

# Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale

## CTAS 5 Level Triage

- Level 1 *Resuscitative*
- Level 2 *Emergent*
- Level 3 *Urgent*
- Level 4 *Less urgent*
- Level 5 *Non-urgent*

Source: CTAS: Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale Implementation Guidelines, *CJEM Oct 1999 Special Supplement*.

# Level I: Resuscitative

- Conditions that are threats to life or limb (or imminent risk of deterioration) requiring aggressive interventions.
- Time to MD: Immediate
- Time to Nurse: Immediate

# Level II Emergent

- Conditions that are a potential threat of life, limb or function, requiring rapid medical intervention or delegated acts.
- Time to MD: 15 mins
- Time to Nurse: immediate

# Level III Urgent

- Conditions that could potentially progress to a serious problem requiring emergency intervention. May be associated with significant discomfort or affecting ability to function at work or activities of daily living.
- Time to MD: <30 minutes
- Time to Nurse: 30 minutes

## Level IV: Less Urgent

- Conditions that related to patient age, distress, or potential for deterioration or complications would benefit from intervention or reassurance within 1 – 2 hours)
- Time to MD < 60 minutes (1 hr)
- Time to Nurse < 60 minutes (1 hr)30

## Level 5: Non Urgent

- Conditions that may be acute but non-urgent as well as conditions which may be part of a chronic problem with or without evidence of deterioration. The investigation or interventions for some of these illnesses or injuries could be delayed or even referred to other area of the hospital or health care system.
- Time to MD: 120 minutes
- Time to Nurse: 120 minutes