



Applying a Traction Splint

Skill Sheet

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Steps

Ensure you are always wearing proper PPE before performing the skill.

1. Determine the need for a traction splint (according to local protocol).
2. Explain the procedure to the patient.
3. Expose and examine injury.
4. Assess distal pulse, and motor and sensory function.
5. Perform manual stabilization of the injured limb (if there is at least one other responder available).
6. Position tensor straps.
7. Position splint and secure upper thigh and ankle straps appropriately.
8. Apply traction with splint, according to local protocol and manufacturer's recommendations.
9. Reassess circulation, and motor and sensory function.
10. Immobilize both legs together by securing tensor straps appropriately.

Organizational/local protocol for _____ :

Skill Notes

- Remove any jewellery that the person is wearing below the site of the injury, or that may present a hinderance to performing the skill.
- Always follow the manufacturer's directions for applying the style of traction splint you are using.