

SAEMS PRE-HOSPITAL PROTOCOLS

Critical Pediatric Triage Protocol (Age 14 and Under)

- I. Patients with an unstable airway or in cardiac arrest should be transported to the closest emergency receiving facility.
- II. Patients with the following characteristics should be taken directly to a Pediatric Critical Care Facility (PCCF):
 - A. Altered level of consciousness
 - B. Respiratory distress
 - C. Shock or hemodynamic instability
- III. SPECIAL NOTES
 - A. Pediatric Critical Care Facility (PCCF) is defined as a facility with 24-hour, in-hospital pediatricians, pediatric intensivists and a pediatric ICU.
In Tucson: TMC or Banner-UMC Tucson
 - B. In outlying areas with a transport time of greater than 30 minutes to a PCCF, transport the patient to the closest emergency receiving facility, or consider air transport directly to a PCCF.