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at risk of developing sepsis based on clinical suspicion, laboratory results, or vital sign abnormalities.\n2. Immediate resuscitation: Begin fluid resuscitation with isotonic crystalloids to
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known, but it's believed to be related to an abnormal immune response that attacks the hair
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 or evacuation.\n\nOnce the person is stable and safe, assess the severity of the fracture. If the
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(qSOFA) to identify sepsis suspects.\n2. Immediate fluid resuscitation: Aim for a mean arterial
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perfusion, with careful monitoring of fluid balance and hemodynamic status.\n4. Adjustment of oxygen
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Assess organ function (e.g., renal, liver, cardiac).\n\nInitial steps:\n1. Administer broad-spectrum
 antibiotics as soon as possible based on suspected infection site and local guidelines.\n2. Provide
 fluid resuscitation to maintain adequate tissue perfusion and blood pressure.\n3. Monitor vital
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(3)\n- Antibiotics: administer broad-spectrum antibiotics based on suspected infection site and
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vomiting\n- Fever (often low-grade at first)\n- Abdominal swelling and tenderness\n- Constipation or
diarrhea\n- Inability to pass gas or have a bowel movement\n\nInitial steps:\n1. Seek medical
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minoxidil or anthralin for topical application.\n - JAK inhibitors (oral medications) for severe
cases.\n2. Traction Alopecia: Hair loss due to excessive pulling or tension on the hair, often
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Drugs like minoxidil or anthralin can help stimulate hair regrowth.\n - Light therapy: UVB
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phototherapy can be effective in some cases.\n\n2. Traction Alopecia: This is a type of hair loss
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 include stress, hormonal imbalances, nutritional deficiencies, certain medications, and underlying
medical conditions such as thyroid disease or lupus.\n\nInitial steps:\n1. Consult a healthcare
professional for proper diagnosis and to rule out any underlying medical conditions.\n2. Implement
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Rehabilitation may include physical, occupational, speech, or cognitive therapy.\n- Medications:
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cases, surgery may be necessary to remove hematomas or repair skull fractures.\n- Nutritional
support: Proper nutrition is essential for brain recovery and overall health.\n- Assistive devices:
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may be necessary to remove hematomas (clots) or repair skull fractures.\n- Nutritional support:
Proper nutrition is essential for brain health and recovery. A balanced diet rich in fruits,
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May include anti-seizure drugs, pain relievers, psychotropic medications for behavioral symptoms.\n-Surgery: Depending on the injury, surgery may be necessary to remove hematomas or repair skull
fractures.\n- Alternative therapies: Acupuncture, massage, transcranial magnetic stimulation,
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 steps:\nl. Provide appropriate first aid and ensure the safety of the patient.\n2. Monitor vital
signs closely and provide oxygen support if necessary.\n3. Administer medications to manage symptoms
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depression.\n- Therapies: Various therapies may be recommended based on the individual's needs,
including physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and cognitive rehabilitation.\n-
Surgery: In some cases, surgery may be necessary to remove hematomas or other lesions that are
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Provide first aid: Apply a sterile dressing to the wound if it's open, and immobilize the leg using
a splint or sling to prevent further injury.\n3. Transport safely: If possible, carry the person to
a safe location for further medical assistance. Avoid moving them unnecessarily to minimize pain and potential complications.\n4. Seek professional help: Contact emergency services or arrange
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 swelling. Apply a sterile dressing if the fracture is open.\n3. Transport safely: If possible,
transport the person to the nearest medical facility using a stretcher or other appropriate means to
minimize discomfort and potential complications.\n4. Pain management: Administer pain relief as
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to the nearest medical facility for evaluation and treatment.\n- Consider potential complications
such as infection, deep vein thrombosis (DVT), or nerve damage.\n- During recovery, encourage
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presence of other injuries.\n\nInitial steps:\n1. Immobilize the leg using a splint or a makeshift
sling to prevent further damage and provide support.\n2. Provide pain relief with over-the-counter
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leg elevated to reduce swelling and pain.\n4. Seek medical help: Arrange for transportation to a

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vital signs, fluid intake and output, daily weight, blood pressure (BP), central venous pressure
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external bleeding control at the injury scene, proper immobilization should be maintained until stability of the entire spine is established [Page 3409]. Pain relief can be provided with a short-
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(Open Reduction Internal Fixation) and early mobilization [Page 3396]. In the emergency department, life-threatening injuries are treated first, followed by definitive treatment like reduction. Splinting is used to prevent further injury and decrease pain [Page 3390]. Pain management may
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vital signs, fluid intake and output, daily weight, blood pressure (BP), central venous pressure (CVP), pulmonary artery occlusive pressure (PAOP), pulse oximetry, arterial blood gases (ABGs),
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electrolyte levels, renal function, and possibly sublingual PCO2 [Page 2455]. Fluid resuscitation
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output, daily weight, and blood pressure using automated sphygmomanometers or transcutaneous sensors
 for pulse oximetry [Page 2400]. Continuous monitoring may be provided by complex devices requiring
special training. For sepsis treatment, intravenous infusion of corticosteroids like hydrocortisone is used at a dosage of 24 \mug/kg/h for 96 hours [Page 2456]. Contraindications include recent
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form of sepsis, requires aggressive fluid resuscitation, antibiotics, surgical excision or drainage
of infected tissues, supportive care, and sometimes intensive control of blood glucose and
administration of corticosteroids and activated protein C [Page 2453]. Treatment begins
simultaneously with evaluation. Supplemental oxygen is provided, and airway intubation with
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perfusion [Page 2453]. Common causes include gram-negative organisms, staphylococci, and
meningococci [Page 2453]. Symptoms may begin with shaking chills and include fever, hypotension,
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oliguria, and confusion [Page 2453]. Acute failure of multiple organs, including the lungs, kidneys,
and liver, can occur [Page 2453].\n\nImmediate action is essential for sepsis management in a
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point, Rovsing sign, psoas sign, or obturator sign. A low-grade fever is also common. However, these
classic findings appear in less than 50% of patients, and symptoms may not be localized,
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tenderness located at McBurney's point. Additional signs include Rovsing sign, psoas sign, or
obturator sign. A low-grade fever is common. Unfortunately, these classic findings appear in less
than 50% of patients, and symptoms may not be localized, particularly in infants and
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sign, psoas sign, or obturator sign. A low-grade fever is common but not always present [173]. If
untreated, appendicitis can lead to necrosis, gangrene, and perforation. The treatment typically involves antibiotics for infection control and surgery to drain abscesses, correct underlying
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point [Page 173]. Appendicitis is typically treated via surgical removal of the appendix due to the
risk of necrosis, gangrene, and perforation if left untreated. The diagnosis remains primarily
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passive extension of the right hip joint, or pain caused by passive internal rotation of the flexed
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individuals exposed to unclear environmental triggers [Page 86]. Treatment options for alopecia
areata include topical, intralesional, or systemic corticosteroids, topical minoxidil, topical
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[Page 858]. The scalp and beard are most frequently affected, but any hairy area may be involved [Page 858]. Treatment options for alopecia areata include topical, intralesional, or systemic
corticosteroids, topical minoxidil, topical anthralin, topical immunotherapy (diphencyprone or
squaric acid dibutylester), or psoralen plus ultraviolet A (PUVA) [Page 858]. Hormonal modulators
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individuals exposed to unclear environmental triggers [Page 858]. A thorough evaluation, including
microscopic hair examination or scalp biopsy, may be required for a definitive
diagnosis.\n\nTreatment options for alopecia areata include:\n1. Minoxidil: This medication prolongs
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an autoimmune condition in which the immune system attacks the hair follicles, leading to hair
loss.\n\nEffective treatments for alopecia areata include:\n1. Topical corticosteroids: These
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or oral antifungals may be prescribed [Page 858]. Alopecia areata can be treated with topical
corticosteroids, minoxidil, anthralin, immunotherapy (diphencyprone or squaric acid dibutylester),
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external bleeding control at the injury scene, proper immobilization should be maintained until
stability of the entire spine is established [Page 3409]. Pain relief can be provided with a short-
acting opioid such as fentanyl [Page 3409]. For patients with cognitive deficits and communication
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 moderate to severe injuries, optimization of ventilation, oxygenation, and brain perfusion is
necessary, along with treatment for complications such as increased intracranial pressure, seizures,
 and hematomas. Rehabilitation is also essential [Page 3409]. In the case of communication
difficulties due to cognitive deficits, speech therapists may help establish a communication code using eye blinks or movements [Page 324. Traumatic Brain Injury, p. 3409]. For patients with brain
death, which is characterized by loss of function of the entire cerebrum and brain stem, recovery
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of normal neurologic function is possible if the persistent vegetative state lasts for three months.
 but almost none recover after six months [Page 3407]. Treatments to promote nerve regeneration are
under investigation and include injections of autologous macrophages, epidural administration of
BA-210, an experimental drug, and oral administration of HP-184 for chronic spinal cord injury [Page
3416]. There is also ongoing research into the use of stem cells. For dementia, which may be a
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beyond supportive care. This includes preventing systemic complications such as pneumonia, UTI, and
thromboembolic disease; providing good nutrition; and preventing pressure ulcers [1842]. Early
intervention by rehabilitation specialists is crucial for maximal functional recovery.
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Rehabilitation services should be planned early and include prevention of secondary disabilities,
such as pressure ulcers and joint contractures, and family education [3403]. For patients with
severe cognitive dysfunction, extensive cognitive therapy may be required immediately after injury
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a reliable airway, maintaining adequate ventilation, oxygenation, and blood pressure. Surgery may be
 needed to place monitors to track and treat intracranial pressure or decompress the brain if
necessary [Page 3244]. In the acute phase, preventing complications such as contractures, pressure
ulcers, pneumonia, orthostatic hypotension, atelectasis, deep venous thrombosis, and pulmonary
embolism is essential [Page 3647]. Subsequently, many patients require rehabilitation. Speech
therapy and augmentative communication devices may help improve language function [Page 1819]. The
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splinting and transported to a healthcare facility for further treatment, which is usually ORIF
(Open Reduction Internal Fixation) and early mobilization [Page 3396]. In the emergency department, life-threatening injuries are treated first, followed by definitive treatment like reduction. Splinting is used to prevent further injury and decrease pain [Page 3390]. Pain management may
involve opioids [Page 3390]. For long-bone fractures, splinting can also help prevent fat embolism.
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flexed knee [Page 3396], requires immediate attention. The person should be stabilized with
splinting to prevent further injury and decrease pain [Page 3390]. Treatment usually involves ORIF
(open reduction and internal fixation) for unstable fractures [Page 3396]. In the meantime, rest,
ice, compression, and elevation (RICE) can help manage symptoms [Page 3390]. For life-threatening
injuries or those affecting major arteries or nerves, prompt surgical intervention may be necessary
[Page 3390]. Prevention of immobility is crucial to prevent complications like deep vein thrombosis
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flexed knee [Page 3396], requires immediate attention. The person should be splinted and transported
for ORIF (Open Reduction and Internal Fixation) treatment as soon as possible [Page 3396]. In the
interim, they should rest, avoid weight-bearing activities, and elevate the affected leg above heart
level to reduce swelling [RICE: Rest, Ice, Compression, Elevation, Page 3499]. Pain control can be
achieved through analgesics such as acetaminophen or NSAIDs [Page 3330].\n\nAdditionally, the
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 surgery or bedbound patients with significant medical illnesses [Page 2384], should be encouraged
to move their legs periodically for DVT prevention. For those with more severe injuries, such as
open fractures or those requiring surgical intervention, additional preventive measures may include
thrombosis prophylaxis using low-dose unfractionated heparin (UFH) or low molecular weight heparin
(LMWH) [Page 3388]. In the emergency department, evaluation for signs of hemorrhagic shock and
ischemia is essential. Treatment may involve splinting, definitive treatment like reduction, rest,
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proper healing. The person should be instructed to rest and avoid weight-bearing activities,
including hiking [Page 3642]. For stair-climbing, they should ascend with their good leg and descend
with the affected leg for safety [Page 3642]. The stump of the leg should be inspected daily,
washed thoroughly, dried, and dusted with talcum powder [Page 3635]. If there are signs of tendon
inflammation or stress fractures, such as pain, swelling, or a palpable defect, treatment includes
ice, NSAIDs, gentle stretches, and modification of activities [Page 3388, 3509]. In case of a
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