

## ***Patient Prioritization***

**Purpose:** To provide guidelines for prioritization of the patient's clinical status.

1. Priority 1
  - a. Critically ill or injured patient with an immediate life-threatening condition.
  - b. Examples include, but are not limited to:
    - i. Unstable or deteriorating vital signs
    - ii. Compromised airway
    - iii. Severe respiratory distress/failure
    - iv. Cardiac arrest or post cardiac arrest
    - v.  $GCS \leq 10$
    - vi. Significant blunt or penetrating trauma including but not limited to:
      1. Airway compromised
      2. Respiratory distress
      3. Signs of inadequate perfusion
    - vii. Actively seizing patient
2. Priority 2
  - a. Seriously ill or injured patient without immediate life-threatening condition.
  - b. Examples include, but are not limited to:
    - i. GCS 11-14
    - ii. Medical conditions such as chest pain, stroke, respiratory distress without immediate threat to life.
    - iii. Altered level of consciousness, responding to verbal or painful stimuli
    - iv. Significant mechanism of injury in patient with stable vital signs
3. Priority 3
  - a. Ill or injured patients not fitting the above two categories who require medical attention and do not have a life-threatening problems.
4. Dead on Scene
  - a. Refer to **Dead on Scene Protocol**.