**Triage priority 1** – Unstable patient, immediate assessment

* Obstructed airway
* Sat < 90% with O2 treatment
* Respiratory rate > 30 or < 8
* Heart rate > 130 if regular, > 150 if irregular
* Systolic blood pressure < 90 mmHg
* GCS < 8 or ongoing seizures

**Triage priority 2** – Unstable patient, with potentially ongoing life threat, emergent assessment (within 15 min)

* Sat < 90% on room air
* Respiratory rate > 25
* Heart rate > 120 or < 40
* GCS 8-12
* Temperature > 41°C or <35°C

**Triage priority 4** – stable patient, without ongoing life threat but in need of care within reasonable time

* Sat > 95% on room air
* Heart rate 50 - 110
* Alert
* Temperature 35 - 38.5°C

**Triage priority 3** – stable patient without ongoing life threat but in need of emergency care

* Sat 90-95% on room air
* Heart rate > 110 or < 50
* Acute confusion
* Temperature > 38.5°C

**Additional file 2:** RETTS triage system. GCS: Glasgow Coma Scale. RETTS: Rapid emergency triage and treatment scale.