NORTH COAST EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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Subject: Treatment Guidelines – BLS

Shock - Atraumatic

Associated Policies:

I. Priorities

- A. ABC's.
- B. Oxygen therapy per Oxygen Administration Policy #6030.
- C. Positioning.
- D. Gather patient's history.
- E. Communicate with transporting ambulance or base hospital.

II. Shock

- A. Maintain an open airway. Ventilate with Bag Value mask as needed.
- B. Administer oxygen according to policy.
- C. Attempt to determine possible cause; get past and present medical history.
- D. If patient is hypotensive, position patient in shock position with legs elevated. Elevate head slightly if patient cannot tolerate being flat.
- E. Communicate with transporting ambulance or base hospital.

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