

HEAD OR NECK INJURY

(ISS MED/3A - ALL/FIN)

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WARNING	
With trauma to neck, possibility of fracture and/or spinal cord damage must be considered. Never move victim's head or neck until assessment complete. Immobilize head and neck using Kling Dressing (AMP P3-B5), Ace Bandages (AMP P2-B7, 8), Towels, Gray Tape, or Sam Splint (P4-A6) after contacting Surgeon if possible. Do not wrap Ace Bandage directly around neck.	

If no pulse or respiration, perform CPR. Refer to {CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION: CPR - EMERGENCY} (SODF: ISS MED: EMERGENCY).

If unconscious, insert airway and provide ventilatory support. Refer to {CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION: CPR - VENTILATORY SUPPORT - EMERGENCY} (SODF: ISS MED: EMERGENCY).

1. Evaluate vital signs and record every 5 minutes.

Time (minutes)		0	5	10	15	20	25	30
ALSP	Blood Pressure (ALSP-4)							
	Pulse							
	Respiratory Rate							
ALSP	Temperature (Assessment-4)							

2. Unstow, don Non-Sterile Gloves (P3-B2).
Control bleeding with pressure and Gauze Pads (P3-B4) or Telfa Pads (P3-B1).

3. Bandage surface wounds with Gauze Pads (P3-B4) once bleeding stopped.
Refer to {ABRASIONS} (SODF: ISS MED: WOUND CARE).

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4. Evaluate level of consciousness every 15 minutes.

Time (minutes)	0	15	30	45	60	75	90
Conversant							
Disoriented							
Responsive to painful stimuli only							
Unresponsive							

Use Glasgow Coma Scale when time allows. Refer to {[GLASCOW COMA SCALE](#)} (SODF: ISS MED: CHARTS).

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5. Examine eyes with Otoscope (Physical Exam-9).

Pupil size

Pinpoint _____ Normal _____ Dilated _____

Difference in pupil size

R > L _____ R = L _____ R < L _____

For Visual disturbances

Blindness _____ Double vision _____

If eyes move together

Present _____ Absent _____

For Nystagmus

Present _____ Absent _____

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6. Pupil reaction to light using Otoscope (AMP Physical Exam-9) with Otoscope Head removed
Present _____ Absent _____

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7. Examine ears with Otoscope (Physical Exam-9) using Speculum (Physical Exam-3).
For fluid, drainage, clear or bloody

8. Examine nose with Otoscope using new Speculum for blood or clear fluid.

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9. Watch for vomiting.
Keep airway clear.

10. Evaluate arm, leg movements

Spontaneous movement

Response to stimuli (e.g., pain)

Present

Absent

11. Contact Surgeon.