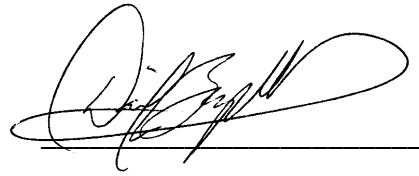


EL DORADO COUNTY EMS AGENCY

PREHOSPITAL PROTOCOLS

Effective: January 1, 2017



EMS Agency Medical Director

BLS Head - Neck - Facial Trauma

INFORMATION NEEDED:

- Mechanism of injury (MOI)
- Medical History
 - Cardiac problems, diabetes, or seizure disorders

OBJECTIVE INFORMATION:

- DCAP-BTLS
 - Deformity, contusions/crepitus, abrasion, puncture/penetration, bleeding/burns, tenderness, lacerations, swelling
- Signs of airway obstruction
 - Stridor, abnormal voice, difficulty breathing
- Glasgow Coma Scale
- Neurological impairment or focal deficit
 - Paralysis, weakness
- Eyes/vision:
 - Pupil equality and reactivity, eye tracking, impaired vision (double vision, stars)

TREATMENT:

1. ABC's
2. Oxygen 10-15L/min via BVM with appropriate adjunct.
3. Spinal immobilization if indicated by mechanism of injury and patient assessment. **Refer to Spinal SMR Protocol/Procedure.**
4. Control external bleeding and stabilize impaled objects with bulky dressings.
5. Apply cold packs to reduce pain and decrease soft tissue swelling.
6. Routine medical care
7. Eye injury:
 - a. Apply dressing as appropriate, loosely cover affected and unaffected eye.
8. Tooth injury:

- a. Keep avulsed teeth in saline soaked gauze (or commercial tooth saver kit) and transport with patient.
9. Mandible fracture:
 - a. Splint with Cravat or bandage

Note:

1. All patients with a period of unconsciousness should be transported to the hospital for evaluation.
2. Continually monitor Glasgow Coma Scale
3. Observe for fluid drainage from the ears and nose.