

Table 3 Level of agreement between triage nurses and allocation of triage category

Clinical characteristic	% agreement	Kappa statistic
<i>Lower levels of agreement ($\kappa < 0.4$)</i>		
Sweaty skin	30.0	0.259
Dry skin	28.8	0.224
Anxious behaviour	47.7	0.395
Normal speech	64.2	0.282
Irritability (paediatric)	33.3	0.277
Crying (paediatric)	50.0	0.327
Dull pain	46.0	0.379
Crushing pain	0.0	-0.004
<i>Good levels of agreement ($\kappa > 0.8$)</i>		
Aggressive behaviour	100.0	1.0
Threat to others	100.0	1.0
Lethargy (paediatric)	100.0	0.875
Abdominal pain	87.8	0.822
Pregnancy	85.3	0.921
Haematemesis	100.0	1.0
Malaena	100.0	1.0
Overdose, ingestion	100.0	1.0
Eye presentation	100.0	1.0
Seizures	100.0	1.0

Source: Whitby et al., 1997 [39].