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1. Basic BLS treatments
2. Assess the patient's abdomen and document findings.
3. Treatment:
  - a. Place the patient in the position of comfort and administer oxygen by appropriate means if indicated.
  - b. See **HCFR BLS AIRWAY MANAGEMENT** protocol for indications for oxygen
4. ALS transport criteria:
  - a. All patients presenting with the signs and symptoms of an acute abdomen or abnormal vital signs
  - b. Abdominal surgery within the last 60 days (especially be mindful of patients who have had bariatric [obesity] surgery)
  - c. Evidence of trauma
  - d. Blood issuing from any orifice or bleeding into the skin
  - e. Age less than 14 or greater than 65 years old