

Mass Casualty

Protocol

Douglas County KS EMS System

March 2021

Referenced Procedures: None

Goals for patient care:

- Appropriate and rapid triage
- Rapid treatment and transport of high priority patients
- Appropriate destination decisions as not to overload hospitals

Mass Casualty Triage Categories:

- Black: Imminent death or pulseless
- Red: Immediate and treatable life threat
- Yellow: No immediate life threat but injured
- Green: Ambulatory/ minor injuries

Patients that are normally considered code blue are considered code black in a mass casualty situation. Providers must use START triage to determine code black versus red.

Scene safety needs to be ensured.

Separate triage, treatment and transport groups need to be established and can also be broken down farther into triage categories as needed (yellow treatment and red transport).

Establish casualty collection point for ambulatory victims out of the hot zone.

Establish treatment areas outside hot zone.

Utilize START triage chart below to rapidly identify patients.

Care needs to be taken to spread patients between hospitals to minimize the possibility of overloading a single hospital.

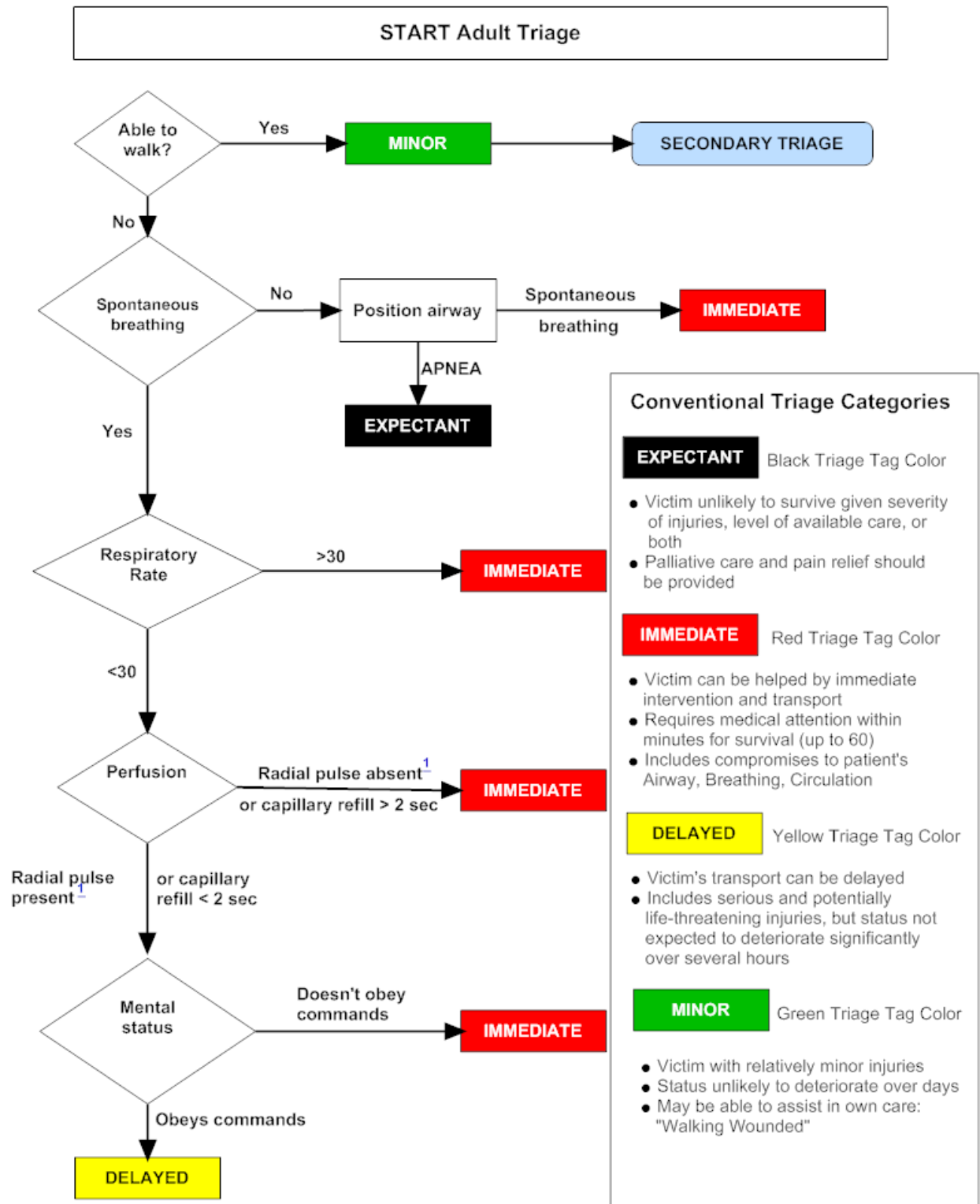
Reference LDCFM SOP 210.40 "mass casualty response" for further on scene logistics and management.

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Transport Receipt (front/back) – removed & retained by Transport Group, to show where patient went & by which ambulance

TRANSPORTATION RECEIPT Tag Number 4869
 Destination: _____ Via: _____ Time: _____
 Chief Complaint: _____

TRANSPORTATION RECEIPT For Use by Transportation Recorder Only
 Age: _____ First: _____ M: _____
 Last: _____

AMBULANCE RECEIPT
 Name: _____ M: _____
 Last: _____

TRIAGE TAG E10004869
 Age: _____ First: _____ M: _____
 Last: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Religious Pref: _____

IF CONTAMINATED
 Blast Injury: _____
 Blunt Trauma: _____
 Burn: _____
 C-Spine: _____
 Cardiac: _____
 Crushing: _____
 Fracture: _____
 Laceration: _____
 Penetrating Injury: _____
 Other: _____

START triage system
 MINOR: Move the Walking Wounded
 RESPIRATIONS: ☐ Yes ☐ - 2 Sec. ☐ Can Do
☐ No ☐ + 2 Sec. ☐ Can't Do
 IMMEDIATE: Respirations - Over 30
 IMMEDIATE: Perfusion - Cap. Refill Over 2 sec. or Radial Pulse Absent
 IMMEDIATE: Mental Status - Unable to Follow Simple Commands
 DELAYED: All Others
 MORGUE: No Respirations After Head Tilt

Initial Ribbon Triage
 1 2 3

RE-TRIAGED
 1 2 3
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MORGUE
 Pulseless/ Non-Breathing
 IMMEDIATE: Life Threatening Injury
 DELAYED: Serious Non Life Threatening
 MINOR: Walking Wounded

EVIDENCE
 CONTAMINATED
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Ambulance Receipt (front/back) – removed & retained by transporting EMS units for later patient tracking.

Remainder of triage tag remains attached to patient for benefit of receiving hospital

Second triage strip (front/back). Removed by Treatment Team once patient is moved to Transport Group

Document Initial triage ribbon color here. (applied by Triage Team @ initial contact)

First triage strip (front/back). Triage Team taking patient to Treatment Area keeps it