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1. Basic BLS treatments
2. Refer to **HCFR SPINAL MOTION RESTRICTION** protocol and apply as indicated.
3. Elevate the head of the long spine board approximately 30° if GCS less than 13
4. High flow **oxygen** via NRBM for any patient with a GCS less than 15
5. Be prepared for aggressive airway management in patients with:
 - a. Inability to protect the airway
 - b. Unable to maintain O₂ saturation greater than or equal to 90%
 - c. Consider use of BVM with **oxygen**
 - i. **Do Not** hyperventilate unless the patient has signs of elevated intracranial pressure:
 1. Increasing systolic BP and slow strong pulse
6. ALS evaluation and transport criteria:
 - a. Any patient with a GCS of less than or equal to 13
 - b. Any patient meeting trauma alert criteria
 - c. Any patient the care provider believes may decompensate prior to arrival at a receiving facility