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GUIDE TO FIELD TRIAGE: New Tools for EMS

More than eight years have passed since field triage protocols for trauma were reviewed and updated. The profound importance of field triage has been reinforced by recent evidence that the risk of death is 25 percent lower for severely injured patients who receive care at a Level I trauma center compared to treatment received at non-trauma centers.

Given the dynamic changes in medical care and technology, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) worked with other federal agencies and acute injury care partners to revise the 1999 version of the American College of Surgeons Field Triage Decision Scheme. An upcoming CDC resource guide will give an in-depth overview of the process by which the decision scheme was reviewed, the scientific evidence for changes, and tools that can assist your organization in implementing the new decision scheme.

“ Triage of the injured patient is a life or death decision. Integrating this new decision scheme into your EMS system can save lives.”

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