

ABDOMINAL INJURY

(ISS MED/3A - ALL/FIN)

1. EVALUATE VITAL SIGNS

If no pulse or respiration, refer to CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION: CPR - EMERGENCY (SODF: ISS MED: EMERGENCY).

Time (minutes)	0	5	10	15	20	25	30
Blood Pressure (ALSP-1)							
Pulse							
Respiratory Rate							
Temperature (Assessment-4)							

2. TREATMENT

ALSP
(red)

2.1 Unstow, don, Non-Sterile Gloves (Airway-4,5,6).

2.2 Control bleeding with direct pressure, Gauze Pads (Airway-11) (Bandages-1,2) (IV-2).

2.3 When bleeding stops, bandage with Kerlex or Kling Dressing (Bandages-4) Tape (Airway-18)(Emergency Surgical-3)(IV-6)

WARNING

Do not replace protruding intestines.

2.4 Kerlex or Kling Dressing (Bandages-3, 4), tape in place, moisten with Saline (IV-9), and bandage.

WARNING

Any abdominal trauma may cause internal bleeding which can produce abdominal rigidity. Continue to monitor vital signs, assess for developing shock (refer to SHOCK - CIRCULATORY COLLAPSE (SODF: ISS MED: EMERGENCY)) or abdominal rigidity.

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3. ABDOMINAL EXAM

Perform visual inspection (bruises, swelling) _____

Bowel sounds with Stethoscope
(type, frequency) _____

Palpation (rigidity, pain) _____

3.1 If vomiting, inspect for blood (black/red).
Keep airway clear.

3.2 If diarrhea present, inspect for blood (black/red).

4. Contact Surgeon.