Reasons for Transfer to a Pediatric Trauma Center

1. Any seriously ill or injured child who cannot be managed in the community hospital

2. Trauma - any of the following:
   - Multiple-system injury (two or more organ systems)
   - Penetrating wounds to head, neck, chest, abdomen, back, groin, extremity above the knee or elbow
   - Cardiac or major vessel injury
   - Massive maxillofacial trauma
   - Spinal injury with deficit
   - Severe head injury
     - Glasgow Coma Scale score (GCS) less than or equal to 12
     - Deteriorating GCS regardless of score
     - Penetrating or open injury
     - Depressed skull fracture
     - CSF leak - otorrhea or rhinorrhea
     - Focal or lateralizing signs, i.e. posturing
     - Intracranial hemorrhage
   - Abdominal injury, blunt, with tenderness
   - Falls greater than 10 feet or 2-3 times the height of the child
   - High-risk auto crash
     - Passenger space intrusion > 12 inches where trauma victim is sitting OR any occupant in a passenger seat when there is > 18 inches intrusion at any site within the passenger space
     - Ejection from automobile
     - Person who is in same passenger compartment in which a trauma death has occurred
   - Auto versus pedestrian / bicyclist who is thrown any distance, run over or with significant (> 20 mph) impact
   - Motorcycle crash including “laying bike down,” > 20 mph
   - Single-system injury that cannot be managed by the community hospital

CHOC Children’s has the only pediatric-dedicated emergency department and trauma center in Orange County. With a full team of pediatric specialists and surgeons ready to handle every case, we have the expertise that only a children’s hospital can provide. We are here to be a resource for you and your patients. Please call us at any time if we can be of assistance.

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