

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY**



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**Purpose:**

- A. To establish patient triage criteria and standards. This policy shall direct transportation of trauma patients to the closest, most appropriate level of trauma care.

**Authority:**

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9

**Notes:**

- A. Patients meeting anatomic or physiologic trauma triage criteria should be transported as soon as possible. On-scene procedures should be limited to triage, patient assessment, airway management, control of external hemorrhage, and spinal motion restrictions. Additional interventions should be completed enroute except for those incidents requiring prolonged extrication.

**Cross Reference:**

PD# 5052 – Trauma Destination  
PD # 5050 - Destination