

SOLANO COUNTY EMS
Pre-TAC Meeting
June 18, 2009
Lessons Learned

Case 1:

This was a 19 year old male wearing protective clothing riding an ATV attempted a 12 foot jump and came off the ATV. He landed prone face first. Initial individuals at the scene started CPR and activated 911.

Lessons Learned:

No need for NaHCO₃ and D₅₀ in a trauma code; Social resuscitation may be necessary.

Case 2:

This was an 18 year old male using a metal grinder in shop class. The metal grinder “exploded and a piece cut his neck.” The laceration was described as, “full thickness about 6 inches long from right ear area down to his throat area. The laceration is 1 ½ inch wide, negative blood spurting or oozing”

Lessons Learned:

Neck wound – a. Zone 2 most lethal area
b. Not explore neck wounds clot could come lose maximum bleeding
c. Direct pressure to wound area just enough to control bleeding
d. airway control – closest facility

Case 3:

This was a 30 year old male who punched through a plate glass window. He has a near amputation to area below the left elbow. The laceration is described as “full thickness down to the bone, lac that went all the way around (h)is lower bicept” The EBL is 500 to 1000cc. The patient was leaning against a kitchen cabinet responsive to pain only. A tourniquet was applied to the left arm. The patient was transported to Sutter Solano Medical Center.

Lessons Learned:

Review appropriate use of tourniquet

Case 4:

This was a 71 year old female, restrained front passenger involved in a MVA approximate speed of 30 MPH. The vehicle damage is listed as minor to moderate with air bag deployment. The patient's chief complaint is, "I have neck and back pain." The patient's exam was negative; pertinent positives are bruising over pelvis and chest pain. The patient was placed into c-spine precautions, an IV was started, and the patient was transported to Vacavalley Hospital.

Lessons learned:

Patient on anticoagulants; make a list of common Anticoagulant medication