

t-7 SOFT TISSUE TRAUMA

PRIORITIES:

- ABCs
- Treat life threatening injuries first
- Determine base line sensory and motor function/deficits prior to dressing;
- Look for underlying injuries;
- Determine if patient's injury(s), history, mechanism of injury requires **"LOAD AND GO"** activities.
- Assure an advanced life support response..

1. Soft Tissue Injuries
 - Stop bleeding
 - Direct Pressure
 - Elevate injury
 - Arterial Pressure points
 - Use tourniquets **ONLY** as a last resort and then only to control hemorrhage
2. Apply sterile dressing to open wounds;
3. Bandage
4. Treat for shock, as indicated.
5. Assess distal function (pulse, color, sensation and motion) distal to injuries;
6. Consider c-spine immobilization in all injuries above the clavicles;
7. Do NOT remove impaled objects.