Indications

- Patient with a traumatic injury to the chest and/or abdomen

BLS RMC

Spinal immobilization if indicated

- Control bleeding
- Prevent further injuries

Prepare for early and rapid transport to the appropriate facility

Tension Pneumothorax
- Fowlers position unless contraindicated
- Remove occlusive dressing if present

Flail or Crushed Chest
- Splint chest wall with bulky dressing or towel if flail chest
- Assist with positive pressure ventilations

Evisceration of Abdomen
- Cover abdominal wound with moist, bulky dressing
- Keep patient warm

Pelvic Instability
- Immobilize

Open/Sucking Chest Wound
- Fowlers position unless contraindicated
- Occlusive dressing if sucking wound
- Monitor for tension pneumothorax

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION
- Patients meeting anatomic, physiologic, high energy transfer, and other mechanism of injury on the Marin County Trauma Triage Tool should be transported with ALS level of care