

EXTRACRANIAL SURGERY IN TBI PATIENTS

- Head injury +
 - associated life threatening extra-cranial injury (eg. ruptured spleen)
 - less serious, non life threatening extracranial injury (eg. long bone or max fax #)

—> timing of surgery for extra cranial injuries depends on severity and effect of injury on ability to maintain adequate cerebral oxygenation

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- Positioning
- Tourniquet - initial \uparrow MAP due to \uparrow SVR. beware release - \uparrow PCO₂
- CPP target may have to be lower if splenic/liver laceration

