



METTAGS
START Triage
Jump START Triage

METTAG

California State Fire Chiefs' Association Triage Tag

FRONT

CONTAMINATED

Personal Property Receipt/ Evidence Tag *731252*

Destination *731252*

Via *731252*

TRIASGE TAG *731252*

☐ S ☐ L ☐ U ☐ D ☐ G ☐ E ☐ M
Subsidence Laceration Unconscious Dehydration Shock Unstable Fracture Major

AUTO INJECTOR ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Yes No	Primary Decont
Yes No	Secondary Decont
Solution	
Blind Trauma	
Burn	
C-Scrub	
Cardiac	
Crushing	
Fracture	
Laceration	
Penetrating Injury	

Age _____

☐ Male ☐ Female

Other: _____

VITAL SIGNS			
Time	BP	Pulse	Respiration

Time	Drug Solution	Dose

MORGUE

IMMEDIATE
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DELAYED
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MINOR
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EVIDENCE

BACK

Comments/Information

Patient's Name _____

RESPIRATIONS

R ☐ Yes ☐ No

PERFUSION

P ☐ + 2 Sec. ☐ - 2 Sec.

MENTAL STATUS

M ☐ Can Do ☐ Can't Do

Move the Walking Wounded ➔ **MINOR**

No Respirations After Head Tilt ➔ **MORGUE**

☐ Respirations - Over 30 ➔ **IMMEDIATE**

☐ Perfusion - Capillary Refill Over 2 Seconds ➔ **IMMEDIATE**

☐ Mental Status - Unable to Follow Simple Commands ➔ **IMMEDIATE**

Otherwise ➔ **DELAYED**

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

COMMENTS _____ RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE _____

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Pulseless/Non-Breathing

IMMEDIATE
Life-Threatening Injury

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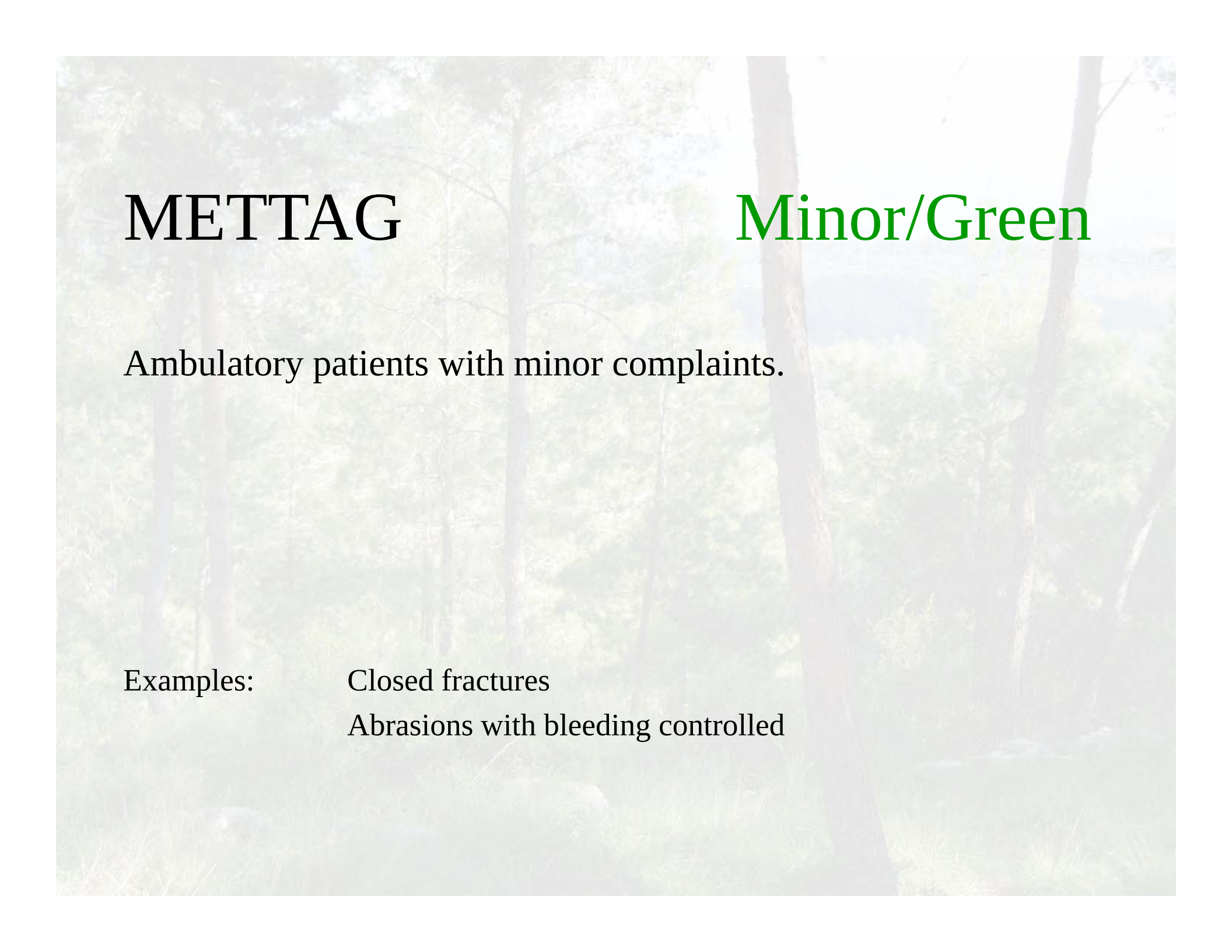
DELAYED
Non-Life-Threatening

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MINOR
Walking Wounded

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EVIDENCE



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Minor/Green

Ambulatory patients with minor complaints.

Examples:

Closed fractures

Abrasions with bleeding controlled

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Delayed/Yellow

Patients with significant injury who will require further care but, whose injuries are unlikely to result in immediate loss of life or limb.

Examples:

Non-ambulatory patients

Isolated femur fracture or dislocation

Mild chest or abdominal pain with normal vital signs

Possible neck or back injuries without neurological deficit

History of loss of consciousness with normal mental status

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Immediate/Red

Patients who are critically ill but are potentially salvageable if given top priority for treatment and transport.

Examples:

Respiratory distress

Shock

Altered mental status

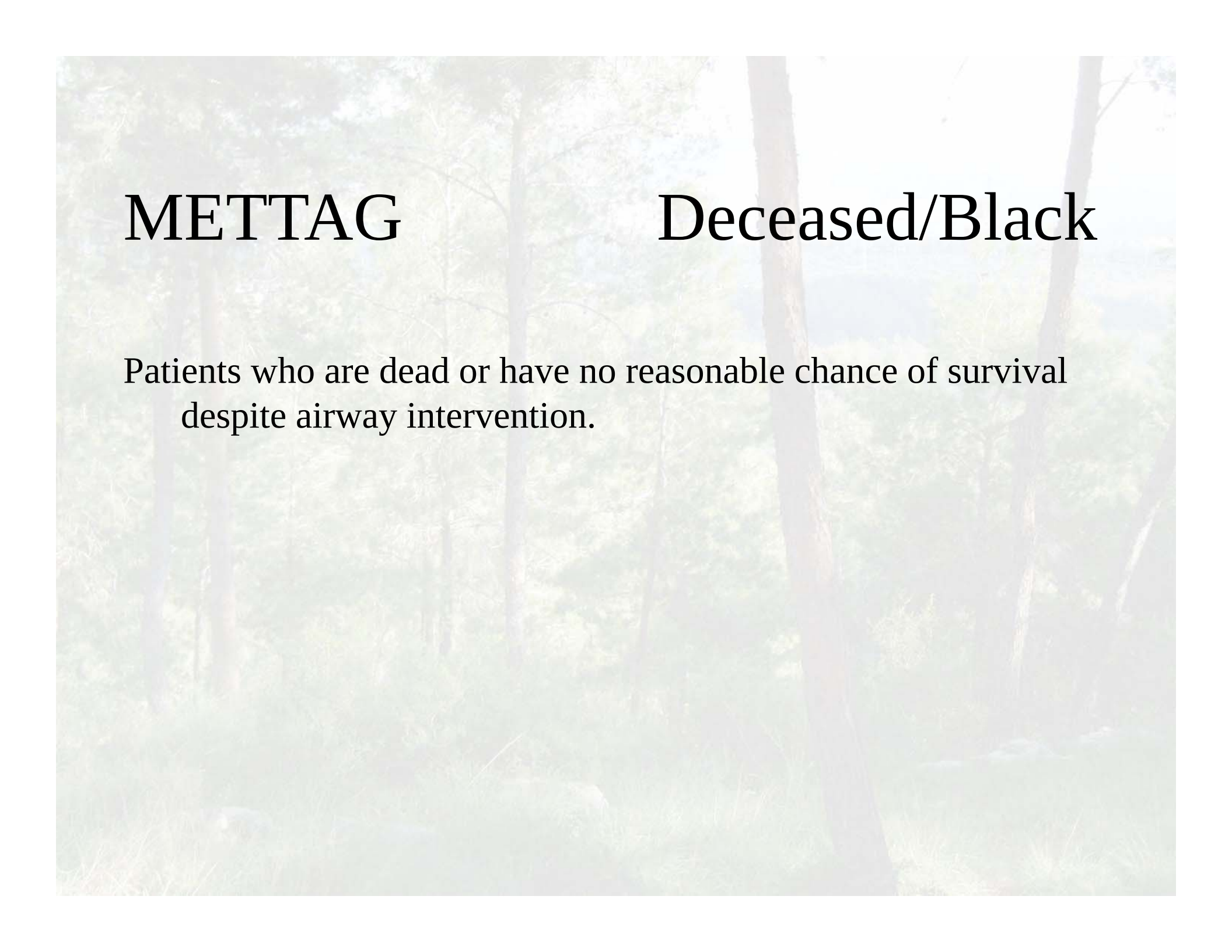
Multi-system trauma

Severe chest or abdominal pain or tenderness

Suspected spinal cord injury

Open fractures with vascular compromise

Significant burns



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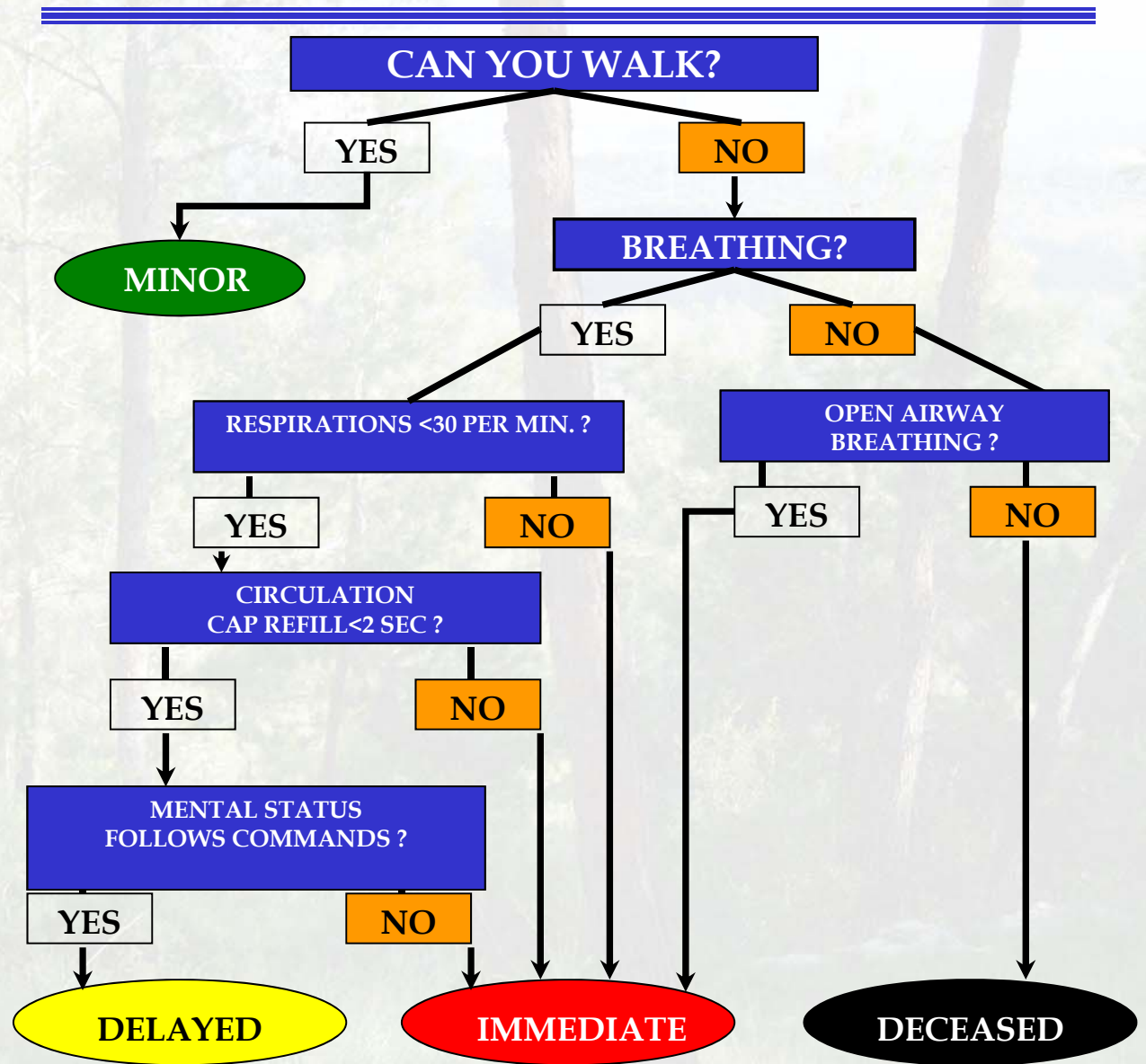
Deceased/Black

Patients who are dead or have no reasonable chance of survival despite airway intervention.

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Simple Triage and
Rapid Treatment

“Walk, 30-2, can do.”



Scenario #1

An adult and a child are bicycling down a hill when they lose control and go over an embankment, landing on the road.

A car with four passengers swerves to avoid the bicycle and runs into a tree on the rear passenger's side.

One person laying in the dirt and the four passengers of the car are visible.

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Examples

Patient #1

Rear passenger on driver's side of car

28 year old found trying to help the driver out of the car

Ambulatory- states he/she feels slightly sick to his/her stomach
but "I'll be okay."

Minor/Green

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Examples

Patient #2

Driver of car

65 year old with chest pain starting shortly after the crash

Unable to walk- he/she's "too shaky"

Normal Breathing but..

Respirations 28 per min.- "I feel a little short of breath."

Normal circulation with cap refill <2 sec.- skin feels slightly clammy to touch

Normal mental status

Delayed/Yellow

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Examples

Patient #3

Front passenger of car

62 year old who hit head on side of door windshield during impact with tree

Unable to walk- patient is unconscious

Normal Breathing

Respirations 26 per min.

Normal circulation- a large laceration across patient's right temple with profuse bleeding

Unable to follow commands

Immediate/Red

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Examples

Patient #4

Rear, passenger's side of car

9 year old trapped in car

Unable to walk- patient complains of severe pain in his/her right leg and you notice a laceration over his/her thigh which is pumping bright red blood everywhere

Normal breathing

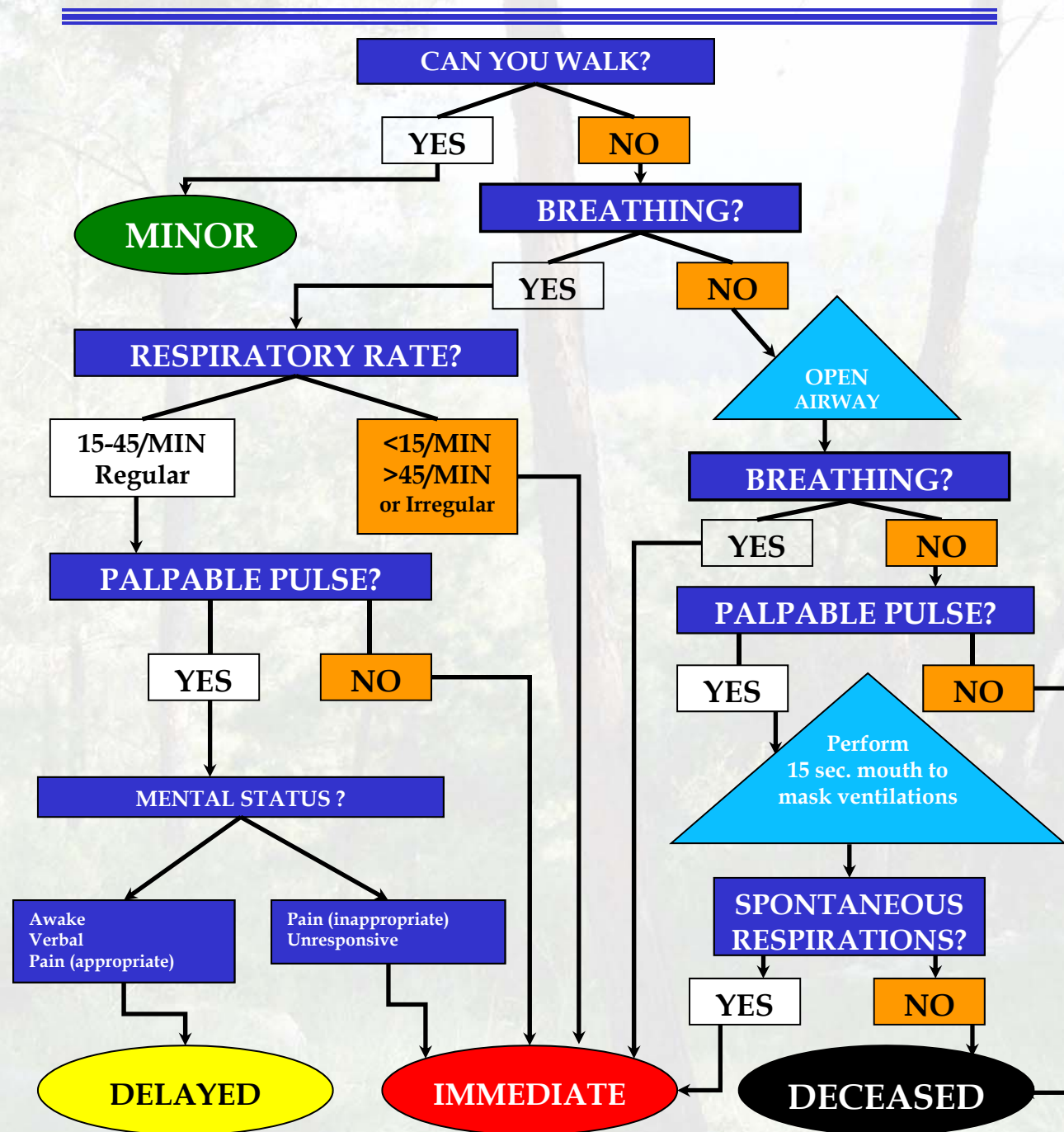
Respirations are 24 per min.

No cap refill in right foot- the foot is white and cool to the touch

Normal mental status

Immediate/Red

Jump START Triage



*Used in children shorter than the NPS Pediatric Resuscitation Tape or Broselow tape, generally about age 8.

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Examples

Patient #5

Rear Passenger on Bicycle

4 year old hit by front bumper of the car and then dragged under car

Unable to walk- patient is unconscious

Not breathing

No return of spontaneous respiration with airway opening

Positive palpable pulse- a faint carotid pulse is felt

After 15 sec. of CPR there is NO return of spontaneous respirations

Deceased/Black

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Examples

Patient #6

Driver of Bicycle

34 year old adult hit by the front bumper of the car and thrown into woods (hidden from view)

Unable to walk- patient is dazed and confused, and has several leg deformities (both feet have weak pulses)

Unable to breath- patient has severe facial trauma and is gurgling and gasping

Breathing returns with airway opening

Immediate/Red

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