

TRANSPORT PATIENT CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Category - BLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vital Signs within normal limits upon arrival • to referral • No respiratory distress • Trauma - Uncomplicated fractures • IV Access – none • No meds required
Category - ALS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O₂ saturation >93% on 2 L/Min or less via NC or 5 L/min by simple FM • Mild Respiratory Distress (increased respiratory rate, no aerosol treatments required) • Stable tracheostomy (long term) • Foreign body in esophagus without signs of respiratory distress • Trauma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complicated Fractures – stable, uncompromised neurovascular status ○ Skull fractures without loss of consciousness, altered mental status or CHI ○ Burns <10% BSA, no respiratory distress or facial involvement • Mild dehydration, ≤10% increase in HR, ≤ 1 fluid bolus by referral • Decreased glucose r/t vomiting, diarrhea, or dehydration treated by referral • Known seizure disorder on routine anticonvulsants without active seizure activity • IV or central access – heplock, maintenance fluids
Category – ALS 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O₂ saturation >93% on ≥ 3 L/min via NC or ≥ 6 L/min by simple FM • Mild/Mod. Respiratory distress requiring aerosol treatments • Established tracheostomy, required ventilator support • Foreign body in trachea or esophagus with respiratory distress • Potential for hemodynamic instability/respiratory compromise • Dehydration with increased HR, cap. refill, and/or decreased pulses, or requiring >1 fluid bolus by referral • Any r/o sepsis with a rash • Altered LOC (GCS>8) • Active seizure activity or anticonvulsants for undiagnosed seizures in last 4 hours • Altered glucose levels with unknown etiology or DKA • Trauma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Single system trauma & fractures with potential for neurovascular compromise and/or hemodynamic instability ○ Skull fracture with altered LOC or CHI ○ Burns >10% BSA or with potential airway compromise • IV Access – potential for fluid resuscitation
Category - SCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inotropic Support Required • Hemodynamic instability • Mod./Severe respiratory distress • Intubated patients • New tracheostomy • GCS<8 • Trauma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Multi-system traumas ○ Skull fracture with epidural bleed