

Patient Triage System

Color	Care Needs	Type of Center	Personnel Types
Red	Need immediate care such as ALS medications, possible trauma care.	Trauma Center/Hospital	Trauma Surgeons, ED, Nurse, Pharmacist
Yellow	Need laboratory, x ray, emergency care, and stabilization.	Community Hospital	Surgeon, ED Nurse, and Pharmacist
Green	Wounded, walking, talking, possible urgent care need but care can be delayed.	Urgent Care Center	MD, Physician Extenders, RN, and Medical Technician
Black	Deceased	Mortuary	Law, Forensics, MSW, Clergy, Dental, Coroner, and Medical Examiner
Purple	Chronic or convalescent patients that do not require operating rooms, laboratory, and obstetrical facilities.	Long Term Care/Nursing Home	RN, LPN, and CNA
Orange	Requires <i>total</i> assistance with medication administration and behavioral management. Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) dependent upon NA. Dementia Care, requiring minimum supervision required from a CNA.	Assisting Living locked unit or monitored unit with bracelets or close supervision. Memory units.	CNA with oversight by LPN or RN
Pink	Obstetrics and Neonatal patients.	Should be in hospital or acute care unless otherwise noted.	MD, RN
Blue	Needs assistance with medication management and assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs). Requires oversight by a skilled provider for case management and possible treatment intervention. Specified treatments such as IV therapy, wound care, or venipuncture	Assisted Living, Family Homes, Group Homes with services, CAP/MR patients , Home Health	CNA with one LPN supervisor
White	Needs assistance with ADLs, but able to self medicate. Needs assistance to toilet, meals, etc.	Independent living without services	CNA with one LPN supervisor
Sky Blue	Mental Health patients that may require acute intervention by medication management and removal of aggravating stimulus. Requires Psych personnel intervention and maintenance. This may require venipunctures for monitoring of RX levels.	Psych Hospital, Community Psych Intervention, and acutely ill patients	Psychiatrist, Psych Nurses, Behavioral Medicine
Brown	General population.	General population shelter.	Red Cross, County Health Department, Social Services, Mental Health, Community Support, Law Enforcement
Red/White Stripped	Requires skilled intervention by RN or PTA. Must be declared homebound due to health condition.	Home Health and Home Care	CNA, RN, and PTA
Orange/White Striped	Detoxification causing physiological symptoms requiring medical intervention with pharmaceuticals and other procedures.	Psychiatric hospitals or specialty homes.	Acute Care Staffing
Yellow/White Striped	End of Life Care	Hospice	RN, Clergy, Nursing Assistants, and Community Support