

**Treatment Protocols****Date: 07/01/2023****Trauma - Adult****Policy #9230A****Adult BLS Standing Orders**

- **Universal Patient Protocol**
- Control patient airway and breathing per **Airway Policy**
- **Hemorrhage Control**
- Keep patient warm
- **Immediate transport (goal < 10 minutes on scene) if patient is critical or mechanism of injury is significant**
- Consider **Air Ambulance Activation Policy**
- Consider **Trauma Triage Policy**
- Continuous heartrate, pulse oximetry, blood pressure, and capnography PRN

**TRAUMATIC ARREST – See Traumatic Arrest Protocol****ABDOMINAL TRAUMA**

- Cover eviscerated bowel with saline soaked pads
- NEVER attempt to reduce eviscerated bowel

**EXTREMITY TRAUMA**

- Place tourniquet for uncontrolled bleeding (see **Hemorrhage Control Policy**)
- Splint fractures as they lie if no neurovascular impairment
- Fractures with neurovascular impairment may be realigned. Provide gentle, unidirectional traction before splinting
- If circulation is not restored after two (2) attempts at straightening, splint as it lies and transport immediately
- Splint dislocations in position found
- Immobilize joints above and below injury, if possible
- Pelvic wrap for unstable patients with concern for pelvic fractures

**AMPUTATED PARTS**

- Place in plastic bag if possible and keep cool during transport
- Do not place in water or directly on ice
- Place avulsed teeth in milk if possible. Avoid touching root of tooth

**IMPALED OBJECTS**

- Immobilize object
- May remove object if in face, neck or chest if airway ventilation is compromised, or interferes with CPR

**OPEN NECK WOUNDS**

- Cover with occlusive dressing

**HEAD TRAUMA**

- Always consider spinal injury and see **Spinal Motion Restriction Protocol**
- Always consider traumatic brain injury, and consider patient impairment if patient is altered, argumentative, or attempting care refusal, see **Patient Refusal Policy**
- **Avoid hypotension and hypoxia.** Single episodes of either can result in permanent damage in head injured patients
- **DO NOT HYPERVENTILATE PATIENTS**

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- Establish IV (2 large bore if massive blood loss or suspected internal injury)

**For SBP < 90 mmHg, target BP > 90 mmHg systolic**

- NS 500-1,000 mL IV MR x 1 to a max of 2,000 mL to maintain a SBP of  $\geq 90$  mmHg

**HEAD TRAUMA**

- **Avoid hypotension, hypoxia and hypercarbia**
- **If GCS  $\leq 14$ , maintain SBP  $\geq 90$  mmHg**
- NS 500-1,000 mL IV MR x 1 to a max of 2,000 mL to maintain a SBP of  $\geq 90$  mmHg

**CRUSH INJURY (with extended compression >2 hours of extremity or torso)**

- NS 500-1,000 mL IV, just prior to extremity or torso release

**Adult ALS Standing Orders**

- Monitor EKG
- Establish IV/IO
- Capnography
- 12 Lead ECG
- **Pain Medication Protocol PRN**

**Nausea and Vomiting**

- Ondansetron 4 mg IV/IO/IM/ODT PRN, MR x1, total 8 mg

**For SBP < 90 mmHg, target BP > 90 mmHg**

- NS 500-1,000 mL IV/IO MR x 1 to a max of 2,000 mL to maintain a SBP of  $\geq 90$  mmHg
- Consider TXA for hypotensive patients  $\geq 15$  years old per **TXA Administration Policy**

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**CRUSH INJURY (with extended compression >2 hours of extremity or torso)**

- NS 500-1,000 mL IV/IO, just prior to extremity or torso release
- Calcium Chloride 500 mg IV/IO over 30 sec just prior to release of extremity or trunk **BH**
- Sodium Bicarbonate – 1 ampule IV/IO **BH**

**CHEST TRAUMA**

- **Needle Thoracostomy Procedure** if tension pneumothorax suspected

**Adult Base Hospital Orders****CRUSH INJURY (with extended compression >2 hours of extremity or torso)**

- BH - Calcium Chloride – 500 mg IV/IO over 30 seconds just prior to release of extremity or trunk
- BH – Sodium Bicarbonate – 1 ampule IV/IO

**PERSISTENT HYPOTENSION (SBP < 90 mmHg, in spite of 1,000 mL IV)**

- BH – Consider Push Dose Epinephrine

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- It is critical to transport ill trauma patients to definitive care as soon as possible.
- Consider early activation of air ambulance if patient fulfills criteria for **Air Ambulance Activation Policy**.
- Cover open chest wound with three-sided occlusive dressing following needle thoracostomy
- Release or “burp” dressing if suspected tension pneumothorax redevelops
- **Prioritize scene and provider safety. Ensure patient does not have any weapons, contact PD if assistance required.**

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