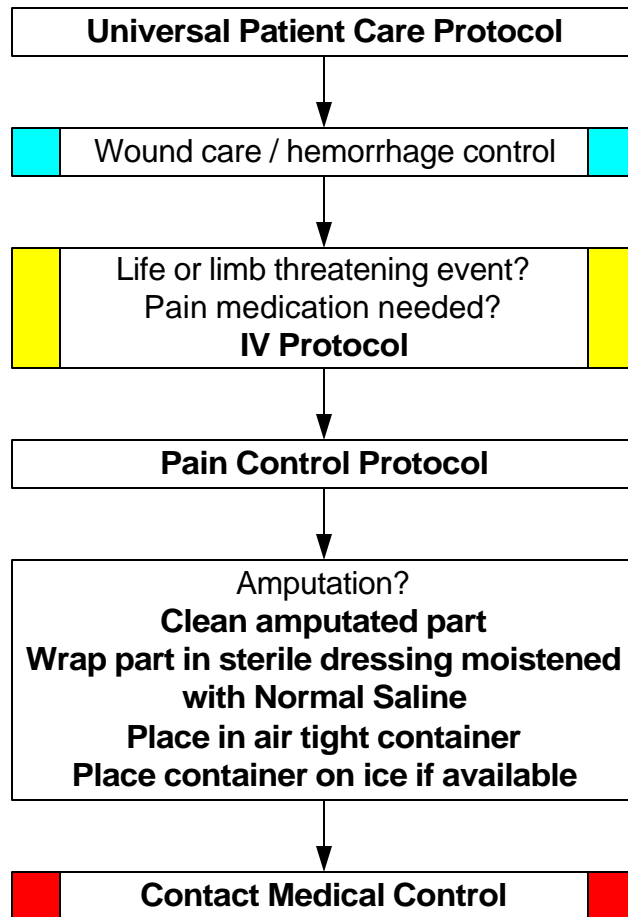


FORSYTH COUNTY EMS Trauma Protocols

Extremity Trauma

History: * Type of injury * Mechanism: crush / penetrating / amputation * Time of injury * Open vs. closed wound / fracture * Wound contamination * Medical history * Medications	Signs and Symptoms: * Pain, swelling * Deformity * Altered sensation / motor function * Diminished pulse / capillary refill * Decreased extremity temperature	Differential: * Abrasion * Contusion * Laceration * Sprain * Dislocation * Fracture * Amputation
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Legend		
	MR / EMT	
	Expanded Scope EMT	
	EMT-I	
	EMT-P	
	Medical Control	



Pearls: * Exam: Mental Status, Extremity, Neuro * In amputations, time is critical. Transport and notify medical control immediately, so that the appropriate destination can be determined. * Hip dislocations and knee and elbow fracture / dislocations have a high incidence of vascular compromise. * Urgently transport any injury with vascular compromise. * Blood loss may be concealed or not apparent with extremity injuries. * Lacerations must be evaluated for repair within 6 hours from the time of injury.
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