



WOUND CARE



Escambia County, Florida – 1st Responder Medical Protocol

Protection of abrasions, lacerations, or burns from further contamination.

Procedure

Abrasions and lacerations

- Remove appropriate clothing in order to fully inspect the body for any significant wounds.
- Control any uncontrolled hemorrhage by standard technique.
- Assess neurovascular status.
- If any wound considered to be heavily contaminated, irrigate with clean water or normal saline.
- Cover wound with sterile dressing and secure with tape or bandage.
- Reassess for neurovascular compromise.

Burns

Remove appropriate clothing in order to fully inspect the chest, abdomen, and extremities for any significant thermal injuries. Constricting jewelry, such as rings or bracelets should be removed if possible.

If able to be performed within 1 minute of burn source removal, cool the burned area with copious amounts of saline or clean water. This cooling process should not last for more than 1-2 minutes. Immediately cover burned skin with a clean, dry sheet and keep the patient as warm as possible.


Assess for neurovascular compromise.



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