

**Michigan  
System Protocols  
PATIENT PRIORITIZATION POLICY**

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***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**.