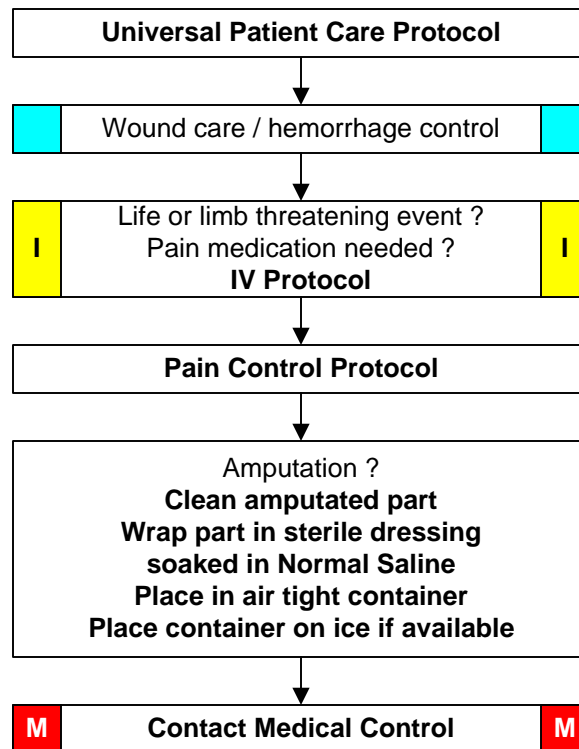




# Extremity Trauma



<b>History:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Type of injury</li> <li>Mechanism: crush / penetrating / amputation</li> <li>Time of injury</li> <li>Open vs. closed wound / fracture</li> <li>Wound contamination</li> <li>Medical history</li> <li>Medications</li> </ul>	<b>Signs and Symptoms:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pain, swelling</li> <li>Deformity</li> <li>Altered sensation / motor function</li> <li>Diminished pulse / capillary refill</li> <li>Decreased extremity temperature</li> </ul>	<b>Differential:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abrasion</li> <li>Contusion</li> <li>Laceration</li> <li>Sprain</li> <li>Dislocation</li> <li>Fracture</li> <li>Amputation</li> </ul>
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<b>Pearls:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Exam: Mental Status, Extremity, Neuro</b></li> <li>In amputations, time is critical. Transport and notify medical control immediately, so that the appropriate destination can be determined.</li> <li>Hip dislocations and knee and elbow fracture / dislocations have a high incidence of vascular compromise.</li> <li>Urgently transport any injury with vascular compromise.</li> <li>Blood loss may be concealed or not apparent with extremity injuries.</li> <li>Lacerations must be evaluated for repair within 6 hours from the time of injury.</li> </ul>
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