

## ABDOMINAL TRAUMA

Prehospital care is directed toward rapid stabilization and transport to an appropriate medical facility for definitive surgical intervention and treatment.

- A. Perform **Initial Treatment / Universal Patient Care Protocol** and follow the proper protocol for medical management based on clinical presentation.
- B. Treatment:
  - 1. Rapid transport. Consider aeromedical transport and ALS backup.
- C. Penetrating trauma:
  - 1. Stabilize impaled objects with bulky dressings.
  - 2. Control external bleeding.
  - 3. Search and locate exit wounds, when applicable.
- D. Eviscerating trauma:
  - 1. Cover eviscerations with moist, sterile dressings.
  - 2. Apply occlusive bandage over dressings.
- E. Blunt trauma:
  - 1. Recognize and reassess.
  - 2. Rapid transport.
  - 3. If patient is in shock, perform **Shock Protocol 6108**.

4. Contact **Medical Command**.

