



# County of Santa Cruz

## HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES PROGRAM

**Protocol No. T2**  
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### **Emergency Medical Services Program**

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Medical Director

Subject: **ISOLATED LIMB INJURIES (INCLUDING HIP)**

**I. BLS Treatment Protocol:**

- A. Treat life threats. (See Policy 4000).
- B. Control bleeding.
- C. Spinal precautions as indicated.
- D. Splint as appropriate. Traction splints are indicated for midshaft femur fractures.
- E. Manage amputated part. Place in a water tight plastic bag and keep cool. Do not allow ice to come in direct contact with the amputated part. Freezing will destroy tissue.
- F. Prepare for transport / transfer of care.

**II. ALS Treatment Protocol:**

- A. Treat life threats. (See Policy 4000).
- B. To relieve pain, Morphine Sulfate may be administered in 2-5mg increments slow IVP/ IM to a total of 10mg.\*
- C. Transport.
- D. Contact Base Station as indicated.

**Note:**

\* Hold Morphine Sulfate if patient has or develops respiratory depression, bradycardia or hypotension. Narcan should be immediately available to reverse adverse effects. Contact the Base Station for additional morphine sulfate.