


## MUSCULOSKELETAL TRAUMA

Isolated musculoskeletal and extremity injuries are rarely a first priority. Pelvic injuries are high risk for serious internal bleeding. Total or partial amputations require special treatment procedures.

- A. Perform **Initial Treatment / Universal Patient Care Protocol** and follow the proper protocol for medical management based on clinical presentation.
- B. Treatment:
  1. Treat all painful, swollen, or deformed areas as fractures.
  2. Determine patient priority status:
    - a. Stable patients - splint before transporting.
    - b. Unstable patients - immobilize completely on long spine board - load and go.
  3. Use bandaging, dressing, and splinting device(s) appropriate to the injury.
  4. If isolated injury **only**, perform **Patient Comfort / Pain Management Protocol 4902**.
  5. If pelvic injury: stabilize, monitor closely, and perform **Shock Protocol 4108**, if indicated.
  6. Total or partial amputations:
    - a. Wrap severed part in sterile gauze slightly dampened with normal saline and place in sealed container (waterproof bag) immersed in ice water.
    - b. In **consultation with Medical Command**, determine best mode of transport and most appropriate destination. 
  7. Contact **Medical Command** and transport to closest appropriate facility.