

Pediatric Multiple Trauma



History

- Time and mechanism of injury
- Height of any fall
- Damage to structure or vehicle
- Location in structure or vehicle
- Others injured or dead
- · Speed and details of MVC
- Restraints / Protective equipment

Carseat

Helmet

Pads

- Ejection
- · Past medical history
- Medications

Signs and Symptoms

- Pain, swelling
- Deformity, lesions, bleeding
- Altered mental status
- Unconscious
- Hypotension or shock
- Arrest

Differential (Life Threatening)

Chest Tension pneumothorax

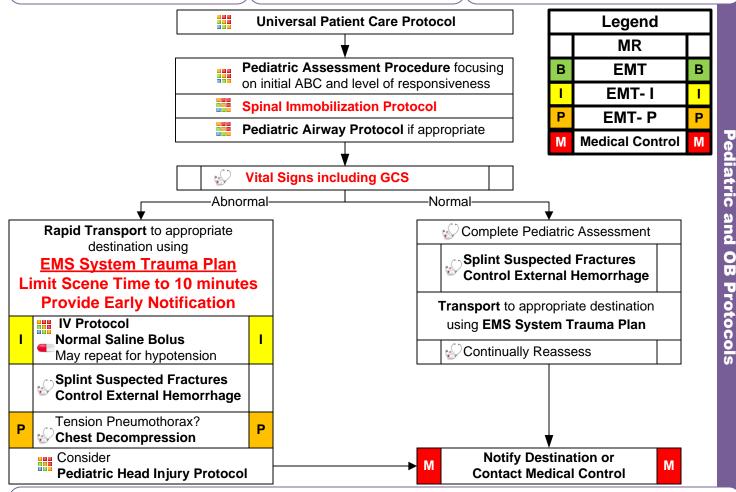
Flail chest

Pericardial tamponade

Open chest wound

Hemothorax

- Intra-abdominal bleeding
- Pelvis / Femur fracture
- Spine fracture / Cord injury
- Head injury (see Head Trauma)
- Extremity fracture / dislocation
- HEENT (Airway obstruction)
- Hypothermia



Pearls

- Recommended Exam: Mental Status, Skin, HEENT, Heart, Lung, Abdomen, Extremities, Back, Neuro
- Items in Red Text are key performance measures used in the EMS Acute Trauma Care Toolkit
- Transport Destination is chosen based on the EMS System Trauma Plan with EMS pre-arrival notification.
- Mechanism is the most reliable indicator of serious injury. Examine all restraints / protective equipment for damage.
- In prolonged extrications or serious trauma consider air transportation for transport times and the ability to give blood.
- Do not overlook the possibility for child abuse.
- Scene times should not be delayed for procedures. These should be performed en route when possible.
- Bag valve mask is an acceptable method of managing the airway if pulse oximetry can be maintained above 90%.