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# Complaint Oriented Triage 2012 – Canadian Triage and Acuity Score 2012

ADULT COT

Mod Adult  
CNS  
Hemodyn  
Resp  
Temp  
Pain  
BD  
MOI  
Def.

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- Subst abuse**
- Mental Health**
- Neuro**
- Ophth**
- Nose**
- Ears**
- ENT - other**
- Resp**
- Cardio Vasc**
- G. I.**
- OB-GYN**
- Gen-Urin**
- Ortho**
- Trauma**
- Environ ment**
- Skin**
- General**

**Substance Misuse (Subst)**  
Substance misuse / Intoxication  
Overdose ingestion  
Substance withdrawal

**Mental health & psychosocial**  
Depression / Suicidal / Deliberate self harm  
Anxiety / Situational crisis  
Hallucinations / Delusions  
Insomnia  
Violent / Homicidal behavior  
Social problem  
Bizarre behaviour  
Concern for patient's welfare  
Paediatric Disruptive behaviour

**Neurologic (Cns)**  
Altered level of consciousness  
Confusion  
Vertigo  
Headache  
Seizure  
Gait disturbance / Ataxia  
[Head injury](#)  
Tremor  
Extremity weakness / Symptoms of CVA  
Sensory loss / Parasthesias  
Floppy child

**Ophthalmology (Ophth)**  
Chemical exposure, eye  
Foreign body, eye  
Visual disturbance  
Eye pain  
Red Eye, discharge  
Photophobia  
Diplopia  
Periorbital swelling  
[Eye trauma](#)  
Re-check eye

**ENT – Nose**  
Epistaxis  
Nasal congestion / Hay fever  
Foreign body, nose  
URTI complaints  
[Nasal trauma](#)

**ENT – Ears**  
Earache  
Foreign body ear  
Loss of hearing  
Tinnitus  
Discharge, ear  
[Ear injury](#)

**ENT – Mouth, Throat, Neck**  
Dental / Gum problems  
[Facial trauma](#)  
Sore throat  
Neck swelling / pain  
[Neck trauma](#)  
Difficulty swallowing / Dysphagia  
Facial pain (non-traumatic / non-dental)

**Respiratory (Resp)**  
Shortness of breath  
Respiratory arrest  
Cough / Congestion  
Hyperventilation  
Hemoptysis  
Respiratory foreign body  
Allergic reaction  
Stridor  
Wheezing – no other complaints  
Apneic spells in infants

**Cardiovascular**  
Cardiac arrest (non traumatic)  
[Cardiac arrest \(traumatic\)](#)  
Chest pain (cardiac features)  
Chest pain (non cardiac features)  
Palpitations / Irregular heart beat  
Hypertension  
General weakness  
Syncope / Pre-syncope  
Edema, generalized  
Bilateral leg swelling / Edema  
Cool pulseless limb  
Unilateral reddened hot limb

**Gastrointestinal (GI)**  
Abdominal pain  
Anorexia  
Constipation  
Diarrhea  
Foreign body in rectum  
Groin pain / mass  
Vomiting and/or nausea  
Rectal / Perineal pain  
Vomiting blood  
Blood in stool / Melena  
Jaundice  
Hiccoughs  
Abdominal mass / distention  
[Anal / Rectal trauma](#)  
Oral / Esophageal Foreign Body  
Feeding difficulties in newborn  
Neonatal jaundice

**Ob – Gyn (Ob - Gyn)**  
Menstrual problems  
Foreign body, vagina  
Vaginal discharge  
Sexual assault  
Vaginal bleed  
Labial swelling  
Pregnancy issues < 20 wks  
Pregnancy issues > 20 wks  
Vaginal pain / itch

**Genitourinary (Gu)**  
Flank pain  
Hematuria  
Genital discharge / lesion  
Penile swelling  
Scrotal pain and/or swelling  
Urinary retention  
UTI complaints  
Oliguria  
Polyuria  
[Genital trauma](#)

**Orthopedic (Ortho)**  
Back pain  
[Traumatic back / spine injury](#)  
[Amputation](#)  
Upper extremity pain  
Lower extremity pain  
[Upper extremity injury](#)  
[Lower extremity injury](#)  
Joint(s) swelling  
Paediatric gait disorder / painful walk  
Cast check

**Trauma (T)**  
[Major trauma – penetrating](#)  
[Major trauma – blunt](#)  
[Isolated chest trauma – penetrating](#)  
[Isolated chest trauma – blunt](#)  
[Isolated abdominal trauma – penetrating](#)  
[Isolated abdominal trauma – blunt](#)

**ENVIRONMENTAL**  
[Frostbite / Cold injury](#)  
Noxious inhalation  
[Electrical injury](#)  
Chemical exposure  
Hypothermia  
Near Drowning

**Skin (Skin)**  
[Bite](#)  
[Sting](#)  
[Abrasion](#)  
[Laceration / Puncture](#)  
[Burn](#)  
Blood and body fluid exposure  
Pruritus  
Rash  
Localized swelling / redness  
Wound check  
Other skin conditions  
Lumps, bumps, calluses  
Redness / tenderness, breast  
Rule out infestation  
Cyanosis  
Spontaneous bruising  
Foreign body, skin  
Removal staples / sutures

**General & Minor (Gen)**  
Exposure to communicable disease  
Fever  
Hyperglycemia  
Hypoglycemia  
Direct referral for consultation  
Dressing change  
Imaging tests  
Medical device problem  
Prescription / Medication request  
Ring removal  
Abnormal lab values  
Pallor / Anemia  
Post-operative complications  
Inconsolable crying in infants  
Congenital problem in children  
Minor complaints NOS  
Newly born

Reference: *Grafstein E, Bullard MJ, Warren D, Unger B, the CTAS National Working Group. Revision of the Canadian Emergency Department Information System (CEDIS) presenting complaint list version 1.1. CJEM 2008;10:151-61*



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