Southern MN Regional
Trauma Advisory Committee

Trauma Activation Criteria
Adult-- *15 years and older*

RED

Airway	R-1	Threatened or Compromised Airway or Intubated Patient
Breathing	R-2	Respiratory Distress
	R-3	Respiratory rate <10 or >30
	R-4	Flail chest (known or suspected)
Circulation	R-5	Heart rate >120 and/or heart rate > systolic blood pressure
	R-6	Confirmed Systolic BP< 90 **at any time**
	R-7	Transfer patients receiving blood to maintain vital signs
	R-8	N/A
Disability	R-9	GCS ≤12 associated with injury
	R-10	Paralysis, loss of sensation, and/or suspected spinal cord injury
Other	R-11	Unstable pelvic fracture (known or suspected)
	R-12	Bilateral femur fractures (known or suspected)
	R-13	Traumatic amputation/crushed, degloved, mangled or pulseless injured extremity (excluded isolated hand/foot)
	R-14	Patients with tourniquets to control hemorrhage
	R-15	Burns > 10% body surface area (2nd/3rd degree) or with any known or potential airway compromise
	R-16	High voltage electrocution including lightning
	R-17	Gunshot wound proximal to elbow or knee OR any Penetrating injury to head, neck, torso, axilla, or groin
	R-18	Patients with known intracranial bleed on anticoagulation (excluding ASA)

YELLOW

Y-1 Two or more proximal long bone fractures (bilateral femur = Red) (known or suspected)

Y-2 Death of restrained passenger in same vehicle

Y-3 Major auto deformity (intrusion into passenger compartment)

Y-4 Auto vs. Pedestrian/bicyclist/motorcyclist thrown, run over, or with significant (>20 mph) impact

Y-5 Ejection (separated from) from motorized vehicle (car, motorcycle/motocross, snowmobile, ATV)

Y-6 Fall >20 feet

Y-7 Suspected brain injury in patient on anticoagulation therapy (excluding ASA)

Red criteria patients meet RTTDC© recommendations for early transfer to definitive trauma care.

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These criteria are not a substitute for clinical judgment. Medical professionals (EMS, RN, PA-C/CNP, Physician) intuition may prompt a trauma activation even if these criteria are not met.

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