

Reasons for Transfer to a Pediatric Trauma Center

1. Any seriously ill or injured child who cannot be managed in the community hospital
2. Trauma - any of the following:
 - Multiple-system injury (two or more organ systems)
 - Penetrating wounds to head, neck, chest, abdomen, back, groin, extremity above the knee or elbow
 - Cardiac or major vessel injury
 - Massive maxillofacial trauma
 - Spinal injury with deficit
 - Severe head injury
 - Glasgow Coma Scale score (GCS) less than or equal to 12
 - Deteriorating GCS regardless of score
 - Penetrating or open injury
 - Depressed skull fracture
 - CSF leak - otorrhea or rhinorrhea
 - Focal or lateralizing signs, i.e. posturing
 - Intracranial hemorrhage
 - Abdominal injury, blunt, with tenderness
 - Falls greater than 10 feet or 2-3 times the height of the child
 - High-risk auto crash
 - Passenger space intrusion > 12 inches where trauma victim is sitting OR any occupant in a passenger seat when there is > 18 inches intrusion at any site within the passenger space
 - Ejection from automobile
 - Person who is in same passenger compartment in which a trauma death has occurred
 - Auto versus pedestrian / bicyclist who is thrown any distance, run over or with significant (> 20 mph) impact
 - Motorcycle crash including "laying bike down," > 20 mph
 - Single-system injury that cannot be managed by the community hospital

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