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PROTOCOLS Policies, Procedures, and Protocols

Patient Classification

CLASS 1 - SEVERE

"Highest Priority"

URGENT

Life threatening illness or injury.

Example:

Cardiac arrest, respiratory arrest or severe distress, **severe** hemorrhaging, multiple systems injury, **severe** burns, poisoning, **severe** head injury, coma, shock, **severe** eye injury, very high fever, open chest or abdominal wounds.

CLASS 2- MODERATE

"High Priority"

EMERGENT

Patient currently stable, but serious. May become Class 1.

Example:

Cardiac problems, cervical injury, large wounds with bleeding controlled, multiple fractures, conscious head injury or overdose which is currently stable.

CLASS 3 - MILD

"Low Priority"

NON-EMERGENT

Patient has minor problems and is stable. No serious problem(s) encountered.

Example:

Minor wounds, fractures and burns.

CLASS 4 - PROBABLE DEATH