

“Grandma’s Fallen and She Can’t Get Up” – Challenging Geriatric Case Studies

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The latest in the “Grandma” and “Grandpa” series looks at a variety of true-to-life trauma cases. We will see how the assessment and treatment of burns, head injuries, penetrating chest injuries, spinal injuries and recreation-related trauma was addressed in five elder trauma victims. Join with veteran EMS provider and educator Glenn Luedtke (who is no kid himself!) as he takes us through this all-new series of fascinating cases.

OBJECTIVES: By the end of this presentation, the student will be able to:

1. Discuss the diagnosis and treatment of respiratory burns in the elder patient
2. List reasons for early airway control in patients with respiratory burns
3. List the signs and symptoms of elder abuse
4. Discuss the treatment of penetrating chest trauma in the elderly
5. Discuss the importance of spinal immobilization when caring for the elder fall victim
6. Discuss the pathology of injuries to the elderly as the result of falls

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