START Adult Triage

Able to walk?

- Yes → MINOR → SECONDARY TRIAGE
- No
  - Spontaneous breathing
    - No → Position airway
    - Yes → APNEA
      - No → Position airway
      - Yes → RESPIRATORY RATE
        - >30 → IMMEDIATE
        - <30
          - Perfusion
            - Radial pulse absent or capillary refill > 2 sec → IMMEDIATE
            - Or capillary refill < 2 sec
              - Mental status
                - Doesn't obey commands → IMMEDIATE
                - Obeys commands → DELAYED

Triage Categories

**EXPECTANT**
- Black Triage Tag Color
- Victim unlikely to survive given severity of injuries, level of available care, or both
- Palliative care and pain relief should be provided

**IMMEDIATE**
- Red Triage Tag Color
- Victim can be helped by immediate intervention and transport
- Requires medical attention within minutes for survival (up to 60)
- Includes compromises to patient’s Airway, Breathing, Circulation

**DELAYED**
- Yellow Triage Tag Color
- Victim’s transport can be delayed
- Includes serious and potentially life-threatening injuries, but status not expected to deteriorate significantly over several hours

**MINOR**
- Green Triage Tag Color
- Victim with relatively minor injuries
- Status unlikely to deteriorate over days
- May be able to assist in own care: “Walking Wounded”

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