

# INTERAGENCY INTEGRATED TRIAGE TOOL: Age ≥ 12



## 1 CHECK FOR RED CRITERIA

- Unresponsive

**AIRWAY & BREATHING**

- Stridor
- Respiratory distress\* or central cyanosis

**CIRCULATION**

- Capillary refill >3 sec
- Weak and fast pulse
- Heavy bleeding
- HR <50 or >150

**DISABILITY**

- Active convulsions
- Any two of:
  - Altered mental status
  - Hypothermia or fever
  - Stiff neck
  - Headache
- Hypoglycaemia

**OTHER**

- High-risk trauma\*
- Poisoning/ingestion or dangerous chemical exposure\*
- Threatened limb\*
- Snake bite
- Acute chest or abdominal pain (>50 years old)
- ECG with acute ischaemia (if done)
- Violent or aggressive

**PREGNANT WITH ANY OF:**

- Heavy bleeding
- Severe abdominal pain
- Seizures or altered mental status
- Severe headache
- Visual changes
- SBP ≥160 or DBP ≥110
- Active labour
- Trauma

**YES**

**MOVE TO HIGH ACUITY RESUSCITATION AREA IMMEDIATELY**

## 2 CHECK FOR YELLOW CRITERIA

**AIRWAY & BREATHING**

- Any swelling/mass of mouth, throat or neck
- Wheezing (no red criteria)

**CIRCULATION**

- Vomits everything or ongoing diarrhoea
- Unable to feed or drink
- Severe pallor (no red criteria)
- Ongoing bleeding (no red criteria)
- Recent fainting

**DISABILITY**

- Altered mental status or agitation (no red criteria)
- Acute general weakness
- Acute focal neurologic complaint
- Acute visual disturbance
- Severe pain (no red criteria)

**OTHER**

- New rash worsening over hours or peeling (no red criteria)
- Visible acute limb deformity
- Open fracture
- Suspected dislocation
- Other trauma/burns (no red criteria)
- Known diagnosis requiring urgent surgical intervention
- Sexual assault
- Acute testicular/scrotal pain or priapism
- Unable to pass urine
- Exposure requiring time-sensitive prophylaxis (eg. animal bite, needlestick)
- Pregnancy, referred for complications

**YES**

**MOVE TO CLINICAL TREATMENT AREA**



Patients with high-risk vital signs or clinical concern need up-triage or immediate review by supervising clinician

**YES**

## 3 CHECK FOR HIGH-RISK VITAL SIGNS

HR <60 or >130

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RR <10 or >30

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Temp <36° or >39°

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SpO2 <92%

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AVPU other than A

**NO**

**MOVE TO LOW ACUITY OR WAITING AREA**

**NO**

**NO**

\*See Reference Card

# INTERAGENCY INTEGRATED TRIAGE TOOL: Age < 12



## 1 CHECK FOR RED CRITERIA

- Unresponsive

### AIRWAY & BREATHING

- Stridor
- Respiratory distress\* or central cyanosis

### CIRCULATION

- Capillary refill >3 sec
- Weak and fast pulse
- Heavy bleeding
- Cold extremities
- Any two of:
  - Lethargy
  - Sunken eyes
  - Very slow skin pinch
  - Drinks poorly

### DISABILITY

- Active convulsions
- Altered mental status (confused, restless, continuously irritable or lethargic) with stiff neck, hypothermia or fever
- Hypoglycaemia (if known)

### OTHER

- Any infant <8 days old
- Age <2 months and temp <36 or >39°C
- High-risk trauma\*
- Threatened limb\*
- Acute testicular/scrotal pain or priapism
- Snake bite
- Poisoning/ingestion or dangerous chemical exposure\*
- Pregnant with adult red criteria

**YES**

**MOVE TO HIGH ACUITY RESUSCITATION AREA IMMEDIATELY**

## 2 CHECK FOR YELLOW CRITERIA

### AIRWAY & BREATHING

- Any swelling/mass of mouth, throat or neck
- Wheezing (no red criteria)

### CIRCULATION

- Unable to feed or drink
- Vomits everything
- Ongoing diarrhoea
- Dehydration
- Severe pallor (no red criteria)

### DISABILITY

- Restless, continuously irritable or lethargy
- Severe pain

### OTHER

- Any infant 8 days to 6 months old
- Malnutrition with visible severe wasting OR oedema of both feet
- Trauma/burn (no red criteria)
- Sexual assault
- Known diagnosis requiring urgent surgical intervention
- New rash worsening over hours or peeling (no red criteria)
- Exposure requiring time-sensitive prophylaxis (e.g. animal bite)
- Pregnancy (no red criteria)
- Headache (no red criteria)

**YES**

**MOVE TO CLINICAL TREATMENT AREA**



Patients with high-risk vital signs or clinical concern need up-triage or immediate review by supervising clinician

**YES**

## 3 CHECK FOR HIGH-RISK VITAL SIGNS

Temp <36° or >39°

SpO2 < 92%

AVPU other than A

RR	< 1 year	1-4 years	5-12 years
High	50	40	30
Low	25	20	10
HR	< 1 year	1-4 years	5-12 years
High	180	160	140
Low	< 90	< 80	< 70



**NO**

**MOVE TO LOW ACUITY OR WAITING AREA**

\*See Reference Card

# INTERAGENCY INTEGRATED TRIAGE: \*Reference card

## High-Risk Trauma Criteria

 General Trauma	 Road Traffic
Fall from twice person's height	High speed motor vehicle crash
Penetrating trauma excluding distal to knee/ elbow with bleeding controlled	Pedestrian or cyclist hit by vehicle
Crush injury	Other person in same vehicle died at scene
Polytrauma (injuries in multiple body areas)	Motor vehicle crash without a seatbelt
Patient with bleeding disorder or on anticoagulation	Trapped or thrown from vehicle (including motorcycle)
Pregnant	

## Major Burns

(the below criteria refer to partial or full thickness burns) Greater than 15% body surface area	Inhalation injury
Circumferential or involving face or neck	Any burn in age < 2 or age > 70

## Threatened Limb

A patient presenting with a limb that is:

- Pulseless OR
- Painful and one of the following: pale, weak, numb, or with massive swelling after trauma.

## Other High-Risk Criteria

### Signs of Respiratory Distress

Adult	Child
Very fast or very slow breathing	Very fast breathing
Inability to talk or walk unaided	Inability to talk, eat or breastfeed
Confused, sleepy or agitated	Nasal flaring, grunting
Accessory muscle use (neck, intercostal, abdominal)	Accessory muscle use (e.g., head nodding, chest indrawing)

### Ingestion/exposure

Use of clinical signs alone may not identify all those who need time-dependent intervention. Patients with high risk ingestion or exposure should initially be up-triaged to Red for early clinical assessment.

