

SOFT TISSUE INJURIES

UNIVERSAL ALGORITHM

- Scene Safety
- PPE
- ABCs
- If indicated, Administer Oxygen per Policy 580

- Stop bleeding
 - Direct pressure
 - Elevation
 - Pressure Points
 - Tourniquet if bleeding not controlled
- Apply moist sterile dressings
- Check distal neurovascular status

Special Considerations

Amputations

- Wrap amputated part in a dry dressing and place in a waterproof container or plastic bag
- Place the container or plastic bag on ice/cooling pack to keep cool, but not frozen
- Transport the amputated part with the patient to the hospital, if possible – but do not delay patient transport to locate part
- Avulsed tissue should be returned to a normal position and secured with a moist sterile dressing