Effective May 1, 2018

Trauma Emergencies T-05 Abdominal Trauma and Extremity Trauma

ABDOMINAL TRAUMA

IMPALED OBJECT

- Attempt to stabilize the object
- If object interferes with CPR, consult Base Hospital

EVISCERATING TRAUMA

- Cover eviscerated organs with sterile, saline-soaked gauze
- DO NOT replace organs in the abdominal cavity

GENITAL INJURY

- Cover genitals with sterile, salinesoaked gauze
- Treat amputated parts per extremity amputations
- Apply direct pressure as needed to control active bleeding

Extremity Trauma/Amputation

Return extremity to anatomic position, if possible and resistance/pain allows.

If extremity is dislocated, splint in position found.

Control bleeding with direct pressure.

Refer to S-02 Wound Packing and S-03 Tourniquet, if needed.

If bleeding cannot be controlled, or massive hemorrhage suspected, refer to T-06 Massive Hemorrhage.

If partial amputation, splint in anatomic position and elevate

COMPLETE AMPUTATION

- Place amputated part in a dry, sterile, sealed container or bag. Place container/ bag in a second container on ice if available.
- DO NOT place part directly on ice or in water.
- Elevate the involved extremity and attempt to achieve homeostasis.

For Isolated Extremity Injury (including hip and shoulder)

Morphine Sulfate 4mg SLOW IV/IO/IM q 5 minutes max dose 16mg

OR

Fentanyl 50mcg SLOW IV/IO/IN/IM q 5 minutes max dose of 200mcg

DISRUPTED COMMUNICATIONS

In the event of a "disrupted communications" situation where a base hospital physician CANNOT be contacted for orders, Solano County Paramedics MAY NOT utilize the portions of this protocol requiring base physician orders AND must transport to the closest receiving facility.