



Amputation

Field Guide



****Notify EMSCOM requesting a *special consultation***
with a system EMS Medical Director
for pt meeting criteria for field amputation**

Entrapped limb with any of the following:

*Immediate and real risk to patient's life
due to scene safety*

*Deteriorating patient likely to die during time required
for traditional extrication*

*Completely mutilated, non-survivable limb,
delaying extrication in a non-life-threatening situation*

*Potentially live casualties are blocked
by deceased patient's limb(s)*

Preparation:

Activate special consultation
Stabilize scene, maintain safety
Prepare equipment for patient extrication
Prepare equipment for patient transport

Treatment:

Control hemorrhage, early tourniquet
IV/IO Access x 2, fluids PRN
Airway support: O2, advanced airway PRN
Provide patient warmth
Continuous vital sign monitoring

Patient Care Goals:

- ❖ EMS and Medical Director identify need for field amputation
- ❖ Limit mortality from entrapped limb(s)
- ❖ Limit patient discomfort during procedure
- ❖ **PHYSICIAN** to amputate limb as distally as possible to allow for native tissue/joint preservation