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

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