ABSOLUTE CONTRAINDICATION TO HELICOPTER TRANSPORT? Hostile environment ₩ NO HIGH RISK PATIENT: Accessible location by ROAD Accessible location by ROAD? Airway obstruction? Ainway obstruction?
and/or
Respiratory distress?
and/or
Shocked?
and/or
Reduced level of consciousness Transport by ROAD to nearest hospital > 45min Transport by ROAD to nearest hospital >45 min? NO Transport by ROAD YES and/or • Significant head or facial injury? Transport by ROAD YES Transport by ROAD to most appropriate hospital <20 min? Consider RSI and transport by ROAD Is hospital's Helipad within a trolley push of the Emergency Department? RSI: Rapid sequence induction and tracheal intubation. ED: Emergency Department OMI 43830. Black/Ward/Lockey 2003

Figure 1: Prehospital Trauma Helicopter Transport Algorithm