

Table 2. Comparison of Medical Precedence Terminology^{22,23}

Air ambulance (rotary wing)/Ground Ambulance	USAF AE
Priority I, URGENT (evacuate within a maximum of 1 hour)	Priority I, URGENT (evacuated immediately)
Priority IA, URGENT-SURGICAL- (requires far forward surgical intervention to save life and stabilize for further evacuation)	
Priority II, PRIORITY (evacuate within 4 hours or will become URGENT)	Priority II, PRIORITY (evacuate within 24 hours)
Priority III, ROUTINE (evacuate within 24 hours).	Priority III, ROUTINE (evacuate within 72 hours)
Priority IV, CONVENIENCE (rather than necessity). US Army priority not used by USAF	
The USAF uses slightly different precedence categories for patient aeromedical evacuation (AE) on fixed wing aircraft.	