

**requires immediate
life-saving intervention?**

A **yes** → **1**

no

**high risk situation?
or
confused/lethargic/disoriented?
or
severe pain/distress?**

B **yes** → **2**

how many different resources are needed?

none one many

5

4

**danger zone
vitals?**

<3 m	>180	>50
3 m-3y	>160	>40
3-8 y	>140	>30
>8y	>100	>20
HR	RR	SaO2 < 92%

consider → **2**

no

3

A. Immediate life-saving intervention required: airway, emergency medications, or other hemodynamic interventions (IV, supplemental O₂, monitor, ECG or labs DO NOT count); and/or any of the following clinical conditions: intubated, apneic, pulseless, severe respiratory distress, SPO₂<90, acute mental status changes, or unresponsive.

Unresponsiveness is defined as a patient that is either:

- (1) nonverbal and not following commands (acutely); or
- (2) requires noxious stimulus (P or U on AVPU) scale.

B. High risk situation is a patient you would put in your last open bed.

Severe pain/distress is determined by clinical observation and/or patient rating of greater than or equal to 7 on 0-10 pain scale.

C. Resources: Count the number of different types of resources, not the individual tests or x-rays (examples: CBC, electrolytes and coags equals one resource; CBC plus chest x-ray equals two resources).

Resources	Not Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labs (blood, urine) ECG, X-rays CT-MRI-ultrasound-angiography 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History & physical (including pelvic) Point-of-care testing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IV fluids (hydration) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saline or heparin
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IV or IM or nebulized medications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PO medications Tetanus immunization Prescription refills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialty consultation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phone call to PCP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple procedure =1 (Iac repair, foley cath) Complex procedure =2 (conscious sedation) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple wound care (dressings, recheck) Crutches, splints, slings

D. Danger Zone Vital Signs

Consider uptriage to ESI 2 if any vital sign criterion is exceeded.

Pediatric Fever Considerations

1 to 28 days of age: assign at least ESI 2 if temp >38.0 C (100.4F)

1-3 months of age: consider assigning ESI 2 if temp >38.0 C (100.4F)

3 months to 3 yrs of age: consider assigning ESI 3 if: temp >39.0 C (102.2 F), or incomplete immunizations, or no obvious source of fever