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1. Basic ALS Treatments
2. Refer to **HCFR SPINAL MOTION RESTRICTION** protocol and apply as indicated, note, SMR is not indicated for penetrating injuries in which the patient exhibits no signs or symptoms of neurological deficit upon initial examination and the patient does not have distracting injuries
3. **Rapid transport to an appropriate facility.**
4. **Normal saline:**
 - a. To maintain peripheral pulses and minimize signs and symptoms of shock
 - b. **Normal Saline:** 20 mL/kg IV (repeat as needed to maintain peripheral pulses)
 - c. Change infusion to KVO when signs and symptoms of shock have resolved.
5. For severe pain, follow **HCFR PAIN MANAGEMENT** protocol.
6. Initiate chest needle decompression if signs and symptoms of tension pneumothorax are present
7. ALS transport criteria:
 - a. Any GSW to the head, torso, upper arm, or upper leg
 - b. Any GSW (including extremity) where the trajectory of the projectile is undetermined
 - c. Any GSW patient with abnormal vital signs
 - d. Any GSW to the buttocks will be considered to be in the torso, unless proven otherwise