Ventura County Field Triage Decision Scheme
For patients with visible or suspected traumatic injuries

**STEP 1**
Measure vital signs and level of consciousness

1.1 Glasgow Coma Scale < 14
1.2 Systolic Blood Pressure < 90
1.3 Respiratory Rate < 10 or > 29 breaths per minute

**Assess anatomy of injury**

2.1 All penetrating injuries to head, neck, torso and extremities proximal to elbow and knee
2.2 Flail chest
2.3 Two or more proximal long-bone fractures (femur, humerus)
2.4 Crushed, degloved, or mangled extremity
2.5 Amputation proximal to wrist and ankle
2.6 Pelvic fractures
2.7 Open or depressed skull fracture
2.8 Paralysis
2.9 Seat belt injury: significant bruising to neck, chest, or abdomen
2.10 Diffuse abdominal tenderness from blunt trauma

**Assess mechanism of injury and evidence of high-energy impact**

**Falls**
3.1.1 Adults: > 20 feet (one story is equal to 10 feet)
3.1.2 Children < 15 years old: > 10 feet, or two times the height of the child

**High-risk auto crash**
3.2.1 Intrusion > 12” patient site or > 18” any occupant site, including roof
3.2.2 Ejection: partial or complete from automobile
3.2.3 Death in same passenger compartment
3.3 Auto vs. pedestrian/bicyclist thrown, run over, or with > 20 mph impact
3.4 Unenclosed vehicle crash > 20 mph

**Assess special patient or system considerations**

4.1 Age > 65
4.2 Head injury with loss of consciousness AND on an anticoagulant or antiplatelet drug
4.3 Burns with trauma mechanism
4.4 Time sensitive extremity injury (open fracture, neurovascular compromise)
4.5 Pregnancy > 20 weeks with known or suspected abdominal trauma
4.6 Prehospital care provider or MICN judgment
4.7 Amputation or partial amputation of any part of the hand
4.8 Penetrating injury to the globe of the eye, at risk for vision loss

**Contact base trauma center for destination decision**

**Transport to closest ED or by patient preference**

1. See list
2. Consider LRHMC
3. Consider VCMC