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² Patients with suspected neurosurgical injuries should be transported to either VGH or LGH.

Failed Airway ¹

YES

- Transport to the nearest Emergency Department

NO

Blunt Traumatic Arrest

YES

- Obtain CliniCall / EPOS Consultation to determine decision to discontinue resuscitation vs. transport to nearest emergency department

NO

Penetrating Traumatic Arrest

(due to penetrating injury to head, neck and/or torso)

YES

- If time from loss of pulse and respiration to arrival at hospital is <15 min, go to **nearest Emergency Department**
- If no hospital within 15 min, obtain CliniCall / EPOS Consultation to consider discontinuation of resuscitation vs. transport

NO

Step 1: Physiological

Physiological criteria (any of the following):

Adult:

- SBP <90 (or <110 if 65+ years old)
- RR <10 or >30 or need for ventilatory support
- GCS ≤13

YES

- If transport time >40 min, consider helicopter
- Otherwise, transport to **nearest Emergency Department**

NO

Step 2: Anatomical

Anatomical criteria (any of the following):

- Open or depressed skull fracture
- New paralysis or neurological deficits
- Major penetrating injury
- Facial injury with potential airway compromise
- Two or more proximal long bone fractures
- Crush, deglove, mangled, or pulseless extremity
- Amputation proximal to wrist or ankle
- Chest wall instability or deformity (i.e. flail chest)
- Major burns (>10% TSBA, airway or electrical)
- Unstable pelvis

YES

- If transport time >40 min, consider transport via helicopter
- If transport time < 90 min, go to VGH or LGH
 - Consider VGH if spine injury with neurologic deficit, or complex chest or pelvic injury (consider CliniCall consult)
- Otherwise, go to **nearest Emergency Department.**

NO

Step 3: Mechanism

Mechanism criteria (any of the following):

- Falls ADULT: > 6m (20 feet)
- MVC: Intrusion OR ejection OR death in vehicle.
- Pedestrian or bicyclist struck >30 km/hr OR thrown OR run-over.
- Motorcyclist collision at > 30 km/hr.

YES

- If transport time < 90 min, go to VGH or LGH
- Otherwise, go to **nearest Emergency Department**

NO

Step 4: Special Considerations

Special Considerations (any of the following):

- Age 65 or older
- Anticoagulation
- Pregnancy > 20 weeks.

YES

- If transport time < 90 minutes, go to VGH or LGH.
- Otherwise, go to **nearest Emergency Department.**

NO

Transport to the nearest Emergency Department

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