

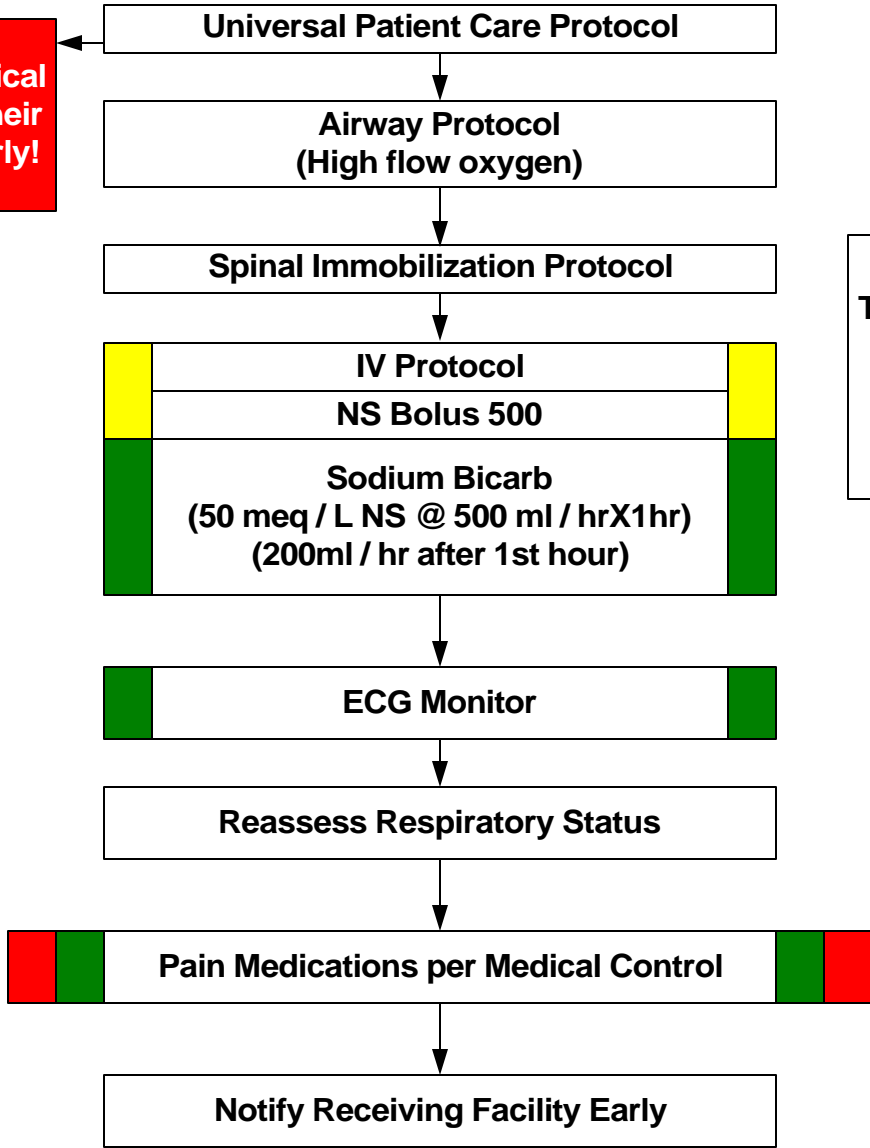
FORSYTH COUNTY EMS Trauma Protocols

Trauma: Crush Injury

Defined as a patient who is entrapped in such a way that pressure is being applied to them; preventing their extrication.

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

Contact Medical Director or their designee early!



Treatment should begin while patient is still entrapped if at all possible!

Pearls:

- * Exam: Mental Status, Skin, HEENT, Heart, Lung, Abdomen, Extremities, Back, Neuro
- * Remember: prolonged crush injuries cause significant metabolic acidosis and release of potassium causing hyperkalemia.
- * In prolonged extrications consider air transport for transport times.
- * **When load (pressure) is released, patients condition may deteriorate rapidly.**
- * Due to nature of incident protective equipment (turnout gear) may need to be utilized for all responders.