



Rigid Splint - Joint Injury

EMT-Basic

Advanced EMT

Paramedic

PROCEDURE

- Cover any open wound with sterile dressing; control bleeding; support injured site during process
- Check distal pulse, sensation, and movement
- Apply padded/rigid splint across joint from bone above to the bone below to form a triangle
- Secure both ends of the splint to the extremity on each side of the joint
- Check the distal circulation, sensation, and movement after splinting and frequently thereafter
- Loosen the bandage/cravats if necessary to maintain circulation
- A sling and swathe may be used to further support upper extremity injuries

REFERENCE GRAPHICS



KEY POINTS

- Fractures/injuries appropriately treated with a rigid board splint for a joint injury are: elbow and knee