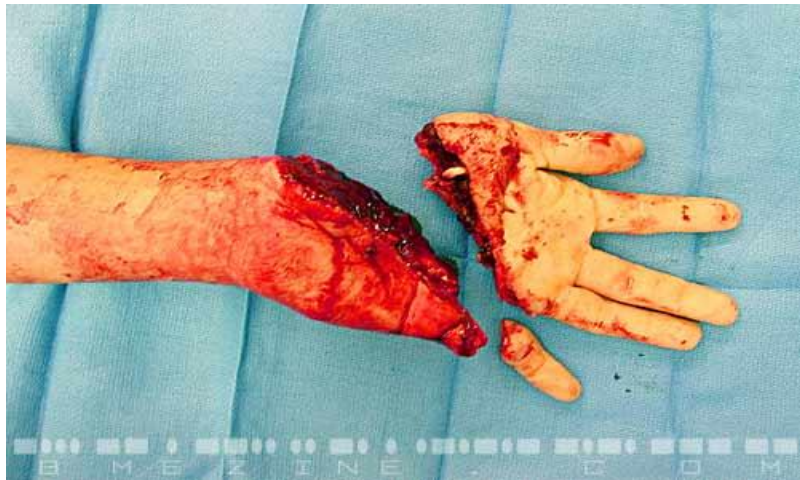


Splinting

- Do not push any exposed bone ins
- Splint one joint above and below
- Check distal neurovascular status



Amputation



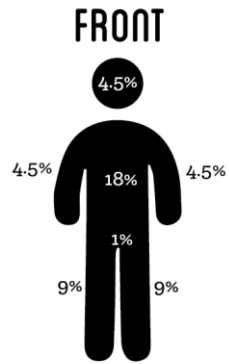
Burns



- Protect yourself
- Stop the burning process
(STOP, DROP, ROLL)
- Remove clothes/jewelry
- Covering the burn with a clean plastic to reduce pain
- ABC assessment and management
- Assessment of burn severity
- Cannulation (and fluids)
- Analgesia
- Transport

Burn severity

RULE OF NINES (ADULT)



TOTAL (FRONT & BACK)

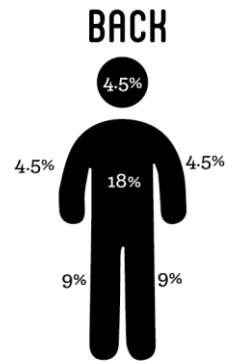
HEAD
9%

ARMS
9% (each arm)

TORSO
36%

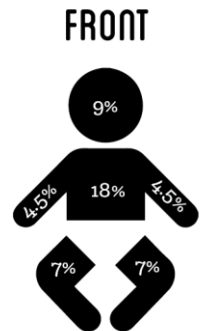
LEGS
18% (each leg)

GROIN
1%



MEDZCOOL

RULE OF NINES (PEDIATRIC)



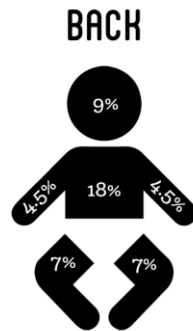
TOTAL (FRONT & BACK)

HEAD
18%

ARMS
9% (each arm)

TORSO
36%

LEGS
14% (each leg)



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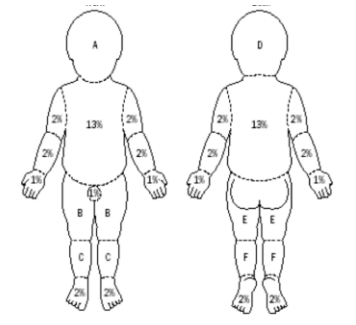


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Management

- Wound care
 - Small wounds – saline soaked dressing
 - Large burns – sterile dressing
 - Escharotomy
- Analgesia
- IV fluids
 - Parkland formula
 - $4 \text{ ml RL} * \text{wt} * \text{BSA} * 24 \text{ h}$
 - $3 \text{ ml RL} * \text{wt} * \text{BSA} * 24 \text{ h}$ plus maintenance
- Inhalational injury
- Ocular injury – wash



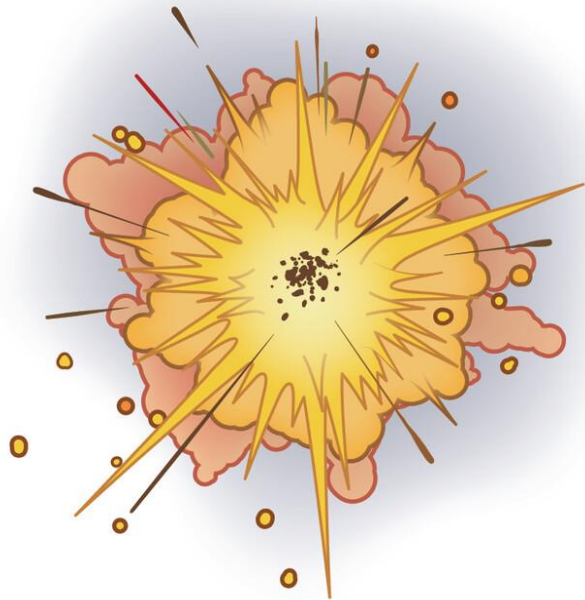
Area	By age in years			
	0	1	5	10
Head (A/D)	10%	9%	7%	6%
Thigh (B/E)	3%	3%	4%	5%
Leg (C/F)	2%	3%	3%	3%



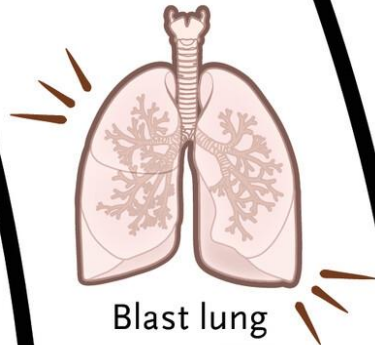
Major burn

- Partial thickness > 25%, age 10-50 y
- Partial thickness > 20%, age <10y or >50y
- Full thickness > 10%
- Involving hands, feet, face, perineum
- Involving major joints
- Circumferential burn of an extremity
- Inhalational injury
- Electrical burns
- Associated fracture or trauma
- High risk patients

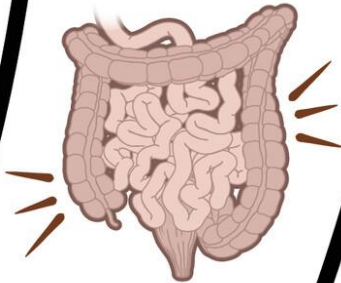
Blast Injuries



1 Primary

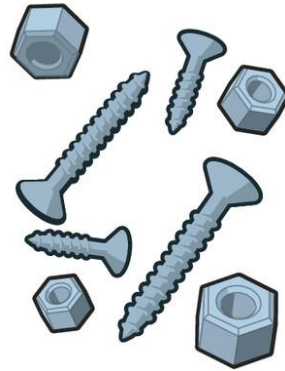


Ruptured tympanic membrane



Bowel perforations

2 Secondary



Penetrating trauma and lacerations

3 Tertiary



Blunt trauma and fractures

4 Quaternary



Burns, asphyxiation, and toxic substances

5 Quinary



Chemical burns, radiation, and infection

Summary - Trauma management

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BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

Types of arrest

- Cardiac arrest
- Respiratory arrest
- Chain of survival

Cardiac arrest

- Identification
- Management
- Mechanical / electrical stoppage
- How do you identify?
 - Unresponsiveness
 - Apnea or inadequate breathing
 - No palpable pulse
- Management ?



Management

- Scene Safety
- Check simultaneously
 Responsiveness & Breathing
- Then perform
 Activation of EMS/ call for help
 Retrieval of AED/ defibrillator
 Check Pulse. If no pulse
 Begin compressions followed by breaths
 AED/ defibrillator
 Reassess every 2 mins

BLS STEPS

CAB-D

Scene safety



Cardiac arrest

Recognize
arrest

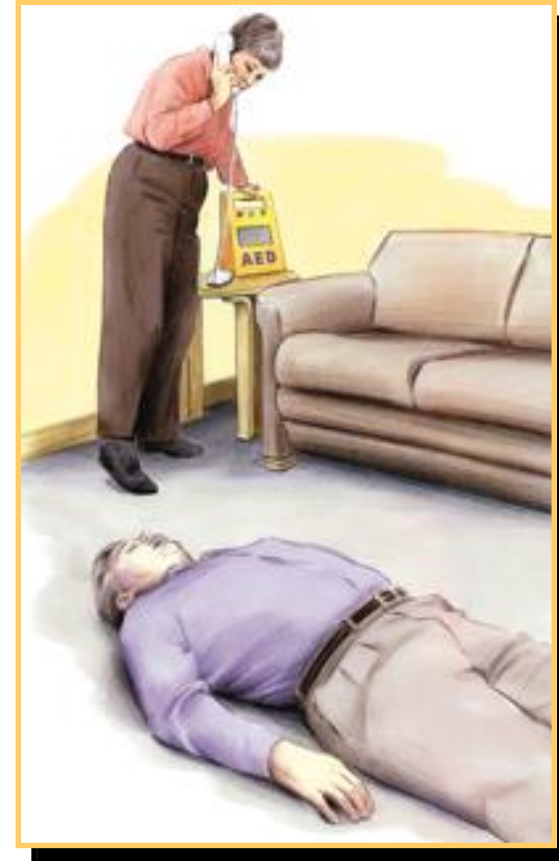


Check response and scan
for breathing



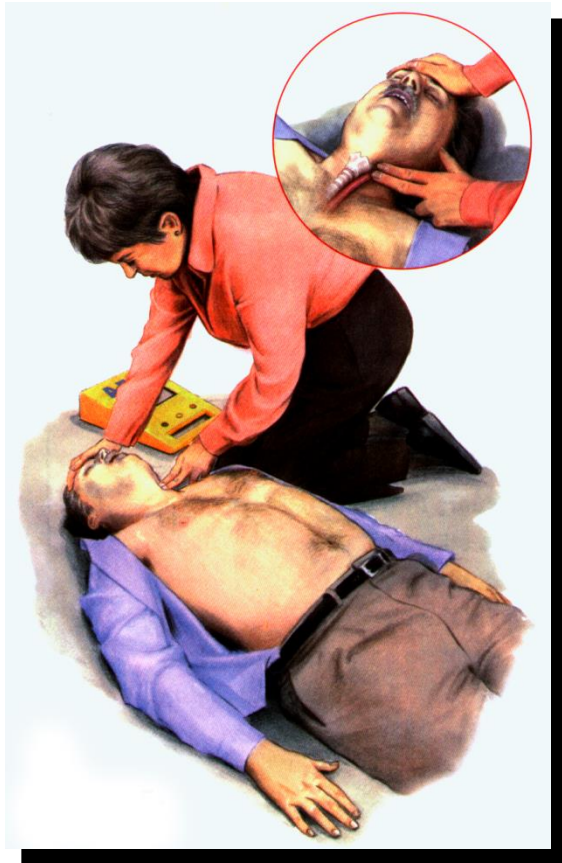
If unresponsive, apneic or gasping

- Call for help
- Activate EMS
- Retrieve AED/ defibrillator



Start CPR if no pulse

Check pulse



No Pulse

- Start chest compressions
- Give 30 compressions

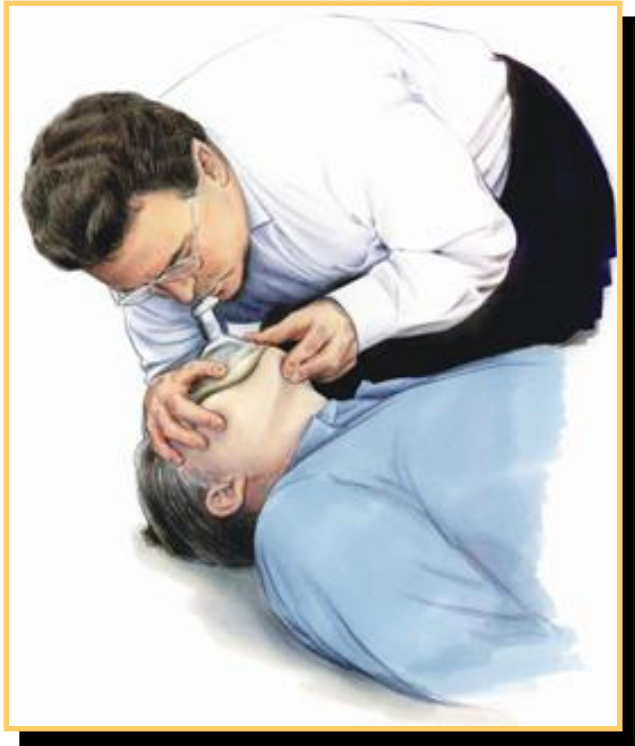


Compression hand position



After 30 chest compressions “AB”

- Open the airway and give 2 breaths/ BMV



Integration of “D” with CAB

- Defibrillator or AED
- Why is electrical therapy required?
- Types of cardiac arrests

Shockable – VF and Pulseless V

Non shockable- All other rhytm

- Treatment of shockable arrest is Defibrillation.



Respiratory arrest

- Identification
- Management
- Breathing stops
- How do you identify?
 - Unresponsiveness
 - Apnea or inadequate breathing
 - **Pulse present**
- Management ?



Management

- Scene Safety
- Check simultaneously
 Responsiveness & Breathing
- Then perform
 Activation of EMS/ call for help
 Retrieval of AED/ defibrillator
 Check Pulse. If pulse present
 Rescue breaths - One breath every 5-6 sec
 Every 2-3 sec for pediatrics
 Reassess every 2 mins

Snake bite

- DO IT RIGHT
 - Reassurance
 - Immobilization of limb
 - Get to hospital
 - Tell the doctor
- Anti snake venom

Russell's viper (*Daboia russelii*)



Common krait (*Bungarus caeruleus*)



Indian Cobra (*Naja naja*)

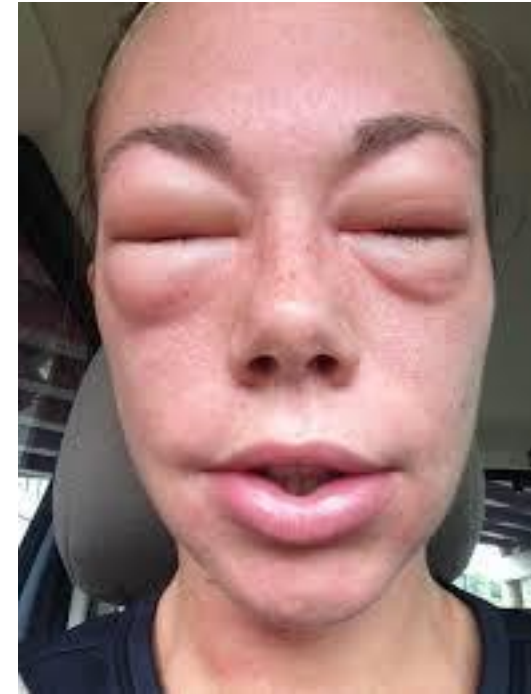
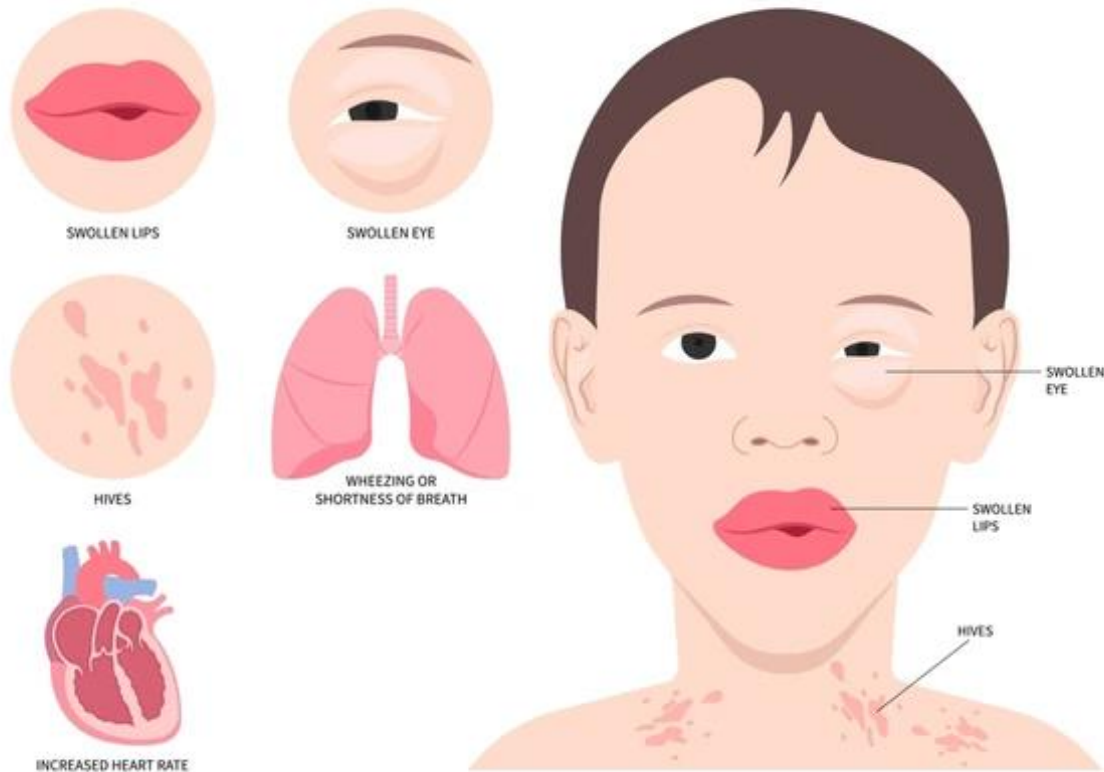


Saw scaled viper (*Echis carinatus*)



Anaphylaxis

SYMPTOMS OF ANAPHYLAXIS



ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS - TRIAGE

Triage

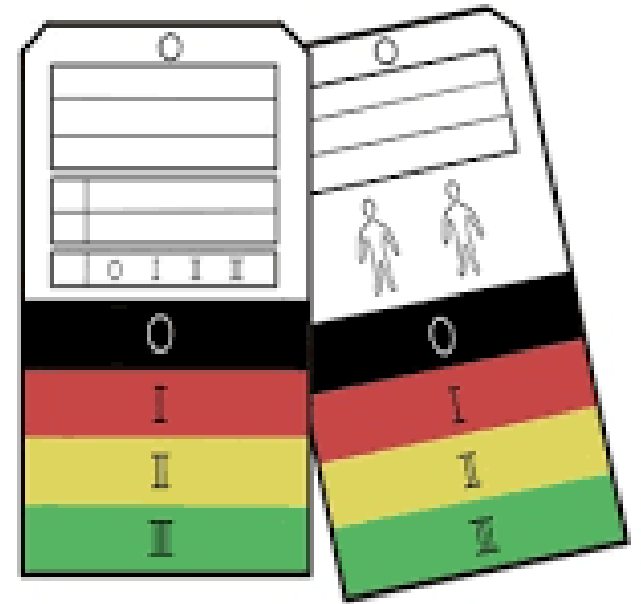
- To sort / prioritize

Out of Hospital

- Considerations – whom to resuscitate
- Whom to transport first

In hospital

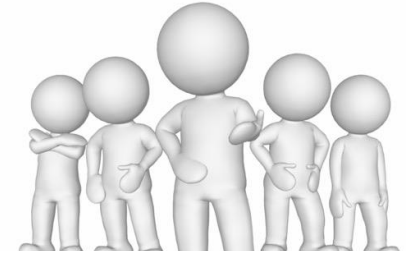
- Whom to treat first



Triage

Day-to-day emergencies

- The greatest good for each individual patient



Mass Casualty Incidents

- The greatest good for those who can most benefit from medical interventions



Large-scale disasters

- The greatest good for the greatest number of potential survivors



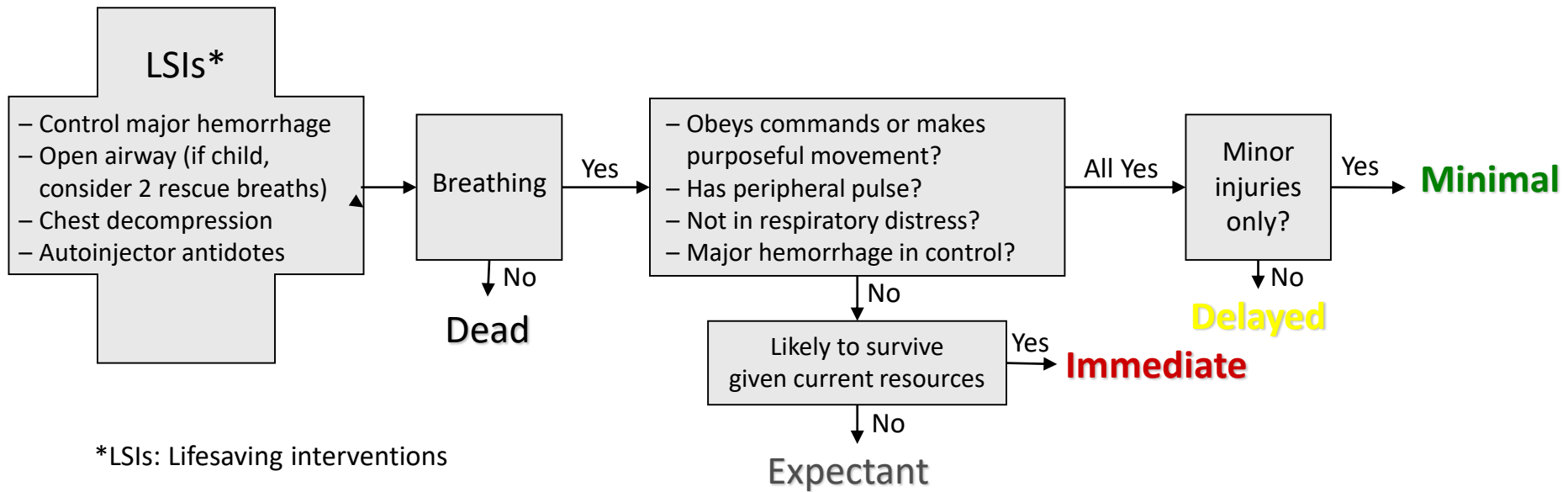
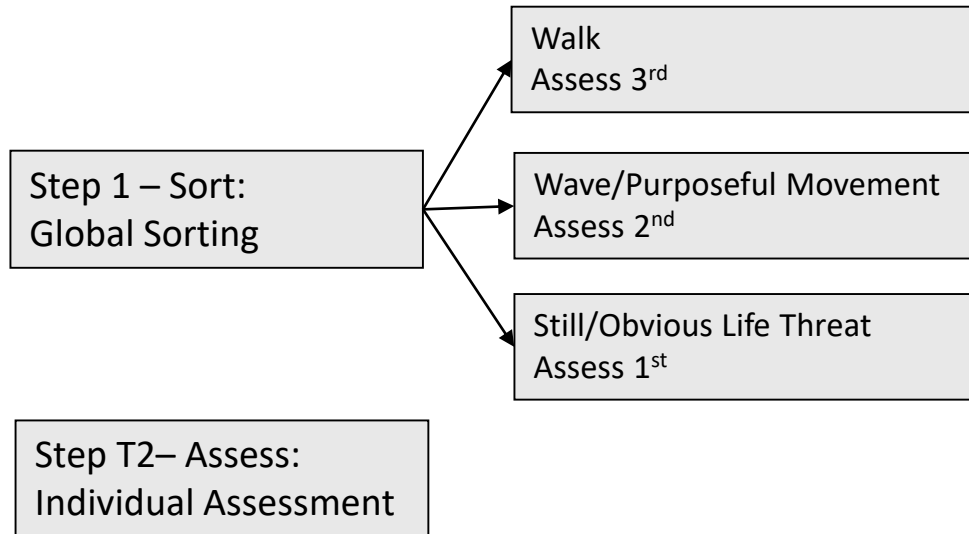
SALT Mass Casualty Triage

Sort

Assess

Lifesaving interventions

Treatment/transport



TRIAGE



RED Physiology Criteria >>

(If any one of these mentioned vital criteria is present on the assessment) >>

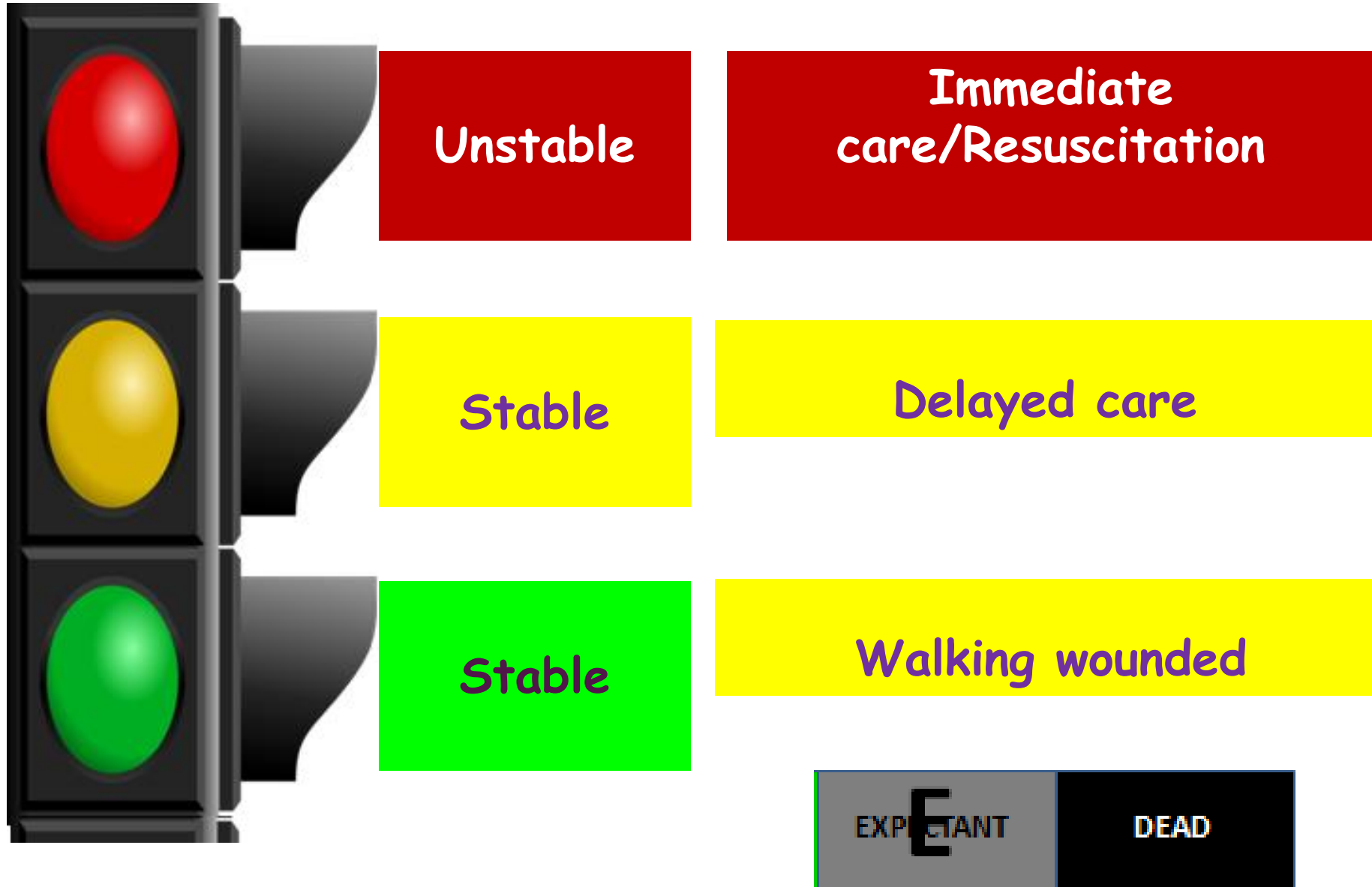
A	Noisy Breathing/Stridor; Angioedema Active seizures	C	Radial Pulse - Present / Absent; Pulse <50 or >120/min; SBP <90 mm Hg or >220mm Hg; Capillary refill >2 sec Shock index > 1
B	Talking incomplete sentence; RR <10 or >22/min; SPO2 <90%	D	Altered sensorium, Responding only to pain on AVPU-Scale of GCS ≤ 12 C-Spine Injury with Single Breath count ≤ 15

Non- Trauma		Trauma	
Symptoms/ History/ Exam finding based		Injuries identified	Mechanism of injury
RED	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Breathlessness / Pallor with Edema Active Bleeding (Hematemesis, Hemoptysis, Epistaxis, Hematuria, etc) Active seizures H/o Fainting / Syncope Fever with Delirium Poisoning with unstable vital sign Snake / Scorpion bite Burn >20% BSA (Burn of special areas) Hanging /Drowning / Electrocutation / Heat Stroke 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gun-shot wound Major Vascular injury Stab wounds (Head/Neck/Chest/Abdomen/Groin) Multiple injuries Open fractures excluding fractures of hand and feet Two or more long bone fracture Pelvic fracture Visible neck swelling Suspected sexual assault Flail chest with paradoxical respiration Chest trauma with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surgical Emphysema Seat Belt Mark CCT Positive Traumatic Amputation 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Fall from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> >3 times height of patient >5 stairs Roll over vehicle Co-passenger death Ejection from vehicle Railway track injuries Steering wheel injury Prolonged extrication time from vehicle Roll over vehicle Stuck between 2 heavy vehicles
YELLOW	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Post-seizure stage Pain abdomen / Loose motions (>3episodes) Painful Bleeding P/R H/o Bleeding Pallor/ Known Anaemia for Transfusion Fever with Headache/ chest Pain / Jaundice Fever in patient on chemotherapy / HIV Patients / Diabetic patients Drug overdose, Poisoning with stable vital signs Painful swelling / wound Headache, dizziness Unable to pass stool Unable to pass urine 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Minor Head Injury Open or closed fractures of hand & feet Isolated long bone fracture GCS-15 with - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol Anticoagulant LOC and vomiting Nasal & ENT bleed Limb Weakness 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Suspected abuse (Child/Women/Elderly) Significant assault
GREEN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Minor symptoms of existing illness Fitness urticaria / Skin rash Fever For medico-legal examination Minor conditions and low risk conditions (cough, cold, etc.) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Abrasions Lacerations Isolated fracture of small bones of hand and foot Contusions and Bruises 	



Operational and Technical Guidelines on Emergency Care Services at District Hospital

Triage



Triage – basic considerations

Trauma

Physiology
Injuries identified
Mechanism
Vulnerable population

Non trauma

Physiology
Examination findings
Brief history
Vulnerable population

RED
Yellow
Green

Red - Based on injuries or pathology



Red - Based on mechanism



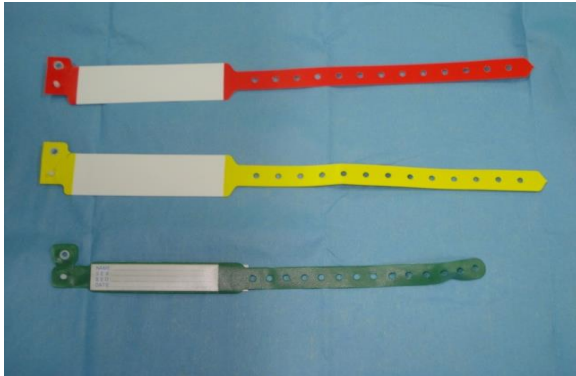
Yellow



Green



Triage - in hospital



Case Scenario-1

25 year old male a Two wheeler rider
hit roadside fence, vitals stable,
having open chest wound
Dangerous Mechanism of
Injury- Red

Red

Yellow

Green



Case scenario- 2

19 year old man brought to ED with history of fall from two stairs.

On arrival: mouth full of blood

Red

Yellow

Green



Case Scenario-3

45 year old male presented with mild fever with vitals

SpO₂- 98% at room air

Pulse Rate- 128/min

Resp. Rate- 28/min

BP- 122/78 mm of Hg

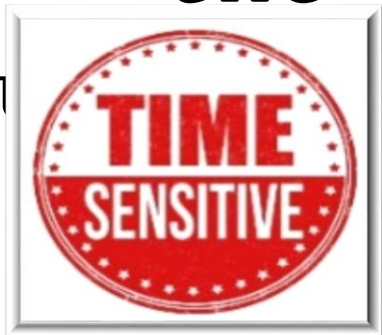
Red

Yellow

Green



Case Scenario-
A 57-year-old male driver,
presented to
emergency department with
a 20-minute episode of
diaphoresis and chest pain
it was central, radiating
to the left arm and
cr in nature



Fast
Track



Red



Yellow

Green

WORKFLOW PATTERN

Command centre

- What all details required?
 - Confirm the caller
 - Event
 - Number of patients
 - Location
 - Route & alternate route
 - Resources required
- How will you be prepared?
 - Ambulance level
 - How many to accompany
 - Oxygen/ drugs and equipments



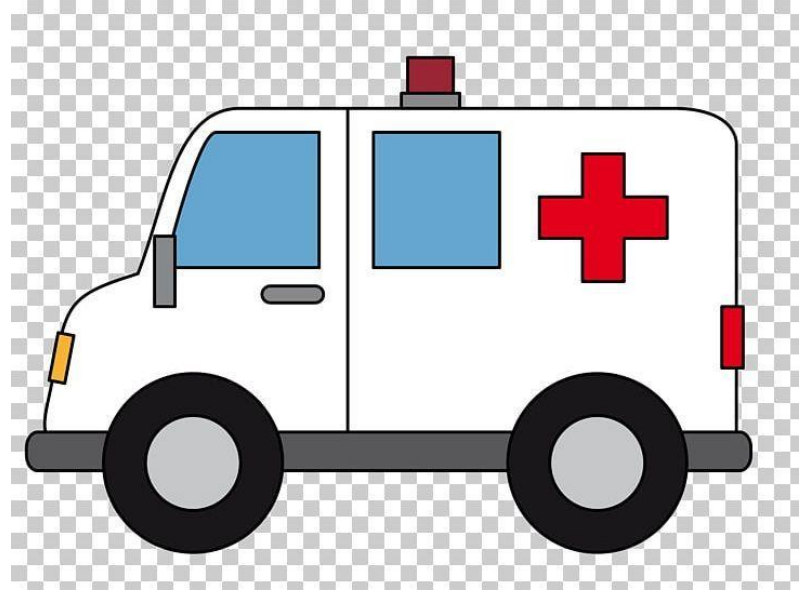
On scene care and ambulance shift

- Triage
- XABCDE
- Decision regarding where to transfer – under guidance of command centre
- Log roll and shift



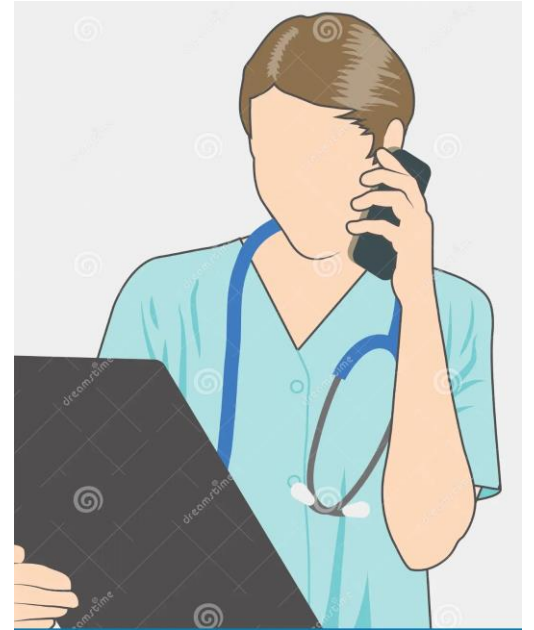
En route care

- IV fluids
- Analgesics
- Treatment under the guidance of command centre
- Documentation



Communication with the destination hospital/ command centre

- Introduction
- MIST protocol
 - Mechanism of injury
 - Injuries sustained
 - Signs and symptoms
 - Treatment given
- ETA
- Number of patients



Hand over communication at the destination hospital

- MIST protocol
 - Mechanism of injury
 - Injuries sustained
 - Signs and symptoms
 - Treatment given
- Documentation



Scenario

- A blast in a hotel
- Call to the command centre to deploy the team



Workflow algorithm

Command centre

- Confirm caller
- Number of patients expected
- Distance and route
- Prepare your team, equipments and vehicle

Treatment and transport

- XABCDE
- Plan for destination hospital

Enroute

- Treatment
- Communication with destination hospital

Handover at destination

Documentation

Summary

- Trauma resuscitation
 - XABCDE
- Cardiac arrest
 - CABD
- Triage
- Workflow pattern

THANK YOU

