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TRAUMA ALERT PROTOCOL

PURPOSE:
To provide an immediate trauma system response for the trauma patient meeting the following criteria:

AIRWAY
1. Field intubations/Surgical Airway
   Life threatening
   2. Requires immediate intubations
   Compromise
   3. Requires surgical airway

BREATHING
1. Respiratory rate >30 or <10
   Pediatric >40 or <15
2. Blunt chest trauma affecting
   Oxygenation/ventilation

CIRCULATION
1. BP<90 systolic
   Pediatric for age 2 or less <80 systolic.
2. Tachycardic ≥130
3. Patient requiring blood administration enroute.

DISABILITY
1. Unconsciousness, posturing, paralysis,
   Seizure, paresthesias.
2. GCS ≤ 11
   Pediatric GCS ≤12 (altered responsiveness)

EXPOSURE
1. Penetrating injuries to neck, trunk or head
2. Major amputations
3. Crush injuries to torso or upper thighs
4. >20% burns or any burns involving airway.

PHYSIOLOGIC
1. Any viable pregnancy with significant MOI
   (e.g.: ejection, rollover, fatality, intrusion etc.)
2. Extremes of age: <5 or >65 with significant MOI
   (e.g.: ejection, rollover, fatality, intrusion etc.) and/or
   Co-morbid conditions (e.g.: coagulopathies.)

Lifeguard Dispatch activates Trauma Alert per Criteria.
Emergency Dept MD/RN can activate upon presentation if not done PTA.

251-3700 = TAP

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