

The Monitor

The monthly electronic newsletter for the Southern Illinois Regional EMS System.

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COMMAND: Dr. Haake asked that we review the trauma field triage guidelines for pre-hospital trauma activations, and it is covered in the Operations section below. He also wanted to remind everyone the EMS Office is accepting applications for EMS System Preceptor. The Preceptor requirements and application can be found in Section I of the SIREMS Protocols.

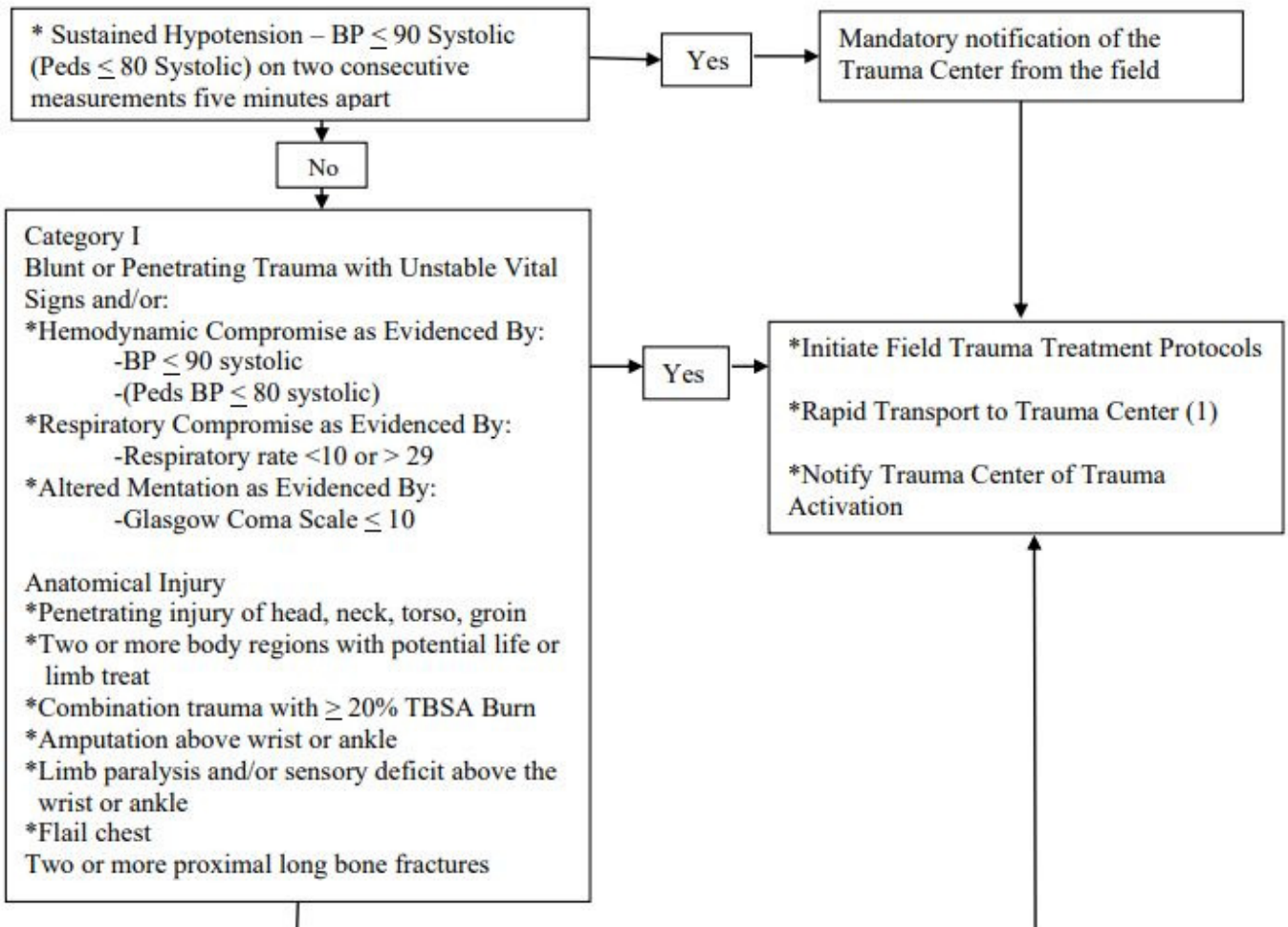
FINANCE: Has your agency ever considered retail partnerships? I'm sure you have been asked if you would like to round up your purchase for a good cause. Maybe a business would be interested in dedicating a percentage of the sales to your department. This may be one strategy to consider when attempting to purchase an ambulance or expensive piece of equipment.

LOGISTICS: For agency administrators: When your equipment suppliers need an updated physician authorization form, here's the process to get that updated. First, complete the account and department information on the top of the form. Then, email or fax that form to the EMS Office. From there, we will add the information from Dr. Haake's physician license, add his signature, and send the completed form to the supplier. If there are questions, please contact the EMS Office.

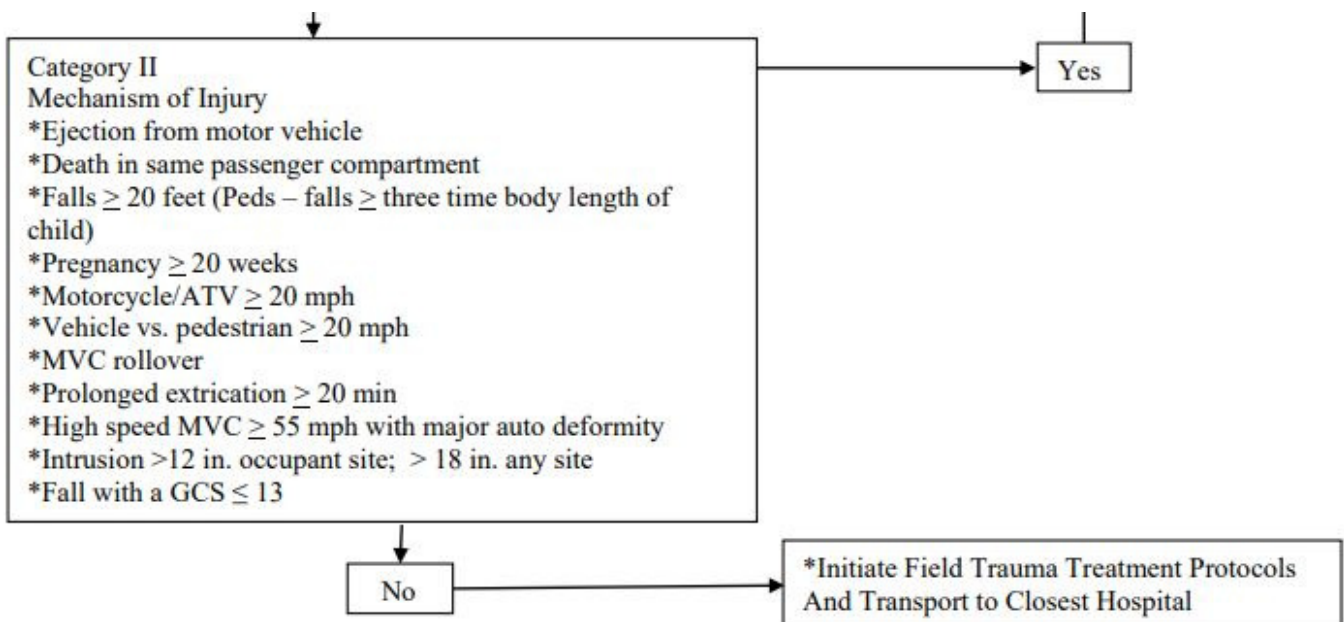
For services planning on purchasing an ambulance, please notify the EMS Office. The service must complete a system modification form to add the new vehicle to their fleet. The new ambulance must be inspected by IDPH and SIREMS within 10 days of being placed in service. And, IDPH has made some changes to the administrative rules regarding ambulance build and labeling. It would be best to touch base with the EMS Office and the Southern Inspector, Beau Elam before completing the outfitting or graphics.

OPERATIONS: Remember that tears or breaks in any upholstered surfaces in the patient compartment of the ambulance is a violation of IDPH rules. Placing tape over the damaged area is not an adequate repair. Please have any damaged areas in upholstery properly repaired or replaced.

Trauma Activations from the field are classified as either Category 1 or Category 2. Category 1 trauma activations are based on physiological findings, either the type of injuries or findings with blood pressure, pulse, respiratory rate, and mental status.



Category 2 trauma activations are based solely on mechanism of injury.



≥ 30 minutes from Trauma Center, transport to the nearest hospital

PLANNING: Don't forget about our EMS Calendar at www.sirems.com

June 13: SIREMS Triage Tag Day

June 14: Flag Day

June 18: Father's Day

June 19: Juneteenth

July 4: Independence Day

TIP OF THE MONTH: Hot and humid weather is almost here and the majority of us, **and our patients**, are not yet acclimated to higher temperatures and humidity levels. Work on remaining hydrated throughout the day. Remember, coffee and energy drinks have a diuretic effect and are not the best choice for hydration.

If you have any questions or information for "The Monitor", please contact me at Brad.Robinson@sih.net or SouthernIllinoisRegionalEMS@gmail.com (06-14-2023).