



Trauma



General (Pediatric)



CRITERIA

- Occurs when the body is exposed to more energy than its tissues and organs can tolerate

IMMOBILIZATION RULE-OUT CRITERIA

- Patient is reliable:
 - No altered mental status
 - No evidence of impairment
- Patient has no spinal/shoulder pain or tenderness to palpation and range of motion
- No other distracting injuries
- No transient or current neurological signs or symptoms of numbness, tingling or weakness

PROTOCOL

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| EMR | Follow <i>General – Universal Patient Care/Initial Patient Contact Protocol</i> . | EMR |
| EMR | Consider spinal immobilization. | EMR |
| EMT | If airway cannot be secured, LOAD AND GO to closest hospital. | EMT |
| I | Respiratory insufficiency: Intubate [I only if patient is over 12 years old]. | I |
| P | Obstructed airway: Consider advanced surgical airway. | P |
| [I] | Tension pneumothorax: Needle decompression of affected side. | [I] |
| I | Traumatic cardiac arrest: Bilateral needle chest decompression. | I |
| EMT | <p><i>If shock or potential for shock is present:</i> Keep patient warm Control bleeding Retrieve amputated part:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wrap amputated part in dry sterile dressing Place part in a dry, sealed plastic bag Place plastic bag with the part in an ice water-filled container Mark container with date, patient name, and name of part | EMT |
|  | If the patient meets the trauma triage criteria according to the <i>Trauma Field Triage</i> in the policy section, transport immediately (less than 10 minute scene time) to a Level I or Level II Trauma Center. |  |
| A | Suspected hypovolemia: 20 mL/kg 0.9% Normal Saline up to 1000 mL bolus, continuously reassessing need for further fluid administration. | A |
| EMT | Manage minor injuries and reassess. | EMT |

PEARLS

- DO NOT** delay transport to establish IV lines or wait on ALS
- Any pediatric patient who is cool and tachycardic is in shock until proven otherwise
- Consider IV/IO
- Isolated spinal injuries: handle with utmost care. Rapid transport is NOT indicated