

**Pennsylvania Statewide BLS Protocol #180 - Trauma Patient Destination  
Compliance Checklist**

**Category 1 – Physiological & Anatomical**

- Patient does not follow commands (GCS Motor  $\leq 5$ )
- Hypotension, even a single episode (SBP  $\leq 90$  mmHg in adults or SBP  $< 70$  in children)
- Penetrating injury to head, neck, torso, and extremities proximal to elbow or knee (unless obviously superficial)
- Chest injuries with respiratory distress (for example, flail chest)
- Pelvic fractures
- Two or more proximal long bone fractures
- Limb paralysis (spinal cord injury)
- Amputation proximal to wrist or ankle

*IF ANY BOX CHECKED, PROCEED TO LOGISTICAL SECTION*

Transport to closest trauma center by most appropriate mode. If 30 minutes or less, should go by ground. If  $> 45$  minutes or grossly unstable, may go to closest facility for initial stabilization. Medical command not required for air ambulance authorization if  $> 30$  minutes by ground.

**Category 2 – Mechanism and Other Factors Combined with Trauma**

- Falls:  Adult  $> 20$  feet (one story = 10 feet)  
 Peds  $> 10$  feet or 2-3 x height of child

High Risk Auto Crash:

- Pass. compartment intrusion  $> 12$  in. occupant side or  $> 18$  in. any side
- Ejection
- Death in same passenger compartment

Auto vs. Pedestrian/Bicyclist:

- Thrown, run over, or  $> 20$  mph impact
- Motorcycle crash  $> 20$  mph
- Age  $< 5$  years or  $> 55$  years
- Combination trauma with burns
- Crushed/degloved/mangled extremity or finger amputation
- Known bleeding disorder or taking coumadin/heparin
- Pregnancy ( $> 20$  weeks)

*IF ANY BOX CHECKED, PROCEED TO LOGISTICAL SECTION*

Generally should be transported to closest trauma center by most appropriate mode. If 30 minutes or less, should go by ground. If  $> 45$  minutes or grossly unstable, may go to closest facility for initial stabilization. Medical command required for air ambulance authorization if  $> 30$  minutes by ground.

**Category 3**

If patient does not meet any criteria listed above, they should generally be transported to the closest or requested facility (by ground).

**Notes:**

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**Logistical Information**

Estimated ground transport time to closest trauma center ≤ 30 minutes (applicable to Category 1 and 2):

Yes       No

Via [www.maps.yahoo.com](http://www.maps.yahoo.com) = \_\_\_\_\_ minutes to \_\_\_\_\_.  
AND/OR

Via [www.maps.google.com](http://www.maps.google.com) = \_\_\_\_\_ minutes to \_\_\_\_\_.

Documented adverse road /travel conditions (i.e. snow/ice, construction, rush hour)?  Yes       No

Patient required advanced care via flight team (i.e. RSI)?     Yes       No

MCI – even dispersment of patients required?                       Yes       No

Compare :    Time air ambulance arrived @ \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_.  
                 Time ground arrives at closest trauma center per estimate above: \_\_\_\_\_  
                 Time saved by air: \_\_\_\_\_ vs. Time saved by ground: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Command Information**

Medical command required (Category 2)?                                       Yes       No

Medical command facility documented?                                       Yes       No

Medical command physician name and/or number documented?     Yes       No

Order/Authorization for flight documented?                                 Yes       No

**Service comments / rationale for deviation from protocol:**

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Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by:       Crew Chief                       Supervisor                       Medical Director

Returned to CCDES with additional information?     Yes       No