

5.3 Levels of Trauma Activation—TYPE II

Applicable Levels

LI, LII, LIII, PTCI, PTCII

Definition and Requirements

In all trauma centers, the criteria for tiered activations must be clearly defined. For the highest level of activation, the following eight criteria must be included:

1. Confirmed blood pressure less than 90 mm Hg at any time in adults, and age-specific hypotension in children
2. Gunshot wounds to the neck, chest, or abdomen
3. GCS less than 9 (with mechanism attributed to trauma)
4. Transfer patients from another hospital who require ongoing blood transfusion
5. Patients intubated in the field and directly transported to the trauma center
6. Patients who have respiratory compromise or are in need of an emergent airway
7. Transfer patients from another hospital with ongoing respiratory compromise (excludes patients intubated at another facility who are now stable from a respiratory standpoint)
8. Emergency physician's discretion

Additional Information

The trauma program may include additional criteria.

Measures of Compliance

List of criteria for each tier of activation

Resources

None

References

None