



EMT - Paramedic Treatment Protocol 4106

Musculoskeletal Trauma

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Isolated musculoskeletal and extremity injuries are rarely a first priority. Pelvic injuries are high risk for serious internal bleeding. Total or partial amputations require special treatment procedures.

- A. Perform **TAMP Protocol 4101**.
- B. Treatment
 1. Treat all painful, swollen or deformed areas as fractures.
 2. Determine patient priority status:
 - a. Stable patients - splint before transporting.
 - b. Unstable patients - immobilize completely on long spine board - load and go.
 3. Use bandaging, dressing, and splinting device(s) appropriate to the injury as described in EMT-B **Musculoskeletal Injuries Protocol 324**.
 4. If isolated injury **only**, perform **Pain Management Protocol 4902**.
 5. If pelvic injury, monitor closely and if indicated, perform **Shock Protocol 4108**.
 6. Total or partial amputations:
 - a. Wrap severed part in sterile gauze and place in sealed container immersed in ice water.
 - b. IV normal saline KVO.
 - c. In **consultation with Medical Command**, determine best mode of transport and most appropriate destination.
 7. Contact Medical Command and transport to closest appropriate facility.

