

**MANCHESTER TRIAGE GUIDELINES**

Triage	Description	Examples Of Conditions
<p><b>RED</b></p> <p><b>Waiting Time</b> <b>NONE</b></p>	<p>Life Threatening And / Or Disabling Conditions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acute Cardiac Symptoms</li> <li>• Respiratory Failure</li> <li>• Frank Bleeding</li> <li>• Open Fractures</li> <li>• Acute Conditions with Altered Consciousness</li> <li>• Anaphylaxis</li> <li>• Asthma with Cyanosis</li> </ul>
<p><b>YELLOW</b></p> <p>Waiting Time 5 – 30 minutes</p>	<p>Potentially Life Threatening or Disabling If Not Treated Quickly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergic reactions no anaphylaxis</li> <li>• Post Seizure</li> <li>• Head Injury, without loss of consciousness</li> <li>• Abdominal pain</li> <li>• Asthma without cyanosis</li> <li>• Bleeding lacerations((major)</li> <li>• Infants with viral syndrome and / or dehydration</li> </ul>
<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>Waiting Times 30 minutes – 3 hours</p>	<p>Acute But Non Threatening Illnesses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor lacerations for suturing</li> <li>• Sprains rule out fracture of extremities.</li> <li>• Viral syndrome ( severe)</li> <li>• Upper respiratory tract infections</li> <li>• Urinary tract infections</li> </ul>
<p><b>BLUE</b></p> <p>Waiting Time 90 minutes - 5 hours</p>	<p>Non – Acute or Routine Health Care</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routine Medicals</li> <li>• Medication refills</li> <li>• Common, colds allergies</li> <li>• Routine vaccinations</li> <li>• Requests for referrals</li> <li>• Chronic, non – acute complaints</li> </ul>

**NB Please remember that the above are guidelines only**