



EXTREMITY INJURIES



Escambia County, Florida - ALS/BLS Medical Protocol

This protocol covers open and closed injuries to the extremities, including amputation.

Supportive Care

1. [Trauma Supportive Care Protocol](#) (establish IV PRN).
2. Any fracture or suspected fracture should be splinted appropriately with ice to area. Remove and secure all jewelry.
3. Angulated fractures should be aligned using proximal and distal traction during splinting, except in fractures that involve a joint, which should be splinted in the position found.
4. Traction splints should be used in cases of femur fractures, unless a pelvic fracture is suspected.
5. Amputations should be dressed with bulky dressings and amputated part should be placed in plastic bag and then the bag placed on ice for transportation to the hospital.

ALS Level 1

1. See [Pain Management](#).

ALS Level 2 (*Physician Authorization Required*)

None



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