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:
        a. Unstable or deteriorating vital signs
        b. Compromised airway
        c. Severe respiratory distress/failure
        d. Cardiac arrest or post cardiac arrest
        e. GCS $\leq$ 10
        f. Significant blunt or penetrating trauma including but not limited to:
            1. Airway compromised
            2. Respiratory distress
            3. Signs of inadequate perfusion
        g. 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:
        a. GCS 11-14
        b. Medical conditions such as chest pain, stroke, respiratory distress without immediate threat to life.
        c. Altered level of consciousness, responding to verbal or painful stimuli
        d. 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 Procedure.**