Using Computer Simulations to Improve Triage in a Mass-Casualty Event

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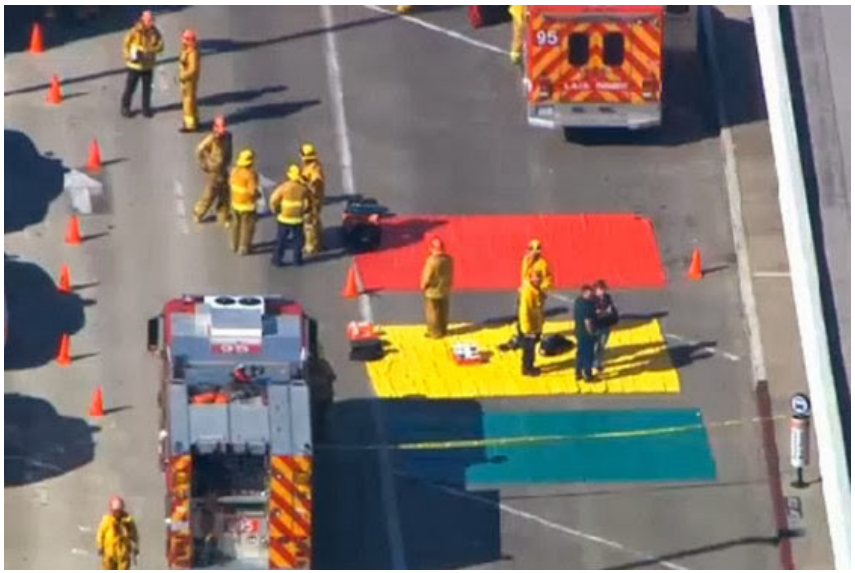
Mass-Casualty Event

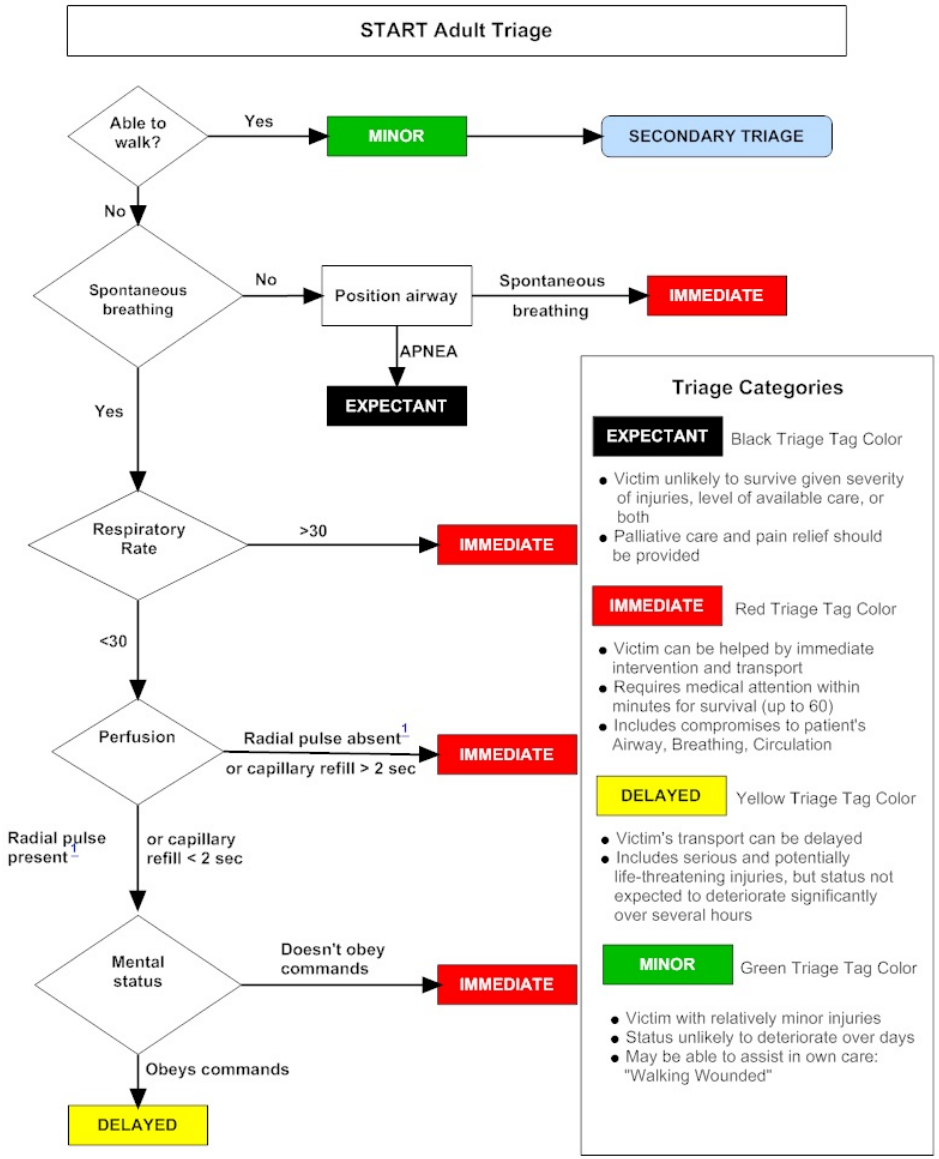
Oh no! The red line has derailed!

At the site of the crash



- **First-responders:** Triage patients based on injury severity
- RED: Patients in worst shape
- YELLOW: Patients whose care can be delayed
- GREEN: Patients with minor injuries

Simple Triage and Rapid Treatment (START)



Meanwhile, you must prepare the UChicago Trauma Unit

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- Who should be admit and who should we turn away?