



HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY TRAUMA AGENCY PRE-HOSPITAL ELDER GRAY-AREA NON-TRAUMA ALERT CRITERIA

Purpose: To identify “at-risk” older/geriatric trauma patients who might benefit from a trauma center

First check to see if your older trauma patient already meets trauma alert criteria and call an alert as appropriate.

If not a trauma alert, but patient is 65 years or older, consider transporting that individual to a trauma center if one or more of the following conditions are satisfied:

Mechanism of injury:

Burns

Motor vehicle collision associated with:

- ▶ Rapid deceleration of automobile (> 35 mph)
- ▶ Pedestrian ▶ Bicycle
- ▶ Golf cart ▶ Motorcycle
- ▶ Unrestrained vehicle occupant
- ▶ Significant passenger space invasion
- ▶ Prolonged extrication greater than 20 minutes
- ▶ Significant vehicular damage
- ▶ Rollover
- ▶ Fatality (other occupant)

Injuries associated with an above mechanism:

- ▶ Evidence of chest or pelvic trauma

Other events associated w/high-energy dissipation:

- ▶ Fall (> ground level)
- ▶ Blast

Traumatic injury and currently taking:

- ▶ Anticoagulants and blood thinners
- ▶ Cardiac medications such as beta blockers and antiarrhythmics
- ▶ Diabetic medications

Traumatic injury and medical history of:

- ▶ Cardiac ▶ CHF ▶ COPD
- ▶ Paralysis ▶ Dementia
- ▶ Recent surgery
- ▶ Organ transplant
- ▶ Diabetes