

## EMS TRIAGE & TOOLS FOR QTD



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## QUARTERLY TRIAGE DAYS

- Agreed on by GDAHA, GMVEMSC, RPAB, et al
- 24 hours each quarter
- Day of week different each quarter
- Communicated to all hospitals and EMS agencies
- Includes Ribbons, "Treatment" Tags, MCI Radio Talk Groups, and more



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## QUARTERLY TRIAGE DAYS

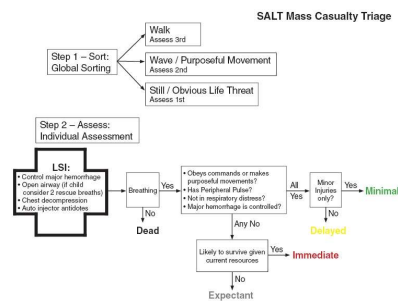
- QTDs are opportunities
  - There's no way to know when - or where - the next MCI will happen
  - That is NOT the time to figure out how to use SALT, Ribbons, Tags, and Radios
- OPPORTUNITY FOR US ALL - EMS and EDs - TO WORK TOGETHER!



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## SALT FOR QTD

- For EVERY EMS patient:
  - Assign a realistic SALT Category



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## TRIAGE CATEGORIES: ID-MED

- Immediate**
  - Can't follow commands, in respiratory distress, uncontrolled arterial bleeding, wrist pulse not palpable
- Delayed** - Serious illness or injury
- Minimal** - Minor illness or injury
- Expectant** - not applicable for QTD
- Dead** - hopefully not applicable for QTD
  - (Ribbon/Tag zebra-striped)



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## TRIAGE RIBBONS

- ORANGE** Ribbons for contaminated victims
- Black Dots** to distinguish from red ribbons in poor light



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## SALT C-R-A-P ASSESSMENTS



7-8 seconds:

- **C - Commands / Purposeful movements?**
- **R - Respiratory Distress?**
- **A - Uncontrolled (Arterial) bleeding?**
- **P - Peripheral Pulse Present?**

Clinically "bad" to one or more assessment questions: patient is Red or Gray



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## ATTACH A RIBBON

- Use Triage Ribbon per the category you assigned
  - Right wrist for both Ribbon and Tag



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## RIBBONS & TAGS

- Use Ribbons to attach the Tags
- If Triage Category changes:
  - Change the ribbon!
- But keep the same Tag



TREATMENTS	
Time	Notes
1000	1000
1100	1100
1200	1200
1300	1300
1400	1400
1500	1500
1600	1600
1700	1700
1800	1800
1900	1900
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## TAG THE PATIENT

TREATMENTS	
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1000	1000
1100	1100
1200	1200
1300	1300
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2100	2100
2200	2200
2300	2300
2400	2400

- Use **GREEN (Drill) Tags** for QTDs
  - Fill it out to document:
    - Patient info
    - Assessments
    - Treatments
    - Keep bottom section of your tags for your records



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## QTD TAGS

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Do NOT use White or Blue Tags for QTDs



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## EXPECTATIONS

- EDs expect a Ribbon & Tag on **EVERY** EMS patient during QTDs
  - (and during a real-world MCI!)
- EDs expect a radio call on the MCI Talk Group on **EVERY** EMS patient during QTDs
  - See the next MCI QTD Crash Course!



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