



## INDICATIONS

Patients with a minor complaint fit for treat and discharge

## Patient Assessment

1 Obtain vital signs and GCS

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2 Critical resuscitation interventions

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Exclusion Criteria or Red Flags Present?

NO

YES

Is Patient in any Danger?

NO

YES

Refer to Relevant Protocols (if applicable)

Provide EMS Treatment Form and Discharge

Transport / Standby to Appropriate Hospital

Documentation in Ambulance Case Record

Injury documentation - Specify absence of exclusion criteria  
Vital Signs  
Treatment administered  
Non-conveyance treatment form passed to patient



## AGE EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- A. Infants (< 1 year of age)
- B. Paediatric (< 16 years of age) AND not in the presence of parent or competent caregiver
- C. Geriatric ( $\geq 80$  years of age)



## MEDICAL EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- A. Abnormal vital signs
- B. Red flag symptoms and / or physical examination
- C. Unable to evaluate or obtain accurate history e.g. acute psychosis, minimally communicative patients, advanced dementia or Parkinson's disease, intellectual disability, language barrier
- D. Pregnancy



## CONTEXTUAL EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- A. Referred from healthcare facility or provider e.g. IMH, community hospitals, nursing home, polyclinic, private clinic, home nursing teams
- B. Vulnerable persons e.g. persons in custody, prisoners, institution residents, destitute persons, migrant workers, commercial sex workers, child abuse victims

## Red Flag Symptoms

## Neurological

Syncope / Seizure  
Blurring of vision  
Acute hearing loss  
Altered mental state  
Acute substance intoxication  
Severe headache  
Slurred speech  
Limb weakness or numbness

## Cardiac / Respiratory

Chest pain  
Shortness of breath  
Orthopnoea  
Nocturnal dyspnoea  
Reduced effort tolerance  
Lower limb swelling

## Gastrointestinal

Severe abdominal pain  
Per-rectal bleeding  
Hematemesis  
Bilious or feculent vomiting  
Severe vomiting  
Obstipation

## Vascular

Acute severe back pain  
Acute severe limb pain

## Genitourinary / Gynecological

Haematuria  
Severe genital pain  
Priapism (Erection  $\geq 4$  hours)  
Per-vaginal bleeding

## Red Flag Signs

## Neurological

Acute visual impairment  
Gaze deviation  
Facial droop  
Dysphasia / Aphasia  
Decreased limb power  
Lethargy / Irritability (P)

## Cardiac / Respiratory

Reduced air entry  
Crackles / Crepitations  
Additional heart sounds

## Musculoskeletal

Suspected fracture  
Joint dislocation or subluxation  
Spinal tenderness

## Gastrointestinal

Abdominal distention  
Abdominal guarding or rigidity

## Genitourinary / Gynecological

Change in skin appearance around genitals

## Vascular

Cold, pale, swollen or weak limb

## Abnormal Vital Signs

Temp  $< 35^{\circ}\text{C}$   
Temp  $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$  for  $\geq 3$  days  
SBP  $< 90$  mmHg or DBP  $< 60$  mmHg  
SBP  $\geq 180$  mmHg or DBP  $\geq 110$  mmHg  
HR  $\geq 100$  bpm or  $\leq 50$  bpm  
RR  $\geq 26$  bpm or  $\leq 11$  bpm; SpO<sub>2</sub>  $< 95\%$   
GCS  $< 15$ , Pain score  $\geq 3$   
CBG  $< 4$  mmol/L or  $> 13.8$  mmol/L  
Refer to age-appropriate reference (P)