

HAND INJURIES

1 IDENTIFY

- + Does the patient have a serious hand injury?
- + When and how did the injury occur?

2 EVALUATE

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION - SPECIFIC

1. Evaluate open wounds for skin loss and exposed deep structures.
2. Identify fluctuant or pulsatile soft tissue swelling.
3. Evaluate circulation:
 - + Are the hand and fingers pale or blue?
 - + Can Doppler pulses be detected?
4. Evaluate sensation:
 - + Can the patient detect light touch?
5. Evaluate range of motion:
 - + Can the patient actively move wrist, fingers, and thumb?
 - + Is motion painful?
6. Inspect the skeleton:
 - + Are there obvious fractures or dislocations?

X-RAY

1. Fractures/dislocation?
2. Foreign body?

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION – GENERAL

1. Does the patient have other injuries?
2. Does the patient have known medical problems and/or allergies?

GENERAL CARE

1. Does the patient need tetanus prophylaxis?
2. Does the patient need antibiotics?



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3 TRANSFER

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DRESS THE WOUND:

1. Apply xeroform dressing to wound and wrap in dry, sterile gauze.
2. Do not place IV lines in the injured extremity or apply compressive dressings. Do not attempt local anesthetic blocks.

IF FINGERS OR HAND ARE COMPLETELY AMPUTATED:

1. Wrap the part in moist gauze.
2. Place part and gauze in a sealed bag or container and place the container on top of ice in a separate container.
3. X-ray the part.

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