

# POTENTIAL CRITICAL ISSUES RELATED TO AN ORGAN SYSTEM

## A Resource for Telephone Triage Nurses

PRESENTING SYMPTOM	CRITICAL ISSUES TO CONSIDER
NEUROLOGICAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brain hemorrhage</li> <li>• Stroke</li> <li>• Head injury</li> </ul>
ENDOCRINE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diabetics</li> <li>• Thyroid storm</li> <li>• Adrenal diseases</li> </ul>
CARDIAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heart attack</li> <li>• Diabetics are tired &amp; weak</li> <li>• Aortic aneurisms</li> </ul>
ORTHOPEDIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In kids: what would make you send them in to the ER for sure, every single time? A deformity after a fall, a limp, which is never normal in kids (this will be a septic knee or joint), abuse.</li> </ul>
RESPIRATORY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHF</li> <li>• Asthma</li> <li>• COPD</li> <li>• Pulmonary embolism</li> <li>• Drowning – in younger kids</li> </ul>
GI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In kids: vomiting and diarrhea, obstruction of bowel, appendix, bleed</li> </ul>
OB/GYN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atopic pregnancy</li> <li>• Preterm labor</li> <li>• Decreased fetal movement</li> <li>• Undetected abortion</li> <li>• Preeclampsia</li> </ul>
NEWBORNS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What can nurses miss when it comes to temperature? Everyone knows 100.4 or higher in a newborn. Nurses may miss hypothermia.</li> </ul>
DERMATOLOGY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sceptic – in children</li> <li>• Strep rash</li> <li>• Necrosis</li> </ul>
PSYCHOLOGICAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suicidal thoughts</li> <li>• Abuse</li> <li>• Manic</li> <li>• Associative episodes</li> </ul>