This protocol covers blunt and penetrating abdomino-pelvic trauma.

Penetrating injuries to the abdomen may also include the chest (see Pediatric Chest Injuries).

Also refer to Signs of Child Abuse.

Supportive Care

1. Trauma Supportive Care Protocol.

2. For penetrating injuries, cover with an occlusive dressing (e.g. Vaseline gauze).

3. For evisceration, cover organs with saline soaked sterile dressing and then cover with an occlusive dressing (e.g. foil). Do not attempt to put organs back into abdomen.

4. Do not log roll patient with suspected pelvic fracture (may use scoop stretcher if appropriate to patient size).

ALS Level 1

None

ALS Level 2 (Physician Authorization Required)

None