

Autolaunch Criteria



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Medical Transport

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Your Connection to Critical Care

The Golden Hour

The period immediately after injury is when delivery of critical care medicine is most beneficial. Every moment can mean the difference between life and death.

Mechanism of injury

- Pedestrian hit by a vehicle traveling 20 mph or >
- Fallen >20 feet
- Children falling > 2x their height
- Major auto deformity
- Ejected from the vehicle
- Motorcycle accident
- Penetrating injury of chest, abdomen, head, neck, groin
- Fatality in same vehicle
- Logging, farm, industrial accidents
- Drowning

Special considerations

- Age >65 or <5
- Multiple co-morbidities
- Blood thinners or other bleeding/clotting disorders

When physical exam shows

- Tachycardia and/or hypotension any trauma patient
- Delayed capillary refill in children
- Head injury with decreased level of consciousness
- Threatened or compromised airway
- Critical burns
- Paralysis or neurological deficit
- Fractures of 3 or more long bones
- Amputation, crushing or degloving injury
- Any injury involving 2 or more body systems

Medical Patient

Rapid air transport should also be considered when:

- Myocardial infarction (heart attack) or shockable rhythm
- Severe gastrointestinal bleeding
- Obstetrical emergencies (premature labor, bleeding)
- Decreased level of consciousness with airway compromise
- Hypothermia/hyperthermia
- Acute Stroke

PUPIL GAUGE (mm)

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