The decision to attempt resuscitation of a traumatic arrest should be based on the paramedic's judgement as to the possibility of survival and/or the possibility of organ harvest.

There are instances where resuscitation of a traumatic arrest is not warranted (see Death in the Field).

Supportive Care

[Trauma Supportive Care Protocol]

2. Rapidly prepare patient for transport and then expeditiously transport patient to the trauma center.

ALS Level 1

If IV(s) can be established while in route, infuse up to 3 liters of Normal Saline IV.

2. Avoid use of vasopressors in cases of suspected hypovolemia. (See Trauma Emergencies)

ALS Level 2 (Physician Authorization Required)

None