



Emergency Triage: Assess & Intervene

Course Description

This intense one-day review will cover one of the most critical assignments for the ED nurse: triage. This program will review gathering a patient's history, assessment skills and critical thinking. This course is designed to provide participants with a review of systems and discuss common emergencies for each system. Interactive triage case studies will challenge even the most seasoned nurses.

Program Learning Outcomes

This program prepares the learner to:

- Describe the benefits of a 5-level triage system.
- Assign the appropriate triage category to common ED presentations.
- Describe resources needed for a variety of patient complaints.
- Describe age-appropriate differences when triaging pediatric and geriatric populations.

Agenda

Sign-in begins at 7:30 am. The day includes a one-hour lunch (on your own), as well as a morning and afternoon break of 15 minutes each. The order of lectures presented and break times may vary according to speaker preference.

8:00 am to 5:00 pm

- 0800 **Welcome and Introductions**
- 0815 **Goals and Guidelines for Triage**
History of Triage | Regulatory Considerations | Medical Screening | Types of Triage
- 0835 **5-Level Triage**
ESI | CTC-Canada | Manchester-United Kingdom | Australasion Triage Scale (ATS)
- 0850 **The Triage Process**
Components | Quick Look Assessment | Patient History | Focused Physical Assessment | Red Flags | Interventions | Resource Utilization
- 0930 **Break**
- 0945 **Triaging Respiratory Complaints**
Respiratory Assessment | Respiratory History | Difficulty Breathing
- 1015 **Triaging Cardiac Complaints**
Cardiac Assessment | Cardiac History | Chest Pain | ECG Changes | Differential Diagnosis of Chest Pain
- 1100 **Triaging Abdominal Complaints**
Complaints by Quadrants | Separating the B's From the C's
- 1200 **Lunch**
- 1300 **Triaging Neurological Complaints**
Stroke | Seizures | Head Trauma | LOC | Headaches
- 1400 **Triaging EENT Complaints**
Ocular | Nasal | Dental | Facial | Throat/Neck Complaints

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- 1430 **Break**
- 1445 **Triaging Ortho/Integumentary Complaints**
Wounds | Ortho Injuries | Non-Traumatic Extremity Pain | Bites/Stings | Back Pain
- 1515 **Triaging Psychiatric Complaints**
Alcohol and Drug Use | Altered Mental Status | Confusion | Depression | Suicidal Behavior/Ideation
- 1545 **Specific Patient Populations**
Pediatric | Geriatric | Obstetric | Domestic Violence | Non-Accidental Trauma
- 1605 **ESI Triage Process**
You Make the Call | Triage Case Studies
- 1640 **Questions, Wrap-Up and Evaluation**
- 1700 **Adjourn**

Accreditation

RN/LPN/LVN/Other: 7.5 Contact Hours

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