

ABDOMINAL TRAUMA

UNIVERSAL ALGORITHM

- Scene Safety
- PPE
- ABCs
- Administer Oxygen per Policy 580

Blunt Trauma

- Repeat abdominal exam frequently for changes
- Do not delay transport

Penetrating Trauma

- Stop bleeding /apply dressing
- Stabilize impaled objects with bulky dressing
- Eviscerations - cover area with large moist dressing. Do not replace intestines.
- Do not delay transport

- Reassure/calm patient
- Give nothing by mouth
- Obtain vital signs frequently
- Obtain medical history or information on traumatic event

- Treat for shock as necessary
- Spinal precautions as indicated
- Monitor for vomiting – be prepared to protect airway