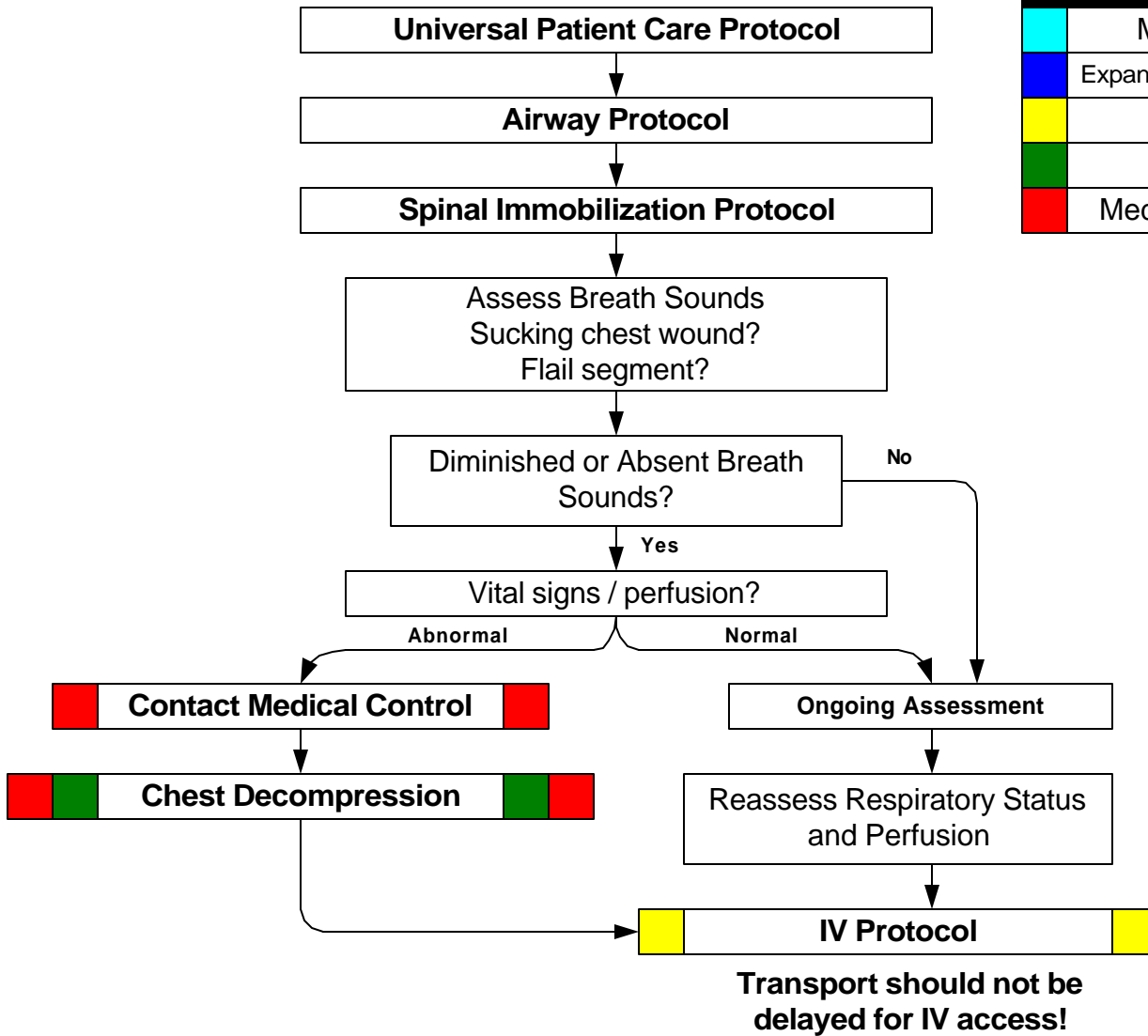


FORSYTH COUNTY EMS Trauma Protocols

Trauma: Chest

| Legend | | |
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| | MR / EMT | |
| | Expanded Scope EMT | |
| | EMT-I | |
| | EMT-P | |
| | Medical Control | |



Pearls:

- * Exam: Mental Status, Skin, HEENT, Heart, Lung, Abdomen, Extremities, Back, Neuro
- * Mechanism is the most reliable indicator of serious injury.
- * In prolonged extrications consider air transport for transport times.
- * Use high index of suspicion with blunt trauma.
- * Indications for Chest Decompression: Absent or diminished breath sounds with signs of circulatory compromise.

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