

# INTERAGENCY INTEGRATED TRIAGE TOOL: Age < 12



## 1 CHECK FOR RED CRITERIA

- Unresponsive

### AIRWAY & BREATHING

- Stridor
- Respiratory distress\* or central cyanosis

### CIRCULATION

- Capillary refill >3 sec
- Weak and fast pulse
- Heavy bleeding
- Cold extremities
- Any two of:
  - Lethargy
  - Sunken eyes
  - Very slow skin pinch
  - Drinks poorly

### DISABILITY

- Active convulsions
- Altered mental status (confused, restless, continuously irritable or lethargic) with stiff neck, hypothermia or fever
- Hypoglycaemia (if known)

### OTHER

- Any infant <8 days old
- Age <2 months and temp <36 or >39°C
- High-risk trauma\*
- Threatened limb\*
- Acute testicular/scrotal pain or priapism
- Snake bite
- Poisoning/ingestion or dangerous chemical exposure\*
- Pregnant with adult red criteria

**YES**

**MOVE TO HIGH ACUITY RESUSCITATION  
AREA IMMEDIATELY**

## 2 CHECK FOR YELLOW CRITERIA

### AIRWAY & BREATHING

- Any swelling/mass of mouth, throat or neck
- Wheezing (no red criteria)

### CIRCULATION

- Unable to feed or drink
- Vomits everything
- Ongoing diarrhoea
- Dehydration
- Severe pallor (no red criteria)

### DISABILITY

- Restless, continuously irritable or lethargy
- Severe pain

### OTHER

- Any infant 8 days to 6 months old
- Malnutrition with visible severe wasting OR oedema of both feet
- Trauma/burn (no red criteria)
- Sexual assault
- Known diagnosis requiring urgent surgical intervention
- New rash worsening over hours or peeling (no red criteria)
- Exposure requiring time-sensitive prophylaxis (e.g. animal bite)
- Pregnancy (no red criteria)
- Headache (no red criteria)

**YES**

**MOVE TO CLINICAL TREATMENT AREA**



Patients with high-risk vital signs  
or clinical concern need  
up-triage or immediate review by  
supervising clinician

**YES**

## 3 CHECK FOR HIGH-RISK VITAL SIGNS

Temp <36° or >39°

SpO2 < 92%

AVPU other than A

	< 1 year	1-4 years	5-12 years
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High	50	40	30
Low	25	20	10
HR	< 1 year	1-4 years	5-12 years
High	180	160	140
Low	< 90	< 80	< 70

**NO**

**MOVE TO LOW ACUITY  
OR WAITING AREA**

\*See Reference Card