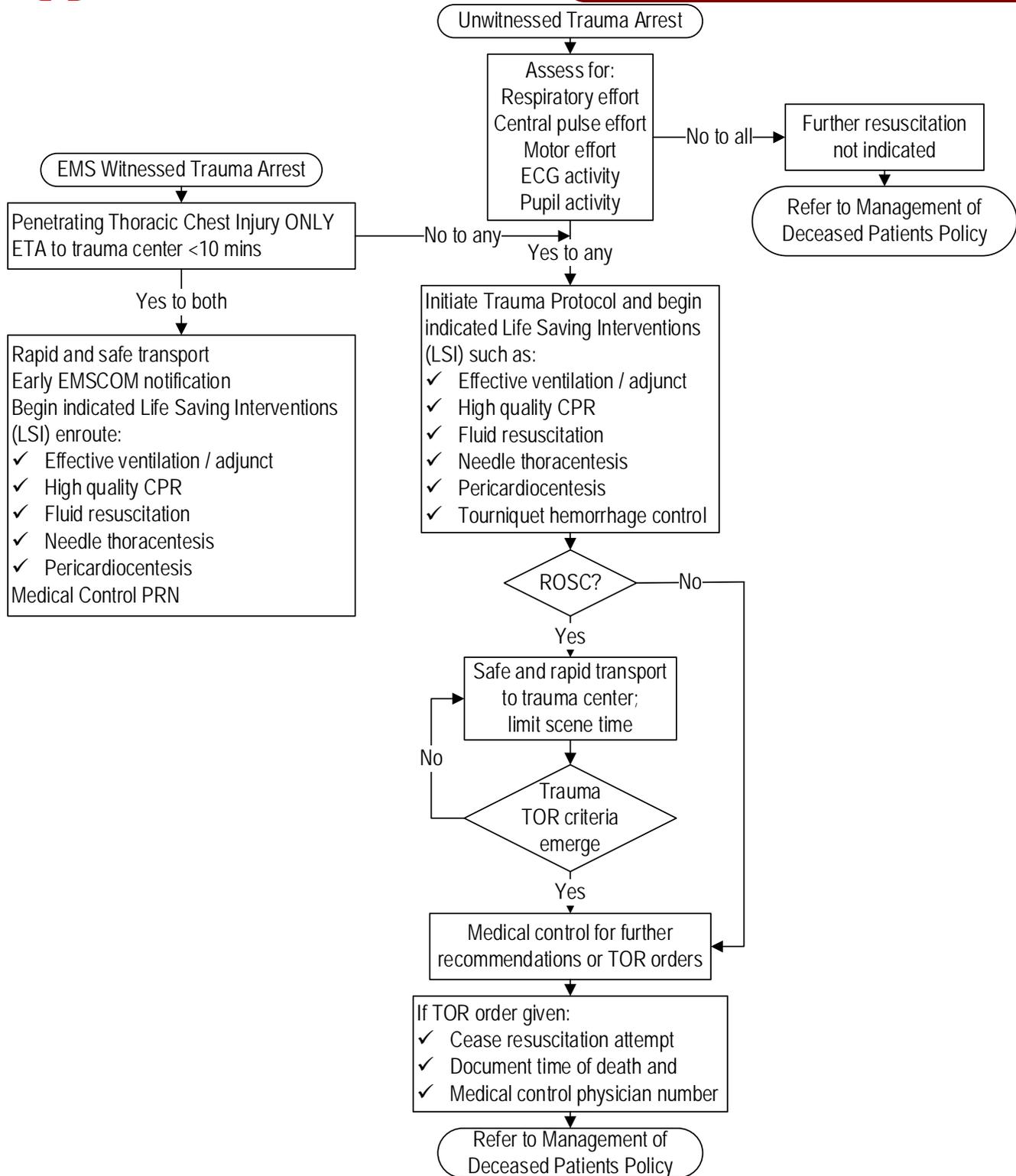




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**NOTES:**

- **NO ACLS drugs indicated** (epi, amiodarone, calcium, bicarb) unless ordered by medical control.

**Termination of Resuscitation (TOR) Criteria for Traumatic Arrest:**

- Less than 20 weeks pregnant (fundus at umbilical height)
- Not believed related to environmental hypothermia
- High quality CPR unsuccessful
- Life Saving Interventions (LSI) unsuccessful
- ETCO<sub>2</sub> 10 mm Hg or less
- No agonal breaths
- No central pulses
- No muscle movement
- No ECG activity
- Fixed, non-reactive pupils

**Trauma Arrest LSI and Decision to Transport Summary Matrix**

Mechanism	Site	TOR Criteria Met?	Start LSI?	Call Med Control?	Transport to Trauma Center?
Penetrating	Thoracic chest or back; above abdomen	No	Yes	Yes	Perhaps if time from arrest to DELIVERY at trauma center is absolutely <10 min. Logistically, this would be an exceptionally rare occurrence.
Penetrating	Multi-site	No	Yes	Yes	Transport generally not recommended unless ROSC develops.
Blunt	Any	No	Yes	Yes	Transport generally not recommended unless ROSC develops.