

SPLINTING - JOINT INJURY

SCENE SIZE-UP

Assess: Need for body substance isolation, Scene safety, Trauma(MOI) or Medical(NOI) nature, and Number of Patients

ASSESSMENT

Perform initial assessment and appropriate rapid, focused or detailed assessment as indicated.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE - SPLINTING A JOINT INJURY

Apply manual immobilization.

Assess pulse, motor and sensory function and record findings.

Align joint with gentle traction if distal extremity is cyanotic or lacks pulses and no resistance is met.

Select appropriate type and size of splinting materials.

Immobilize site of injury.

Immobilize bone above and below the site of injury.

Reassess pulse, motor, and sensation after application of splint and record findings.

NOTE: Dress all open wounds and pad void areas prior to final application of splint.