

ATS category	What that means	Maximum waiting time
1	Immediately life-threatening	immediate
2	Imminently life-threatening	10 minutes
3	Potentially life-threatening or important time-critical treatment or severe pain	30 minutes
4	Potentially life-serious or situational urgency or significant complexity	60 minutes
5	Less urgent	120 minutes

Criteria	Category 1 Immediate	Category 2 10 minutes	Category 3 30 minutes	Category 4 60 minutes	Category 5 120 minutes
Airway	Obstructed/ partially obstructed	patent	patent	patent	patent
Breathing	Severe respiratory distress/absent respiration/ hypoventilation	Moderate respiratory distress	Mild respiratory distress	No respiratory distress	No respiratory distress
Circulation	Severe haemodynamic compromise/ absent circulation Uncontrolled haemorrhage	Moderate haemodynamic compromise	Mild haemodynamic compromise	No haemodynamic compromise	No haemodynamic compromise
Disability	GCS <9	GCS 9-12	GCS >12	Normal GCS	Normal GCS

1	2	3	4	5
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Penetrating eye injury · Chemical injury · Sudden loss of vision with or without injury · Sudden onset severe eye pain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Sudden abnormal vision with or without injury · Moderate eye pain, e.g. - blunt eye injury - flash burns - foreign body 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Normal vision · Mild eye pain, e.g. - blunt eye injury - flash burns - foreign body 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Normal vision · No eye pain

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	Very severe	Moderately severe	Moderate	Minimal