

Utah Trauma System Advisory Committee

Guidelines for Transport of Trauma Patients to Freestanding Emergency Departments

The following types of patients are NOT candidates for transport to a freestanding ED (FSED) or HOPD (Hospital OutPatient Department):

1. Critically-injured patients with unstable vital signs or other life-threatening conditions UNLESS the patient's airway is not maintainable with EMS advanced or basic airway management techniques and the FSED is the closest ED
2. Traumatic cardiac arrest patients
3. Patients meeting Steps 1-3 criteria of the Utah Trauma Field Triage Guidelines.
4. Patients with head injuries who are over 65 years old OR who are taking anticoagulants
5. Patients with angulated long bone fractures
6. Patients with suspected open fractures or dislocations
7. EMS provider judgement

These guidelines may be modified during a disaster situation