

TRIAGE

- Triage consist of classifying injured on the basis of severity of injuries & likelihood of survival with medical intervention

Triage is a concept in Trauma-

Triage yield best results when carried out at the site of disaster-

Triage is carried out at disaster site to determine Transportation priority & Admission to the hospital

First come first treated is NOT followed in mass emergencies

Aims -right Patients, right Places, right Time
Priorities

Higher priority-Granted to victims whose

prognosis can be affected by simple intensive care

- Lowest priority-Moribund patients with questionable benefit

Triage sieve Quick survey to separate Dead & Walking from the injured

Triage sort- Remaining casualties are assessed & allocated to Categories Tagging-identifications, ages, triage category, diagnosis & treatment are tagged on to victims through Color coding

- Massive hemorrhages, Tension pneumothorax

Isolated simple Fracture, degloving injury
(Surgery/Resuscitation in next 24 hours)
Isolated abrasions, contusions, sprains

Massive head injuries, 95 percent-3 degree

burns

White - Dismiss/Walking around (first aid & home care are sufficient) They have minor injuries - Cuts or minor burns only

- Triage system - Uses 4 color coding system - Category

1. Red Highest priority

Patients requiring high priority treatment or transfer

Need immediate resuscitation or surgery in 6 hours

Category II Yellow

High to medium priority

patients Stable patients, needs observation

Category III

Green

Low priority

Category IV Black Least priority

Dead or Moribund patients or Unsalvageable

Minor illness/Ambulatory patients

- Types of Triage 1. Simple triage - Done before transportation

Used in scenes of mass tragedy to sort patients into those who need critical attention & immediate transportation Categorization of patients based on severity of their injuries & aided with the use of printed triage tags 2.

Rapid triage - S.T.A.R.T. - Simple Triage and Rapid Treatment can be performed by lightly trained personnel in emergencies field proven in mass casualty, example - Train wrecks & bus