Supportive Care

EMT and Paramedic

1. Assessment Techniques (see Initial Assessment Protocol.)

2. Pulse Oximetry.

3. Administer oxygen PRN (see Airway Management Protocol) unless overridden by other specific protocol.

4. Establish hospital contact for notification of incoming patient and for the Paramedic to obtain consultation for orders.

5. Monitor Core Temperature if appropriate.

ALS Level 1

Paramedic Only

6. Monitor ECG.

7. Glucose Determination

8. Capnography if appropriate

Paramedic and Authorized EMT


or

9b. Establish IV of Normal Saline with regular infusion set (a)(b)(c)(d), unless overridden by other specific protocol.
ALS Level 2 *(Physician Authorization Required)*

None

**Note**

(a) Authorized IV routes include all peripheral venous sites. External jugular veins may be utilized when other peripheral site attempts have been unsuccessful or would be inappropriate. A large bore intracath should be used for unstable patients, avoid sites below the diaphragm.

(b) An IV lock or medication access point (MAP) may be used in lieu of an IV bag in some patients, when appropriate.

(c) When unable to establish an IV in the adult patient that needs to be resuscitated, an intraosseous line may be used by the **Paramedic only**.

(d) An EMT that has been authorized by their individual Medical Director may establish an IV.