

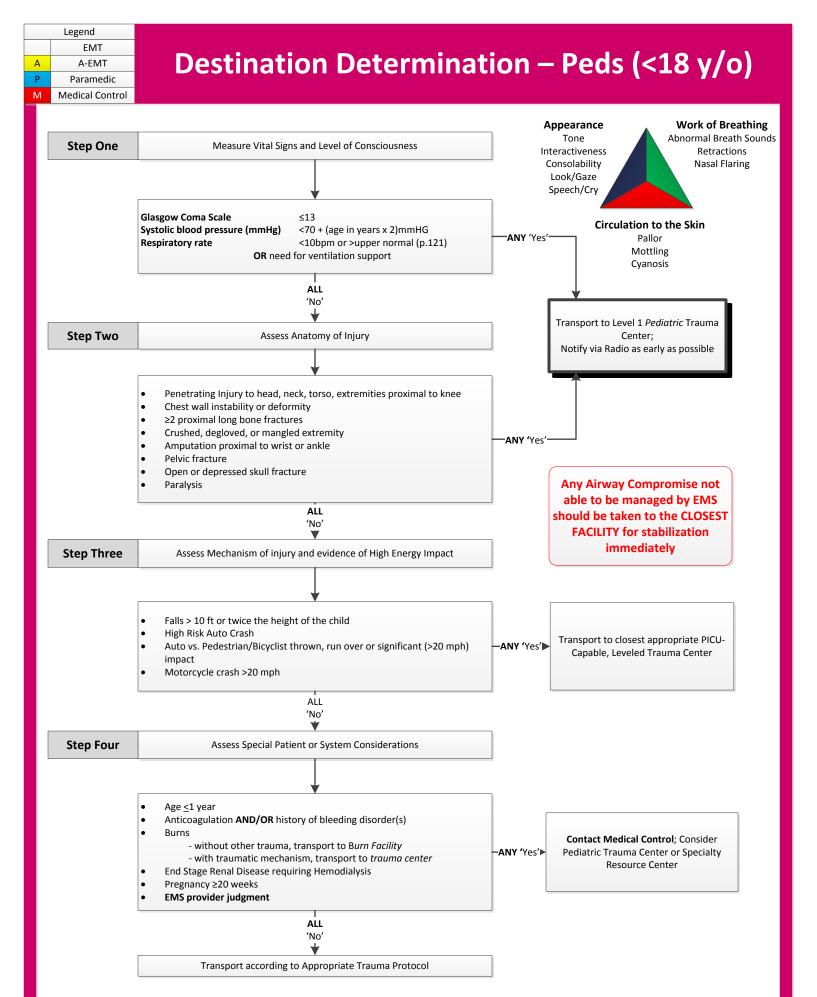
# Quick Reference Page – Peds (<18 y/o)

Vital Signs In Children						
Age	Heart Rate (Be	eats Per Minute)	Age	Respiratory Rate (Breaths Per Minute)	Age	Minimum Systolic Blood Pressure
Newborn – 3mos 3mos – 2years 2years – 10years >10years	Awake Rate 85-205 100-190 60-140 60-100	Sleeping Rate 80-160 75-160 60-90 50-90	Infant Toddler Preschooler School-Aged Child Adolescent	30-60 24-40 22-34 18-30 12-16	Term Neonates (0-28days) Infants (1-12mos) Children 1-10years Chilcren >10years	>60 >70 >70 + (age in years x 2) >90

Modified Glasgow Coma Scale for Infants and Children							
	Child	Infant	Score				
Eye Opening	Spontaneous To Speech To Pain None	Spontaneous To Speech To Pain None	4 3 2 1				
Best Verbal Response	Oriented, Appropriate Confused Inappropriate Words Incomprehensible Sounds None	Coos and Babbles Irritable, Cries Cries in Response to Pain Moans in Response to Pain None	5 4 3 2 1				
Best Motor Response	Obeys Commands Localizes Painful Stimulus Withdraws in Response to Pain Flexion in Response to Pain Extension in Response to Pain None	Moves Spontaneously and Purposely Withdraws in Reponse to Touch Withdraws in Response to Pain Abnormal Flexion Posture to Pain Abnormal Extension Posture to Pain None	6 5 4 3 2 1				

	Wisconsin EMSC Recommended Weight Conversion (1 kg = 2.2 lbs -OR- 1 lb = 0.45 kgs)					
Lbs.	Kgs.	Lbs.	Kgs.	Lbs.	Kgs.	
5 lbs	2 kgs	20 lbs	9 kgs	35 lbs	16 kgs	
6	3	21	10	36	16	
7	3	22	10	37	17	
8	4	23	10	38	17	
9	4	24	11	39	18	
10 lbs	5 kgs	25 lbs	11 kgs	40 lbs	18 kgs	
11	5	26	12	41	19	
12	5	27	12	42	19	
13	6	28	13	43	20	
14	6	29	13	44	20	
15 lbs	7 kgs	30 lbs	14 kgs	45 lbs	20 kgs	
16	7	31	14	46	21	
17	8	32	15	47	21	
18	8	33	15	48	22	
19	9	34	15	49	22	
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Equipment	GRAY 3-5kg	PINK Small Infant 6-7kg	RED Infant 6-9kg	PURPLE Toddler 10-11kg	YELLOW Small Child 12-14kg	WHITE Child 15-18kg	BLUE Child 19-23kg	ORANGE Large Child 24-29kg	GREEN Adult 30-36kg
Resuscitation Bag		Infant/Child	Infant/Child	Child	Child	Child	Child	Child	Adult
Oxygen Mask (NRB)		Pediatric	Pediatric	Pediatric	Pediatric	Pediatric	Pediatric	Pediatric	Pediatric/ Adult
Oral Airway (mm)		50	50	60	60	60	70	80	80
Laryngoscope Blade (Size)		1 Straight	1 Straight	1 Straight	2 Straight	2 Straight	2 Straight OR Curved	2 Straight OR Curved	3 Straight OR Curved
Endotracheal Tube (mm)		3.5 Uncuffed 3.0 Cuffed	3.5 Uncuffed 3.0 Cuffed	4.0 Uncuffed 3.5 Cuffed	4.5 Uncuffed 4.0 Cuffed	5.0 Uncuffed 4.5 Cuffed	5.5 Uncuffed 5.0 Cuffed	6.0 Cuffed	6.5 Cuffed
King Airway	Size 0 (Clear)	Size 1 (White)	Size 1 (White)	Size 1 (White)	Size 2 (Green)	Size 2 (Green)	Size 2.5 (Orange)	Size 3 (Yellow)	Size 3 (Yellow)
LMA	NA	#1	#1	#1.5	#2	#2.5	#3	#3.5	#4
Suction Catheter (French)		8	8	10	10	10	10	10	10-12
BP Cuff	Neonatal #5/ Infant	Infant/Child	Infant/Child	Child	Child	Child	Child	Child	Small Adult
IV Catheter (ga)		22-24	22-24	20-24	18-22	18-22	18-20	18-20	16-20
IO (ga)		18/15	18/15	15	15	15	15	15	15
NG Tube (French)		5-8	5-8	8-10	10	10	12-14	14-18	16-18



# General Approach - Peds, Trauma

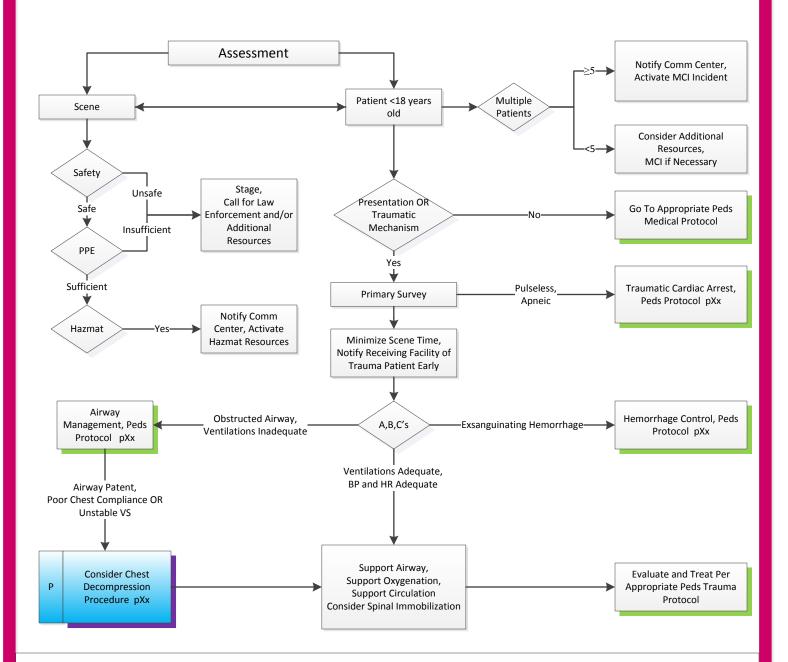
#### **Pertinent Positives and Negatives**

- Age, VS, GCS
- · Time of Injury, Mechanism of Injury
- DCAP-BTLS
- SAMPLE History

- OPQRST History
- Pain / Swelling
- Mental Status
- Hypotension / Shock

#### Differential

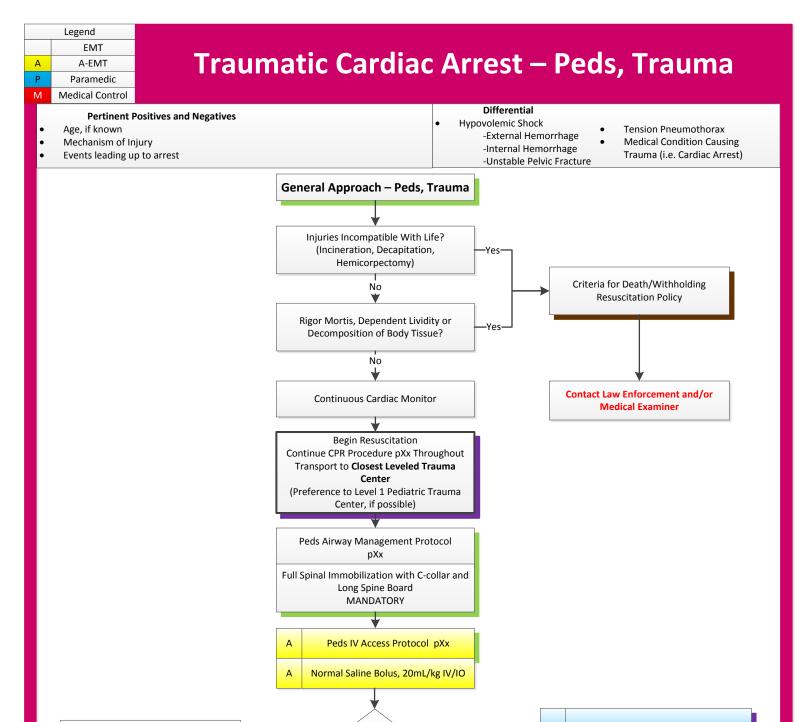
- Stroke
- STEMI
- Overdose
- Child Abuse / Non-Accidental Trauma
- Domestic Violence
- Non-Accidental Trauma



#### **Pearls**

#### REQUIRED EXAM: Vital Signs, GCS, Loss of Consciousness, Location of Pain (then targeted per Appropriate Trauma Protocol)

- Assess for major trauma criteria immediately upon patient contact
  - -RR <10 or >upper normal (p.121); SBP <70 + (age in years x 2)mmHG; Pulse <50 or >upper normal (p.121); GCS <13; SpO2<93%
  - -Transport to Trauma Center, minimize scene time to goal of <10 minutes
- Disability assess for neuro deficits including paralysis, weakness, abnormal sensation
- Suspect Tension Pneumothorax when:
  - -Mechanism consistent with Chest Trauma; Resp Distress; Decreased Breath Sounds; JVD; Low BP; Tachycardia; Tracheal Deviation
  - -Signs and Symptoms of Tension Pneumothorax may be present with or without positive pressure ventilations
  - -Needle Decompression should be performed with an 18-20ga needle at the 2<sup>nd</sup> intercostal space, *midclavicular line*
  - -If repeat decompression necessary, continue to move laterally along the superior aspect of the 3<sup>rd</sup> rib



#### <u>Pearls</u>

#### REQUIRED EXAM: Pupillary Light Reflex, Palpation of Pulses, Heart and Lung Auscultation

• This protocol is compliant with the Joint Position Statement of the ACS, ACEP, NAEMSP and AAP and can be referenced here: http://www.annemergmed.com/article/S0196-0644(14)00074-2/fulltext#sec6

Return of

Pulse

Notify Receiving Facility,

**Contact Medical Control As Necessary** 

**Consider Chest Decompression** 

Procedure pXx

Notify Receiving Facility, Contact Medical Control

- Injuries incompatible with life include; decapitation, incineration, massively deforming head or chest injury, dependent lividity, rigor mortis
- As with all trauma patients, DO NOT delay transport

Go To Appropriate Trauma Protocol

- Consider using medical cardiac arrest protocols if uncertainty exists regarding etiology of arrest
- Use of a long spine board will make chest compressions more effective; however, if spinal immobilization interferes with CPR use reasonable effort to limit patient and spine movement
- Be aware that these may be crime scenes: do your best to avoid disturbing forensic evidence
- If provider safety becomes a concern, transport of deceased patients to the hospital is acceptable



# Bites and Envenomations - Peds, Trauma

#### **Pertinent Positives and Negatives**

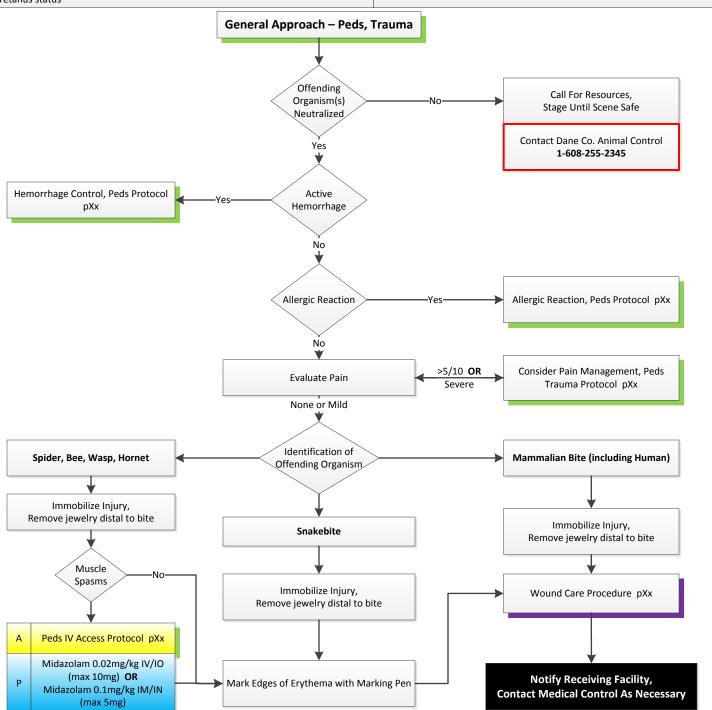
- Age, VS, Pulses distal to wound
- SAMPLE History
- OPQRST History
- Description or photo of offending creature
- Tetanus status

- Immunization History of Creature (if known)
- Domestic vs. Wild Animal
- Allergic Reaction
- Hypotension, Shock, Fever

#### Differential

- Penetrating Trauma
- Dry Bite (Snake)
  - Abscess/Cellulitis

Non-Accidental Trauma



#### **Pearls**

#### REQUIRED EXAM: VS, GCS, Evidence of Intoxication, Affected Extremity Neurovascular Exam

- Cat bites may not initially appear serious, but can progress rapidly to severe infection
- · Human bites have higher rates of infection than animal bites and need to be evaluated in the Emergency Department for antibiotics
- Bites on the hands and lacerations over knuckles should be assumed to be "Fight Bites" until proven otherwise, and need evaluation
- Brown recluse spider bites are usually painless at the time of bite. Pain and tissue necrosis develops over hours to days
- Immunocompromised patients have higher risk of infection Think: Diabetes, Chemotherapy, Organ Transplant

#### Legend **EMT** Burns - Peds, Trauma A-EMT Paramedic Medical Control М **Pertinent Positives and Negatives** Differential Age, VS Singed Facial Hair Cellulitis Blast Injury **Dermatitis SAMPLE History** Wheezing, Hoarseness Radiation Injury Subjective Throat Swelling Drug Reaction (Stevens-Johnson **OPQRST History Electrical Injury** Syndrome) Mechanism of Burn (heat, gas, chemical) Loss of Consciousness Cyanokit Need? Time of Injury General Approach - Peds, Trauma **Consider Need for Airway Consider CN Exposure for Enclosed Space Fire with Synthetic Materials Management EARLY** Estimate TBSA Burned / Severity **Minor Burn Serious Burn Critical Burn** <5% TBSA, 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Burn 5-15% TBSA, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Burn >15% TBSA, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Burn No inhalation Injury, Suspected Inhalation Injury, Burn with Trauma Normal BP, SpO2 Hypotension, Altered Mental Status Burn with Airway Compromise Consider Pain Management - Peds pXx Consider Pain Management – Peds pXx Consider Pain Management - Peds pXx Consider Peds IV Access Protocol Peds IV Access Protocol pXx pXx LR Preferred over NS, If available If <5 y/o, 125mL IV/IO Remove Rings, Bracelets and Constricting If >5 and <14 y/o, 250mL IV/IO Α Items If ≥14 y/o, 500mL IV/IO Remove or Cool Heat Source (if not Fluids given over 1 hour already done) Remove Rings, Bracelets and Constricting Items Apply Dry Clean Sheet or Non-Adherent Dressing; Remove or Cool Heat Source (if not **Consider Plastic Cling Wrap Application** already done) Apply Dry Clean Sheet or Non-Adherent Dressing; **Consider Plastic Cling Wrap Application** Age Age

Area

A=1/2 of Head

B=1/2 of Thigh

C=1/2 of Leg

Age 0

9 1/2

2 3/4

2 ½

Age 1

8 1/2

3 1/4

2 ½

Transport to Facility of Choice

Age 5

6 1/2

4

2 3/4

5 1/2

4 1/4

3

4 1/2

4 1/2

3 1/4

#### REQUIRED EXAM: VS. GCS. Lung Sounds. HEENT. Posterior Pharvnx

Safety First! Assure a Chemical source of burn is NOT a hazard to responders. Assure an Electrical source of burn is OFF or no longer contacting pt. Never overlook the possibility that a burn injury may be the result of child abuse / non-accidental trauma.

Consider Airway Management – Peds

nXx

Burn to Hands

Feet, Face or

Perineum

Consider Airway Management Protocol

nХх

Transport to Designated Burn Center

- High Voltage Electrical Burns (>600 volts) require spinal immobilization, continuous cardiac monitor and IV access regardless of external appearance of injury
- Chemical burns require removal of contaminated clothing, brush away dry powder before irrigation. Flush with copious warm water on scene and continue irrigation en route. Be sure to brush excess away and remove contaminated clothing BEFORE beginning irrigation Burns to face and eyes, remove contact lenses prior to irrigation
- Early intubation is strongly recommended if suspicion of inhalation injury. Suspicion is high in patients involved in an enclosed space fire, who have facial burns or show signs of airway involvement; carbonaceous sputum, facial burns or edema, hoarseness, singed nasal hairs, agitation, hypoxia or cyanosis
- Indications of possible Cyanide Poisoning Exposure to fumes from burning Nitrile (polyurethane, vinyl) Seizures, coma, cardiac arrest, headache, vertigo and/or cherry red skin color from increased venous O2 concentration

# Legend EMT A A-EMT P Paramedic M Medical Control

# Chest Injury - Peds, Trauma

#### **Pertinent Positives and Negatives**

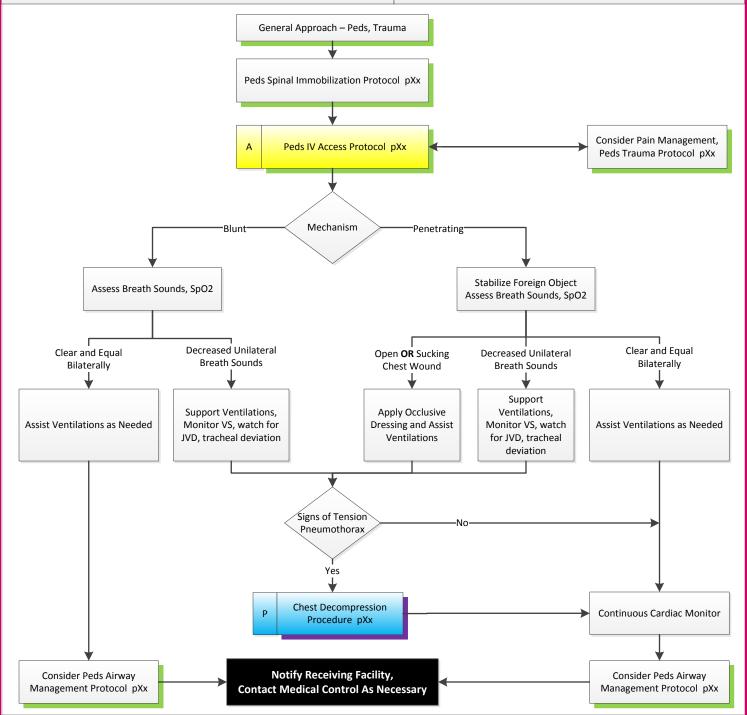
- Type of injury
- Mechanism (blunt vs. penetrating)
- Respiratory Effort, Adequacy
- Abnormal Breath Sounds (unilateral vs. bilateral)
- SAMPLE History
- OPQRST History
- Evidence of Intoxication

Evidence of Multi-System

Trauma

#### Differential

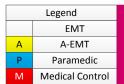
- Simple Pneumothorax
- Tension Pneumothorax
- Pericardial Tamponade
- Aortic Root Disruption
- Bronchial Tree Injury
- Tracheal Disruption
- Great Vessel Laceration
- Cardiac Contusion
- Cardiac Laceration



#### <u>Pearls</u>

#### REQUIRED EXAM: Mental Status, HEENT, Heart, Lungs, Abdomen, Extremity, Back, Neuro

- Consider tension pneumothorax in any patient with penetrating chest trauma, OR blunt chest trauma with decreased unilateral breath sounds, hypotension, tachycardia, hypoxia, tracheal deviation (late) or JVD (late)
- · Aortic root injuries, bronchial disruption and tracheal disruptions are common with major deceleration injuries (i.e. MVC)
- Cardiac contusions are common with blunt chest trauma, and may present with ectopy, PVCs or even STEMI appearance on cardiac monitor
- Pericardial Tamponade is a surgical emergency and needs rapid transport. Look for muffled heart tones, hypotension, tachycardia



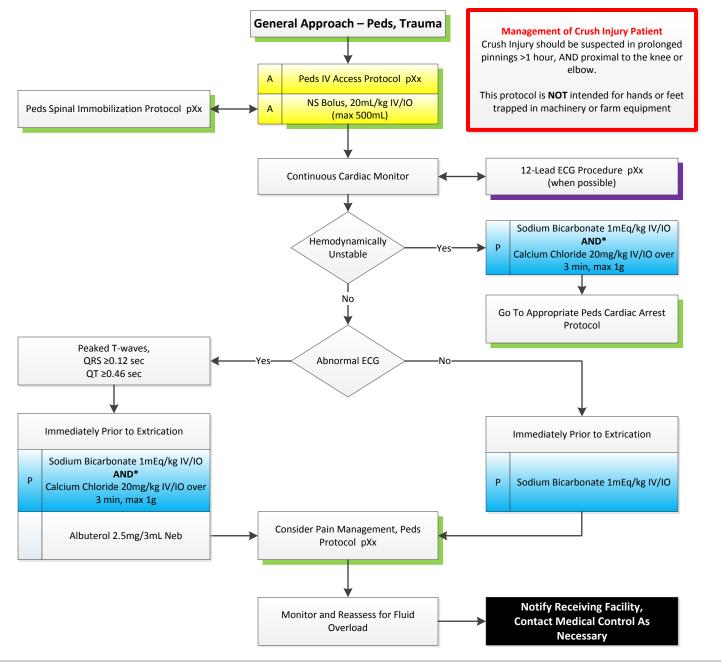
# Prolonged Crush Injury - Peds, Trauma

#### **Pertinent Positives and Negatives**

- Age, VS, GCS
- SAMPLE History
- OPQRST History
- Crushed under heavy load ≥30 min
- Building collapse, trench collapse, industrial accident, heavy equipment pinning

#### Differential

- Compartment Syndrome
- Entrapment without Crush Fracture, Sprain, Strain
- Pelvic Fracture
- Hypothermia



#### **Pearls**

#### REQUIRED EXAM: Vital Signs, GCS, Lung Sounds, Neuro Exam, Musculoskeletal Exam

- Structural Collapse, Crush Scenes are often full of hazards, provider safety is the most important consideration
- Patients may become hypothermic, even in warm environments
  - -Hypothermia can lead to coagulopathy, which will increase bleeding times and have worse outcomes for the patient
- Crush injuries can result in hyperkalemia from shift of Potassium out of injured cells. Cardiac monitoring is required and 12-lead ECG preferred
  whenever possible (as dicated by the situation)
- Monitor extremities for signs of compartment syndrome after crush injury; Pain, Pallor, Paresthesias, Paralysis, Pulselessness and
   Poikilothermia (inability to regulate core body temperature)
- \* Sodium Bicarb Infusion: 1mEq/kg added to 1L NS, administered 20mL/kg IV just prior to extrication
- \*\*Utilize different IV lines or flush between bicarb and calcium to prevent precipitation in the line

#### Legend **EMT** A-EMT Paramedic Medical Control М **Pertinent Positives and Negatives**

# Near-Drowning / Submersion Injury - Peds, Trauma

- Submersion in water regardless of depth
- **SAMPLE History**
- **OPQRST History**
- Temperature of water
- **Mental Status Changes**

- Degree of Water Contamination
- Vomiting
- Coughing, Wheezing, Rales, Rhonchi, Stridor

#### Differential

- Spinal Trauma
- **Pre-Existing Medical Condition**
- Hypothermia
- Aspiration

- The Bends
  - Pressure Injury

Barotrauma **Decompression Sickness** 

Post-Immersion Syndrome



#### <u>Pearls</u>

#### REQUIRED EXAM: Mental Status, HEENT, Heart, Lungs, Abdomen, Extremity, Back, Neuro

- Have a HIGH index of suspicion for possible spinal injuries. Any diving injury or submersion with unclear details should be fully immobilized
- Hypothermia is often associated with near-drowning and submersion injuries. Consider the Hypothermia Protocol as appropriate
- All patients with Near-Drowning / Submersion Injury should be transported for evaluation due to delayed presentation of respiratory failure
- With diving injuries (decompression / barotrauma) consider availability of a hyperbaric chamber; contact Medical Control early.
- Near-drowning patients who are awake and cooperative but with respiratory distress may benefit from CPAP / Positive Pressure Ventilation



# Environmental, Hyperthermia – Peds, Trauma

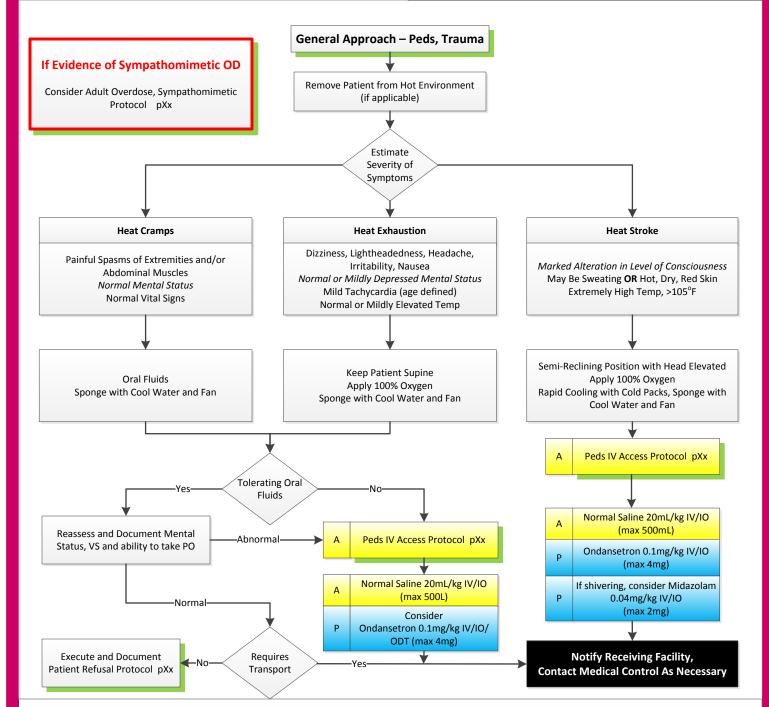
#### **Pertinent Positives and Negatives**

- Age, VS, Mental Status
- SAMPLE History
- OPQRST History
- Time and length of exposure to hot environment
- Hot, dry or sweaty skin
- Seizures
- Nausea
- Hypotension, Shock,
  - Fever

#### Differential

- Alcohol Withdrawal (DTs)
- Hyperthyroidism (Thyroid Storm)
- Dehydration
  - Cocaine or Sympathomimetic OD
- Sensi

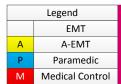
- CNS Lesion or Head Injury
- Abuse or Neglect (Elderly or disabled)
- Medication (Serotonin Syndrome, Malignant Hyperthermia)



#### Pearls

#### REQUIRED EXAM: VS, GCS, Skin, HEENT, Neuro, Evidence of Intoxication, Mental Status

- Extremes of Age are more prone to heat emergencies due to inability to easily self-extricate from hot environments
- Patients on Tricyclic Antidepressants, Anticholinergics, Diuretics (i.e. Lasix) are more susceptible to heat emergencies due to medication effects
- Cocaine, amphetamines and salicylates all may elevate body temperature or interfere with the ability to auto-regulate
- Sweating generally disappears as body temperature rises above 104°F
- If Heat Cramps resolved without IV Access or Medications, patients may refuse transport, IF tolerating oral fluids and VS normal



# Environmental, Hypothermia – Peds, Trauma

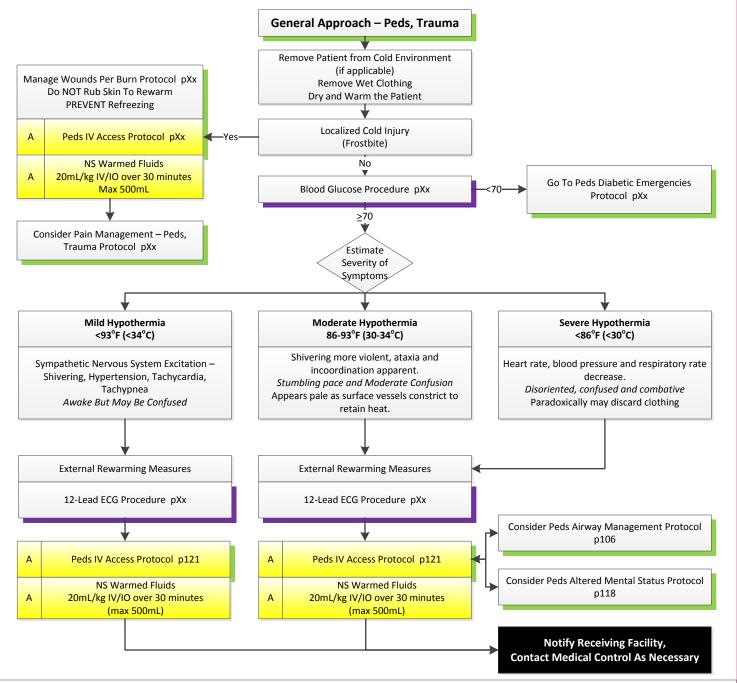
#### **Pertinent Positives and Negatives**

- Age, VS, Mental Status
- SAMPLE History
- OPQRST History
- Time and length of exposure to cold environment
- Cold or clammy skin
- Confusion
- Arrhythmias, J-waves on ECG
- Hypotension, Shock

#### Differential

- Alcohol Intoxication
- Hypothyroidism (Myxedema Coma)
- Dehydration
- Sepsis

- CNS Lesion or Head Injury
  - Abuse or Neglect (Elderly or disabled)
  - Medication (beta blocker overdose, opiate overdose)



#### **Pearls**

#### REQUIRED EXAM: VS, GCS, Skin, HEENT, Neuro, Evidence of Intoxication, Mental Status

- Hypoglycemia is found in many hypothermic patients, because hypothermia may be a result of hypoglycemia
- Severe hypothermia may cause myocardial irritability and rough handling can theoretically cause V-fib. Please handle carefully.
- -Do not withhold advanced airway or CPR for this concern, but only the most experienced provider available should *gently* attempt advanced airway
- Below 86°F (30°C), antiarrhythmics may not be effective. If given, they should be given at reduced intervals. Do NOT attempt to pace below 86°F. If antiarrhythmics necessary for severely hypothermic patient, Contact Medical Control
- Extremes of age, malnutrition, EtOH and drug abuse and outdoor hobbies / employment all predispose to hypothermia

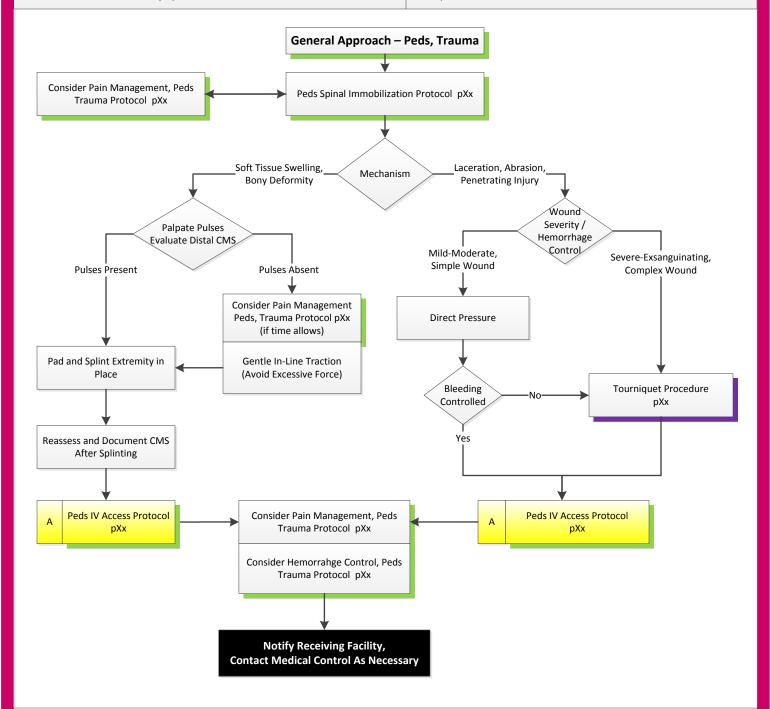
# Extremity Injury - Peds, Trauma

#### **Pertinent Positives and Negatives**

- Type of injury
- · Mechanism (blunt vs. penetrating)
- Central and Peripheral Pulses
- Neuro Function Distal to Injury
- SAMPLE History
- OPQRST History
- Evidence of Intoxication
- Evidence of Multi-System

#### Differential

- Vascular Disruption
- Amputation
- Fracture, Dislocation
- Sprain, Strain
- Abrasion
- Contusion
- Laceration
- Compartment Syndrome



#### **Pearls**

#### REQUIRED EXAM: Mental Status, HEENT, Heart, Lungs, Abdomen, Extremity, Back, Neuro

- Immobilization of bony injuries should include the joint above and below. Joint injuries require immobilization of bone above and below
- · Palpate and document Circulation, Movement and Sensation both before and after splint application
- Tourniquets should remain in place once hemorrhage control is adequate. The tourniquet is tight enough when the bleeding stops!
- If active hemorrhage and bony/soft tissue deformity, priority should be put on hemorrhage control first, then splinting remember A,B,C's
- If amputated extremities available, seal in a plastic bag and place in cool water and bring to the hospital with the patient

Legend				
EMT				
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Р	Paramedic			
M Medical Control				

# Eye Pain - Peds, Trauma

#### **Pertinent Positives and Negatives**

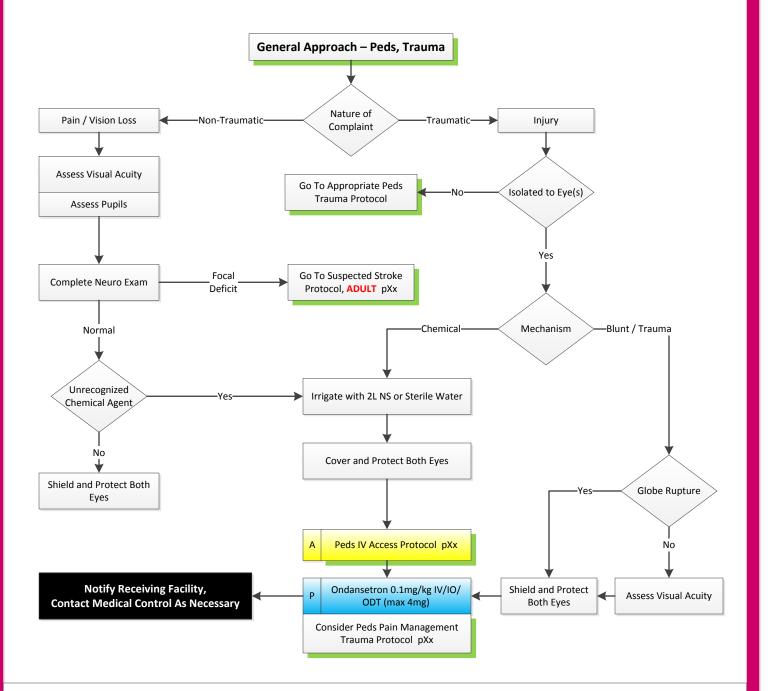
- Age, VS, Visual Acuity
- SAMPLE History
- OPQRST History
- Time of Injury

- Involved Chemical MSDS
- Contact / Corrective Lens Use
- "Shooting" or "Streaking" Lights
- Rust Ring
- "Lowering Shade" in Vision

#### Differential

- Globe Rupture
- Acute Closed Angle Glaucoma
  - Stroke

- Retinal Artery Occlusion
- Chemical Burn
- Retinal Venous Thrombus



#### **Pearls**

#### REQUIRED EXAM: VS, GCS, Visual Acuity, Neuro Exam, Extraocular Movements

- Stabilize any penetrating objects. DO NOT remove any embedded / impaled objects
- If Long Spine Board not indicated, transport with head of stretcher elevated to 60 degrees to help reduce intraocular pressure
- Remove contact lenses when possible
- Always cover both eyes to prevent further injury
- · Orbital fractures increase concern for globe or optic nerve injury; follow visual acuity and extraocular movements for changes
- Normal visual acuity can be present, even with severe injury

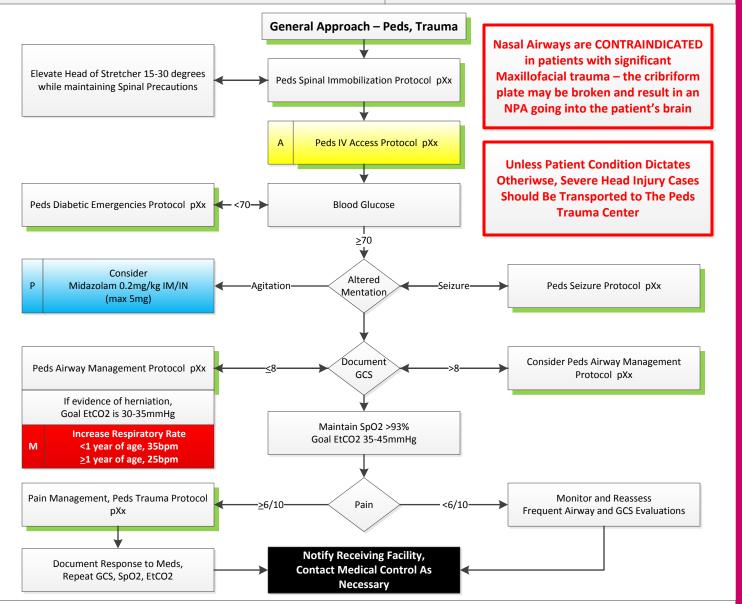
## Head Injury – Peds, Trauma

#### **Pertinent Positives and Negatives**

- Type of injury
- · Mechanism (blunt vs. penetrating)
- Loss Of Consciousness
- · Vomiting, Altered Mental Status
- SAMPLE History
- OPQRST History
- Evidence of IntoxicationEvidence of Multi-System
  - Trauma

#### Differential

- Skull fracture
- Epidural hematoma
   Concussion, Contusion,
   Laceration, Hematoma
- Non-Accidental Trauma
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Subdural Hematoma
- Subarachnoid Hemorrhage



#### **Pearls**

#### REQUIRED EXAM: Mental Status, HEENT, Heart, Lungs, Abdomen, Extremity, Back, Neuro

- If GCS ≤13 consider Air transport or Rapid Transport to Leveled Trauma Facility
- Airway interventions can be detrimental to patients with head injury by raising intracranial pressure, worsening hypoxia (causing secondary brain injury) and increasing risk of aspiration. Whenever possible these patients should be managed in the least invasive manner to safely maintain O2 saturation >90% (ie. NRB, BVM with 100% O2, etc.)
- Acute herniation should be suspected when the following signs are present: acute unilateral dilated and non-reactive pupil, abrupt deterioration in mental status, abrupt onset of motor posturing, abrupt increase in blood pressure, abrupt decrease in heart rate.
- Only in suspected acute herniation increase ventilatory rate with target EtCO2 30-35mmHg
- Increased intracranial pressure (ICP) may cause hypertension and bradycardia (Cushings response)
- Hypotension usually indicates injury or shock unrelated to the head injury and should be treated aggressively
- Most important vital sign to monitor and document is level of consciousness (GCS)
- Concussions are periods of confusion or loss of consciousness (LOC) associated with trauma which may have resolved by the time EMS arrives.
   Any confusion or mental status abnormality should be transported to an Emergency Department.
   Any questions or clarifications, contact
   Medical Control.



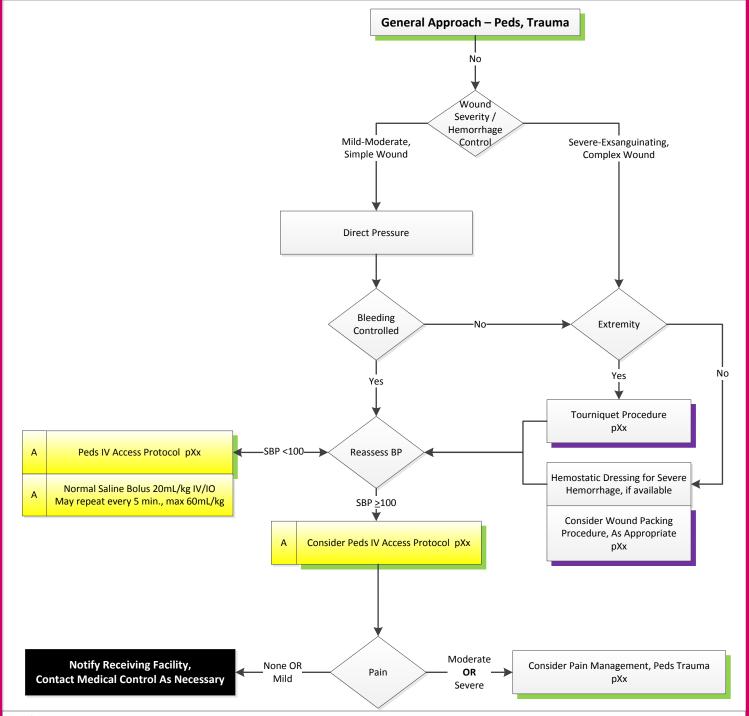
# Hemorrhage Control – Peds, Trauma

#### **Pertinent Positives and Negatives**

- Type of injury
- Mechanism (blunt vs. penetrating)
- Central and Peripheral Pulses
- Neuro Function Distal to Injury
- Time of Injury
- Deformity
- Diminished pulse / capillary refill

#### Differential

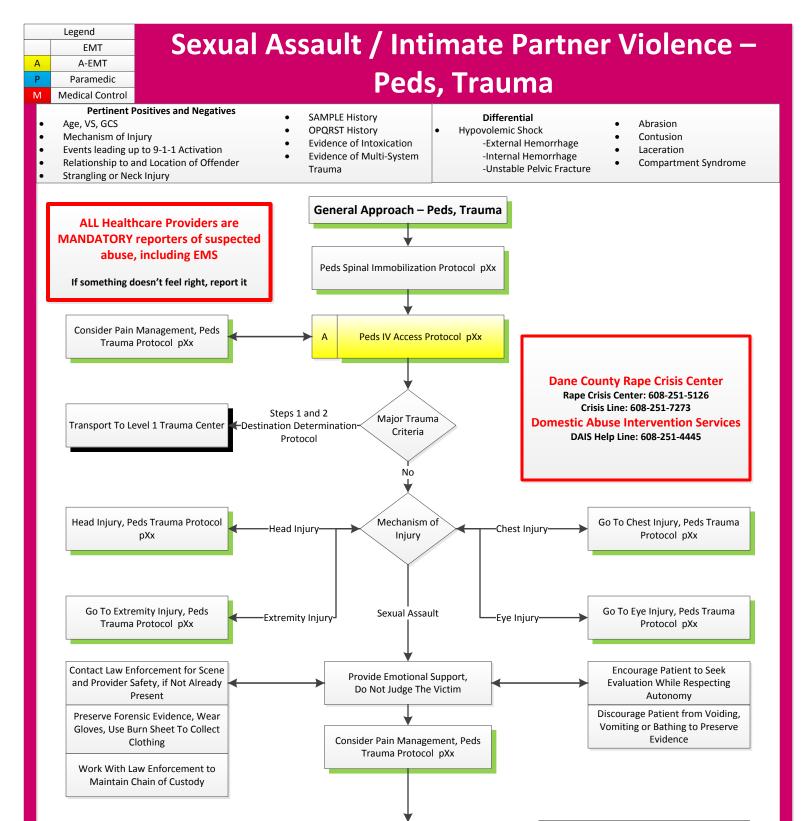
- Vascular Disruption
- Amputation
- Fracture, Dislocation
- Sprain, Strain
- Abrasion
- Contusion
- LacerationCompartment Syndrome



#### <u>Pearls</u>

#### REQUIRED EXAM: Mental Status, HEENT, Heart, Lungs, Abdomen, Extremity, Back, Neuro

- Hypotension in trauma needs blood products early, so minimize scene time. Goal for scene time in major trauma cases should be <10 min
- Multiple casualty incident or obvious life threatening hemorrhage, consider Tourniquet Procedure and/or Hemostatic Dressing FIRST
- Hemostatic Dressings are appropriate for hemorrhage that can't be controlled with a tourniquet, such as junctional wounds in the groin or axilla.
- Remember hemostatic agents are contraindicated in wounds that violate the thoracic or abdominal cavity; if unsure, use sterile roll gauze.
- Signs/Symptoms of Shock include: altered mental status, pallor, cap refill >3 sec, faint/absent peripheral pulses, hypotension (age defined)



#### <u>Pearls</u>

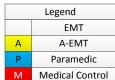
#### REQUIRED EXAM: Mental Status, HEENT, Heart, Lungs, Abdomen, Extremity, Back, Neuro

- Major Trauma Criteria Step 1 and Step 2 in Destination Determination Protocol.
- Intimate Partner Violence is very difficult to disclose, and many victims call 9-1-1 with vague complaints; Have a HIGH index of suspicion
- Never judge a victim of intimate partner violence or sexual assault on the way they dress, act or present themselves
- Do not be afraid to involve Law Enforcement for assistance as needed, and have a low threshold to transport to a SANE Capable Emergency Department where Social Work, SANE Nurses, and Advocates can provide support and resources for these patients
- Child Abuse Evaluation centers are also specialized units with specialized forensic capabilities, Child-Life Specialists and Social Work.

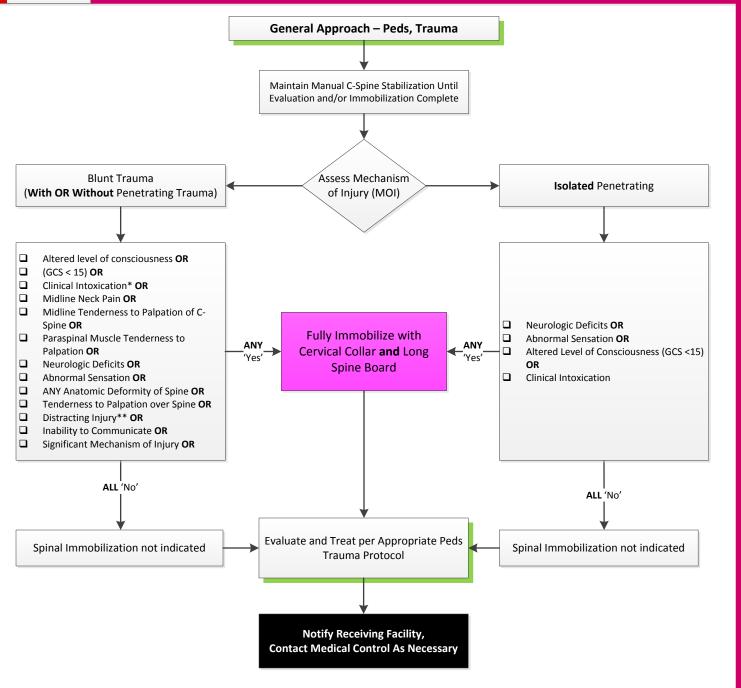
## Trauma Protocols - Pediatric

Transport to ED with SANE Nurse OR Child Abuse Evaluation Capability Notify Receiving Facility,

Contact Medical Control As Necessary



# Spinal Immobilization - Peds, Trauma



#### <u>Pearls</u>

REQUIRED EXAM: Motor Function both upper and lower extremities, Sensation of upper and lower extremities, subjective abnormal sensation, Tenderness to palpation of bony prominences OR paraspinal muscles

- \*Clinical Intoxication A transient condition resulting in disturbances in level of consciousness, cognition, perception, affect or behavior, or other psychophysiological functions and responses. Common examples include; ataxia, emotional instability, flight of ideas, tangential thought or motor incoordination.
- \*\*Distracting Injury Examples include, but are not limited to: long bone fracture, dislocations, large lacerations, deforming injuries, burns OR any condition preventing patient cooperation with history.
- It is always safer and better patient care to assume that a Spinal Cord injury has occurred and provide protection, and should be the standard of care in trauma patient management
- Rigid cervical collars and long spine boards have risks and benefits for patients. Spinal immobilization should always be applied when *any* doubt exists about the possibility of spinal trauma.
- EXTREMELY thoughtful consideration and careful physical exam should be part of any decision to apply or not apply the spinal immobilization, and must be well documented.

# Electronic Control Device (a.k.a. TASER) – Peds, Trauma

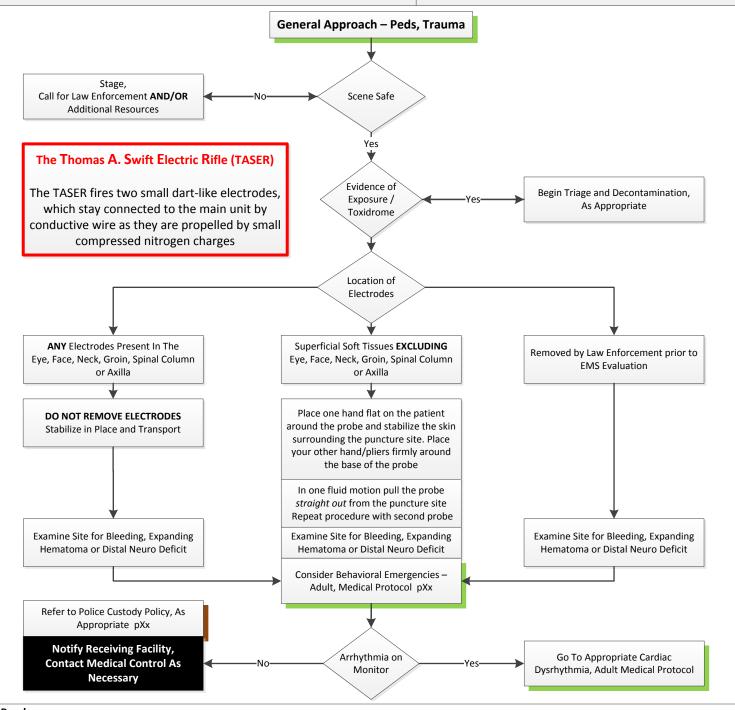
#### **Pertinent Positives and Negatives**

- Age, VS, SpO2, EtCO2, RR
- SAMPLE History
- OPQRST History
- Situational Crisis

- Pyschiatric Illness / Medication History
- Medic Alert Bracelet, DM History
- Anxiety, Agitation or Confusion
- Suicidal / Homicidal Thoughts or History
- Evidence of Substance Use / Overdose

#### Differential

- Illicit Drug Intoxication
- Drug/EtOH Withdrawal
- Primary Psychosis
- Hypoglycemia
- Нурохіа
- Head Injury
- Occult Trauma
- Cerebral Hypoperfusion
- Toxic Ingestion



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#### REQUIRED EXAM: Mental Status, HEENT, Heart, Lungs, Abdomen, Extremity, Back, Neuro

- Safety first for Providers, Police and Patients. Never restrain any patients in the prone (face down) position.
- Document the site of electrode penetration as well as whether the barb was completely intact or broken on removal
- Patients who require repeated deployments of the Electronic Control Device are at a significantly higher risk of cardiac dysrhythmias as well as
  in-custody death. Have a high index of suspicion and a low threshold to treat per the Behavioral Emergencies Protocol
- Patients who are actively restrained by Law Enforcement require an officer be present in the ambulance patient compartment during transport. It is a patient safety issue as well as a medicolegal liability for the EMS Provider.