

INTERVENTIONS TO BE CARRIED OUT AT TRIAGE

PROBLEM	COMPULSORY	OPTIONAL
Respiratory rate scores 1 point or more	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pulse oximetry (saturation) 2. Finger prick glucotest if patient is diabetic 3. Refer to anteroom and give oxygen 	
Temperature 38.5° or more	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paracetamol 1g orally stat (document in the notes) (children – discuss with sister or doctor) 	
Temperature 35° or less	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blankets 	
Altered level of consciousness (AVPU score other than A)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refer to anteroom and hand patient over to senior health care professional 2. Finger prick glucotest 	
Unable to sit up/ need to lie down	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refer to anteroom and hand patient over to senior health care professional 2. Finger prick glucotest 	
Chest pain	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Immediate ECG and present to senior health care professional 	
Active bleeding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apply pressure to site of trauma with a dry dressing and take to anteroom 2. HB to obtain baseline 	
Active seizure / fitting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refer to anteroom and hand patient over to senior health care professional 2. Finger prick glucotest 3. IV access (NO intramuscular) 	
History of diabetes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finger prick glucotest 	
Diabetes and Hyperglycaemia (glucotest 11 or more)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Urine dipsticks to check for ketones 	
Hypoglycaemia (glucotest 3 or less)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refer to anteroom and hand patient over to senior health care professional 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. If the patient is alert, give food or drink orally
History of bleeding		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finger prick haemoglobin
Bleeding PR, PO or from a site of trauma		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finger prick haemoglobin
Abdominal pain or backache: male		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Urine dipsticks
Abdominal pain or backache: female		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Urine dipsticks 2. Urine pregnancy test
PV bleeding		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Urine dipsticks 2. Urine pregnancy test 3. Finger prick haemoglobin