

Traumatic Arrest

For cardiac arrest with penetrating or blunt traumatic mechanism. NOT for trauma sustained after cardiac arrest, use primary impression Cardiac Arrest – Non-traumatic


History <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of trauma or blood loss Events leading to arrest Estimated downtime 	Signs and Symptoms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unresponsive Apneic Pulseless 	Differential <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tension pneumothorax Cardiac tamponade Hypovolemic shock Spinal shock Traumatic brain injury
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E Has a paramedic, EMT, designated first responder, or public safety officer found injuries incompatible with life, including one or more of the following conditions:

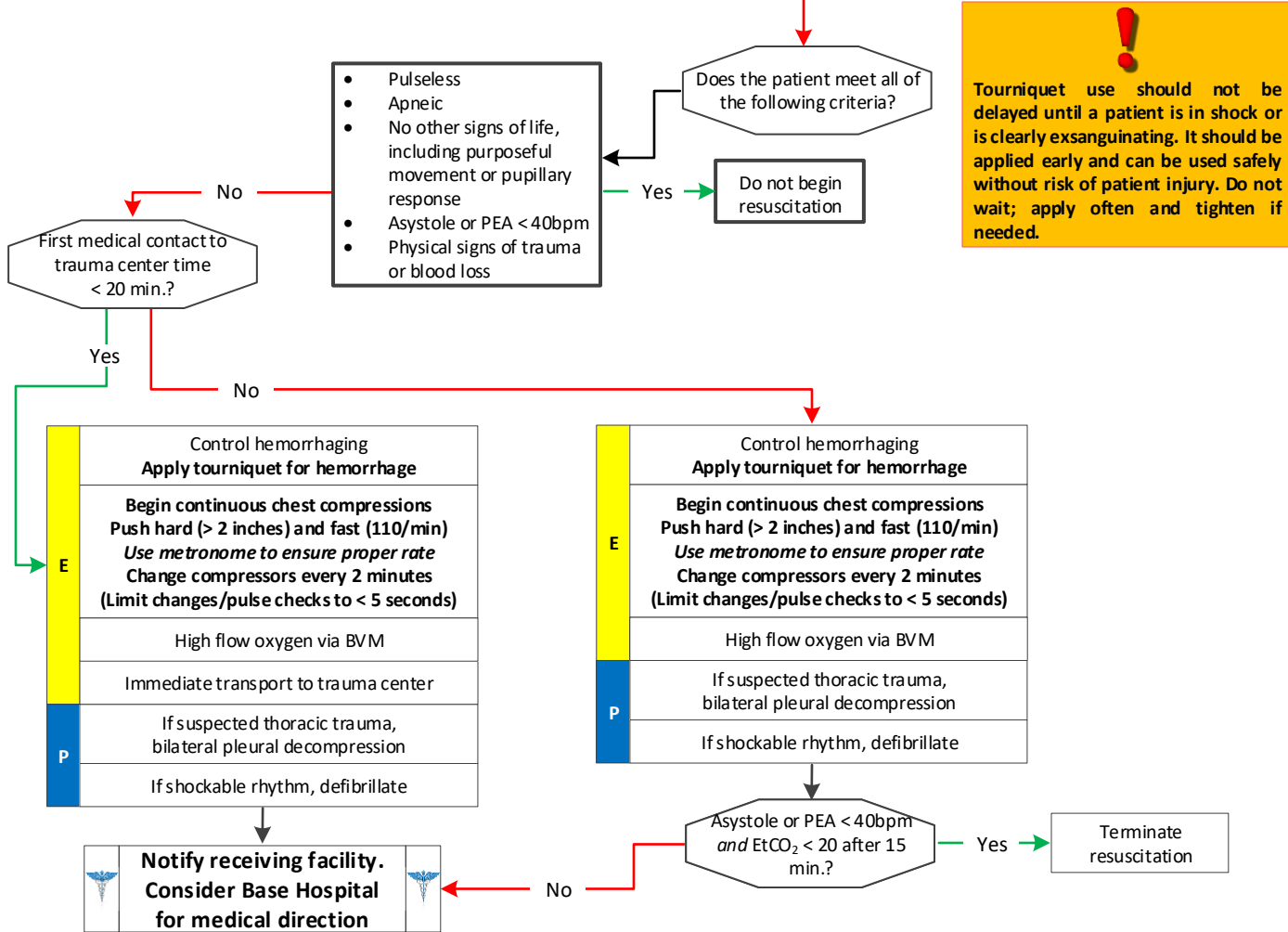
- Decapitation
- Incineration
- Rigor Mortis
- Decomposition
- Apnea with destruction and/or separation of the body from the heart, brain, liver, or lungs
- Multi-casualty incidents (MCIs) where triage principles preclude the initiation or continuation of resuscitation

AT ANY TIME

Return of spontaneous circulation



Multi-System Trauma



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Tourniquet use should not be delayed until a patient is in shock or is clearly exsanguinating. It should be applied early and can be used safely without risk of patient injury. Do not wait; apply often and tighten if needed.

Adult and Pediatric Trauma Treatment Protocols

Pearls

- Patients who do not qualify for field determination of death but have or develop cardiopulmonary arrest should be transported to the closest trauma center.