

# CCT-RN/Paramedic Treatment Guideline 1101/2101

Trauma Assessment and Management Procedures (TAMP)

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Follow **TAMP Protocol 4101**, as applicable, with the following modifications:

## A. Patient Assessment.

# 1. Airway:

- a. If external airway is in place prior to arrival, confirm proper placement and secure device prior to transport.
- b. If patient's airway is not secure and needs secured, establish patent airway using Airway Management Protocol 4901 and/or Advanced Airway Management (RSI) Guideline 1901/2901.

# 2. Breathing:

- a. If **no** respiratory distress, apply oxygen at 10-15 LPM via non-rebreather mask. If patient cannot tolerate mask, apply oxygen at 6 LPM by nasal cannula. Attempt to maintain oxygen saturations >94%.
- b. If respiratory distress or cannot maintain oxygen saturations >90% with supplemental oxygen assist ventilations with 100% oxygen and consider securing airway with endotracheal tube using **Airway Management Protocol 4901** and/or **Advanced Airway Management (RSI) Guideline 1901/2901**.
- c. Correct any tension pneumothorax by needle decompression per **Chest Trauma Protocol 4104**, or by pneumothorax catheter (Cook, Wayne, or similar) insertion.

For interfacility aeromedical transport, **Consult MCP** to consider pneumothorax catheter insertion prior to transport for *any* significant simple pneumothorax (>10%), **per direct order of MCP**.



d. If patient is on a ventilator prior to arrival, assess adequacy of current settings and document. Suggest changes in ventilator settings if needed to maintain oxygen saturations >94%.

### 3. Circulation:

a. Initiate or continue at least (2) large bore IV sites using 0.9% normal saline. If patient is in hemorrhagic shock, follow **Shock Guideline** 1108/2108 A: (Hypovolemic Shock), including IV fluid boluses and/or blood.



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b. If patient is in neurogenic shock secondary to a spinal cord injury, follow **Shock Guideline 1108/2108 B: (Neurogenic Shock),** including IV fluid boluses, blood, and/or possible vasopressor agent.

## B. Treatment.

- 1. Monitor ECG, pulse oximeter, end tidal CO2, vital signs at least every 15 minutes, and document.
- 2. If patient is intubated or comatose, consider nasogastric or orogastric tube. Do *not* use nasogastric tube if suspected head/facial injuries.
- 3. If interfacility transport and prolonged transport time is contemplated, Consider urinary catheter insertion.
- 4. If treatment or prevention of nausea/vomiting is needed, or if pain management is needed, refer to **Patient Comfort Advanced Guideline** 1902/2902.
- 5. If interfacility transport, ensure that any available medical records, x-rays, recent labs are transported with the patient.
- 6. If interfacility transport, provide a short update/visit with family at sending facility, if time and condition allows, to alleviate anxiety of patient and family.

C. **Contact Medical Command** enroute with patient report and ETA.

