

# Training Bulletin



NORTHWEST  
COMMUNITY  
EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL  
SERVICES  
SYSTEM

## EMS

Training  
Category

Multiple  
Patient  
Management

### START TRIAGE RESPIRATIONS

All Walking Wounded

**MINOR**

YES

NO

Over  
30/Min.

Under  
30/Min.

Position Airway

YES

NO

**IMMEDIATE**

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**DECEASED**

### PERFUSION

Radial Pulse Present

Radial Pulse Absent

Capillary Refill

Over  
2  
Seconds

Under  
2  
Seconds

Control  
Bleeding

**IMMEDIATE**

### MENTAL STATUS

Can't Follow  
Simple Commands

Can Follow  
Simple Commands

**IMMEDIATE**

**DELAYED**

Respirations **30**  
Perfusion **2**  
Mental Status **CAN DO**

## START triage

### Red: Priority 1

- Respirations >30
- Resp resume after head tilt
- Delayed capillary refill (> 2 sec)
- Pulse: radial absent/carotid present
- AMS; cannot follow commands

### Yellow: Priority 2 (30-2-can do)

- Can't walk
- RR <30; + radial pulse (Cap refill < 2 s)
- Can follow commands

### Green: Priority 3

- Can walk "Walking Wounded"
- Direct to a *specific location* for secondary triage

### Dead Priority 0

- No respirations after opening airway

Use SMART tags and SMART equipment in all multiple patient situations

**Remember: START is only for initial triage! ALL patients MUST be reassessed for life-threatening & other injuries using Secondary triage.**

