

ABDOMINAL EMERGENCIES (Medical and Trauma)**I. TREATMENT:**

- A. ABC's
- B. If in shock, treat according to shock protocol.
- C. If evisceration:
 - 1. Cover area with large moist gauze abdominal pad.
 - 2. Maintain moistness with normal saline.
 - 3. Do not replace intestines.
 - 4. If uncontrollable bleeding, direct pressure.
- D. If penetrating wounds:
 - 1. Stop bleeding.
 - 2. Dress and bandage.
 - 3. Stabilize impaled objects with bulky dressing.
- E. If blunt trauma:
 - 1. If in shock, treat as hypovolemia.
- F. Give nothing by mouth.
- G. Follow Spinal Immobilization protocol as appropriate
- H. Oxygen 15 liters/minute by non-rebreathing mask per oxygen administration protocol.

NOTE: Beware of the potential for vomiting and be prepared to protect the airway as needed.