

# TRAUMA PATIENT TRIAGE AND TRANSPORT

- I. Region XI EMS uses a four step trauma field triage decision scheme (reference attachment 1) to identify injured persons requiring transportation directly to a trauma center. The four steps are:

- Step 1: Physiologic Criteria
- Step 2: Anatomic Criteria
- Step 3: Mechanism of Injury Criteria
- Step 4: Special Consideration Criteria

## A. Adult Trauma Transports

1. Region XI EMS defines the adult trauma patient as an injured person aged 16 years and older. Adult patients meeting trauma criteria using the decision scheme should be transported to the closest Level I trauma center. Scene time should be kept to a minimum.

## B. Pediatric Trauma Transports

1. Region XI EMS defines the pediatric trauma patient as an injured person aged 15 years or less. Pediatric patients meeting trauma criteria using the decision scheme should be preferentially transported to the closest Pediatric Level I trauma center.
2. If the transport time to the closest Pediatric Level I trauma center is anticipated to be greater than 25 minutes, the patient should be transported to the closest Level I trauma center. Scene time should be kept to a minimum.

### Attachments:

1. Region XI Trauma Field Triage Criteria
2. Region XI Trauma Transport - Adult and Pediatrics

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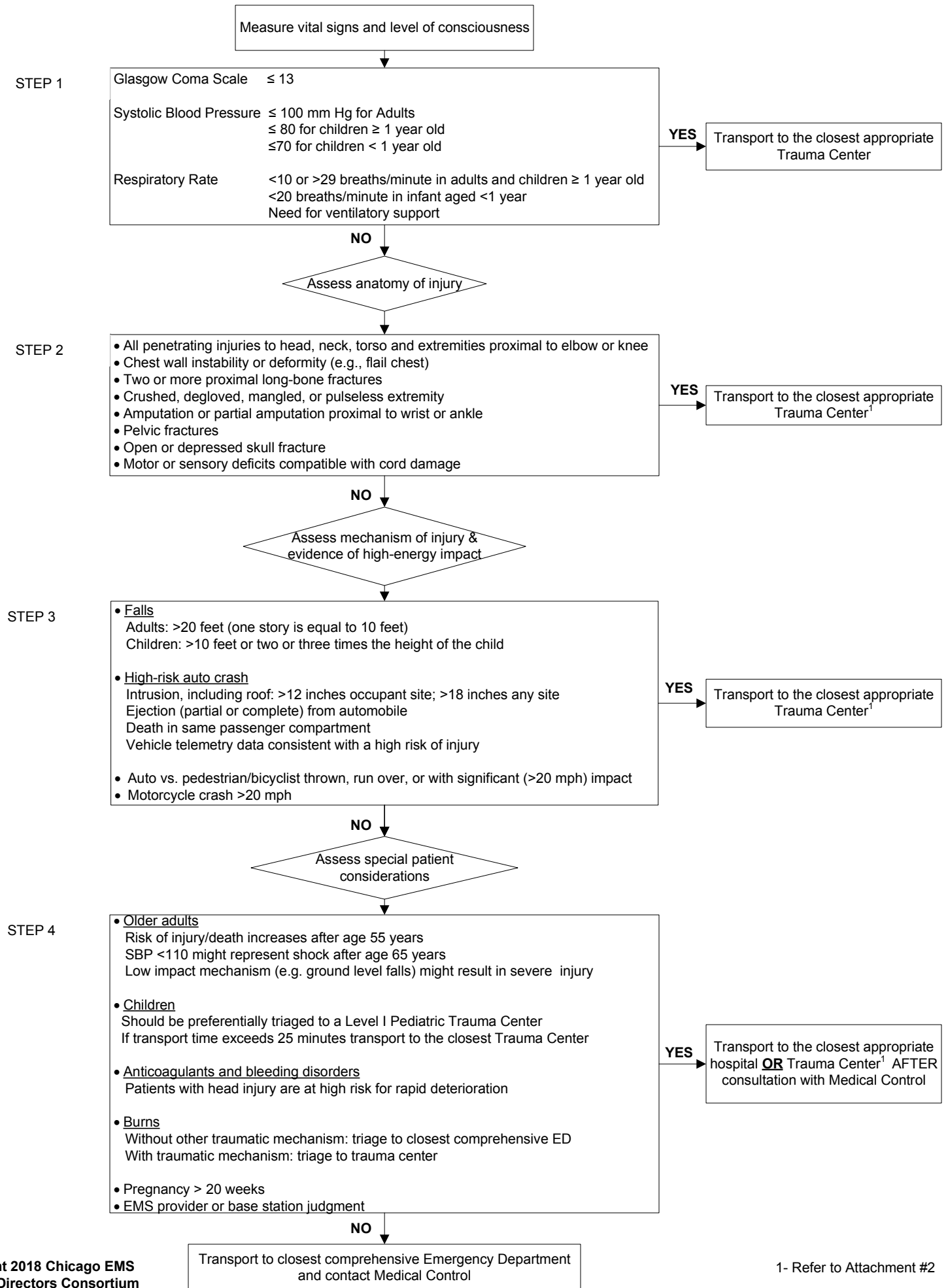
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# REGION XI TRAUMA FIELD TRIAGE CRITERIA



# **REGION XI TRAUMA TRIAGE ADULT AND PEDIATRICS**

**(Peds = less than 16 years old)**

1. Level I Trauma Centers:

**Christ Medical Center (Advocate)  
Illinois Masonic Medical Center (Advocate)  
John H. Stroger Hospital of Cook County  
Loyola University Medical Center  
Lutheran General Hospital (Advocate)  
Mount Sinai Hospital  
Northwestern Memorial Hospital  
St. Francis Hospital - Evanston (Presence)  
University of Chicago Medical Center**

2. Pediatric Level I Trauma Centers:

**John H. Stroger Hospital of Cook County  
Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago (Ann & Robert H.)  
University of Chicago Medical Center (Comer Children's Hospital)**

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