TRAUMATIC EMERGENCIES-IMPALED OBJECTS

Indications

- Patient with a traumatic impalement

BLS RMC

Spinal immobilization if indicated

- Control bleeding
- Prevent further injuries

Prepare for early and rapid transport to the appropriate facility

Supine or shock position

- Immobilize impaled object so internal end does not move when patient is moved
- Dress wound without dislodging object

- Prioritize and treat life threatening injuries
- Anticipate rapid deterioration

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