Definition of a **Trauma Team Alert** patient:
*South Dakota Trauma System*

**Physiological Absolutes:**

Adult:
- GCS < 10
- BP < 90
- Pulse > 120
- Respirations < 10 or > 29, or airway obstruction or respiratory compromise requiring use of advanced airway

Child:
- The Pediatric Assessment Triangle should be the basis for all pediatric emergencies

**Anatomic Absolutes:**
- Penetrating injury to chest, abdomen, head, neck
- Limb Paralysis (associated with Trauma)
- Flail Chest
- Amputation proximal to wrist or ankle

**Strong degree of suspicion** should be used for the following patients, but this does not constitute an automatic categorization of a severe trauma patient:
- Pelvic Fractures
- Falls from 2 times the height of the patient
- Patients involved in high energy MVA’s
- Death of an occupant in the same compartment
- Auto-Pedestrian or Auto-Bicycle with impact of greater than 5 MPH
- Pedestrian that was thrown or run-over
- Significant recreational vehicle or farm equipment incident
- Significant injury associated with a large animal

The following **co-morbidities** should also offer a high degree of suspicion
- Age < 5 or > 55
- Pregnancy
- Chronic medical illness