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.