

	COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY	Document #	7508.19
	<u>PROGRAM DOCUMENT:</u> Sort, Assess, Life Saving Interventions, Treatment & Transport (SALT)	Initial Date:	
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Purpose:

- A. To establish a standard procedure for rapid and effective triage of patients during a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI).

Authority:

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9
- C. Model Uniform Core Criteria for Mass Casualty Incident Triage (MUCC)

Protocol:

- A. Initiate SALT Triage – Preferred
 1. Sort – Perform global assorting
 2. Assess – Perform individual assessment
 3. Life Saving Interventions
 4. Treatment and Transport
- B. Categorize Patients
 1. **Immediate (Red)**: Unable to follow commands or make purposeful movements, OR they do not have a peripheral pulse, OR they are in obvious respiratory distress, OR they have a life-threatening external hemorrhage; provided their injuries are likely to be survivable given available resources.
 2. **Delayed (Yellow)**: Able to follow commands or make purposeful movements, AND they have peripheral pulse, AND they are not in respiratory distress, AND they do not have a life-threatening external hemorrhage, AND they have injuries that are not considered minor.
 3. **Minimal (Green)**: Able to follow commands or make purposeful movements, AND they have peripheral pulse, AND they are not in respiratory distress, AND they do not have a life-threatening external hemorrhage, AND their injuries are considered minor.
 4. **Expectant (Gray)**: unable to follow commands or make purposeful movements OR they do not have a peripheral pulse, OR they are in obvious respiratory distress, OR they have a life-threatening external hemorrhage, AND they are unlikely to survive given the available resources. These patients should receive resuscitation or comfort care when sufficient resources are available.
 5. **Dead (Black)**: No spontaneous breathing after establishing a basic airway (and 2 ventilations in a child). Patients triaged as Dead should be reassessed after initial triage to confirm no signs of life.

