

AG15 Electrical/Lightning Injuries

Objectives:

- To assess and appropriately treat patients who have experienced and electrical or lightning injury

General Information:

- Note entrance/exit wounds
- Lightning and high voltage injuries can be associated with internal injuries from blast effect
- Electrical injuries are associated with falls, seizures and extremity injuries
- Multiple patients are common in lightning injuries
- Use reverse triage which requires patients in cardiac arrest to be treated first
- Patients with electrical/lightning injuries are at high risk for developing cardiac dysrhythmias



Warnings/Alerts:

- Scene safety is paramount. Ensure patient is not touching source of electrical current

OMD Notes:

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References:

Performance Indicators:

Vital Signs – 2 Set Minimum EKG Rhythm Transport to Appropriate Facility
Secondary Injury

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