



Sling and Swathe

EMT-Basic

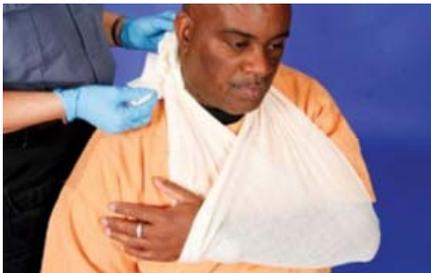
Advanced EMT

Paramedic

PROCEDURE

- Check distal pulse, sensation, and movement
- Fold the forearm of the injured side across the chest, hand slightly elevated towards the opposite shoulder
- Place the wide end of the triangular bandage under the injured forearm with the narrow ends tucked around the opposite shoulder
- Pin or tie the pointed end of the triangular bandage to form cup to support the elbow
- Leave the fingers exposed to check circulation
- Wrap the wide bandage/cravat around the injured arm and the body as a swathe and secure the injured arm to the body
- Transport the patient in a sitting or semi-sitting position if the patient's condition permits
- Check distal circulation, sensation, and movement and after splinting and frequently thereafter

REFERENCE GRAPHICS



KEY POINTS

- Fractures/injuries appropriately treated with a sling and swathe are: clavicle, scapula, shoulder dislocation, humerus
- A sling and swathe may also be used as a support for board splints on the elbow, forearm, or wrists

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