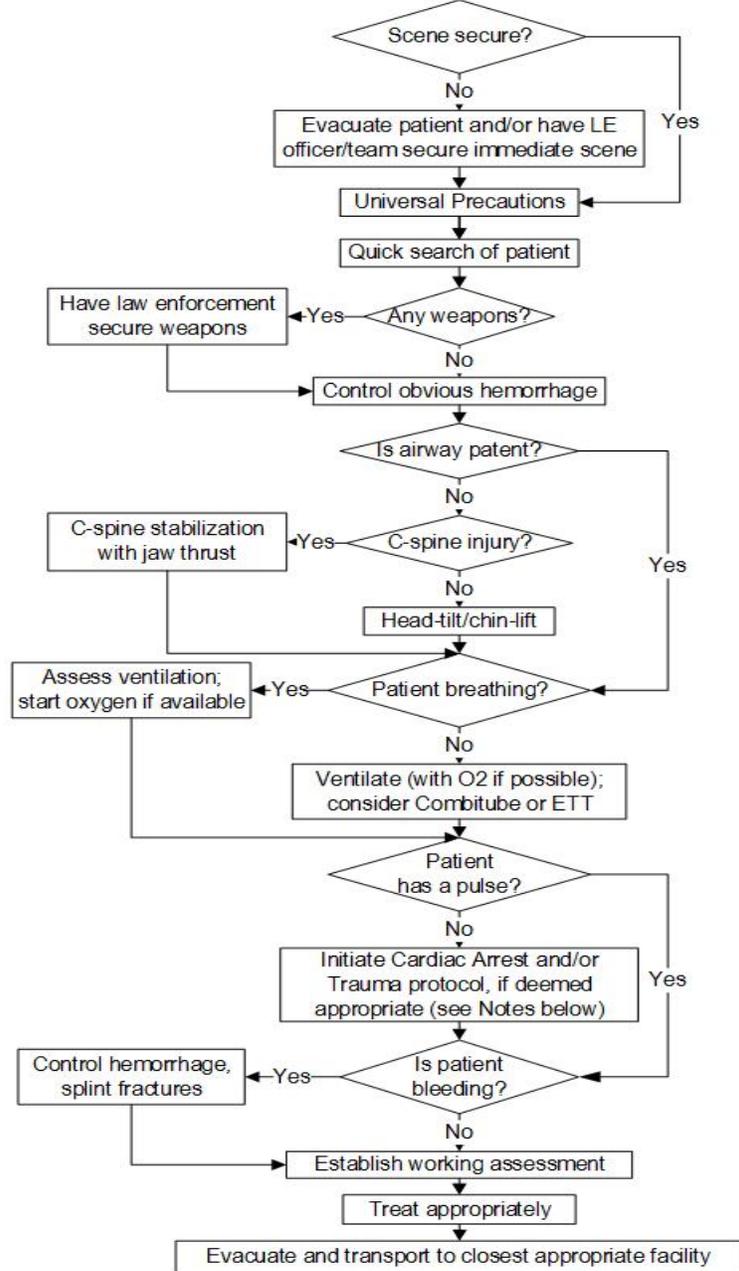




**Special Operations - Tactical EMS (TEMS)
ROUTINE MEDICAL CARE FOR ALL TACTICAL PATIENTS
Practice Guideline**



Notes:

- When under direct tactical threat, appropriate care is first to evacuate to a safe location or secure the area.
- Before initiating CPR in traumatic arrests, providers should weigh the risks to team safety versus the extremely low survival rate from traumatic arrest in the tactical setting. CPR should still be administered in cases where the cause of arrest is believed to be cardiac, poisoning/overdose, hypothermia, or electrical injury.
- Data show an extremely low incidence of cervical cord injury in penetrating neck trauma patients who do not have obvious spinal deformities or neurologic findings. Providers may decide how to best implement C-spine precautions in the tactical setting.
- All usual Milwaukee County EMS procedures regarding written and radio patient care reports still apply.

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