8050 AMPUTATIONS

EMR	EMT	EMT-IV	AEMT	INTERMEDIATE	PARAMEDIC

Any tourniquet application triggers a Full Trauma Team Activation

General Trauma Care

Complete Amputation

Partial Amputation - Apply direct pressure to bleeding area or vessel

Life-threatening bleeding

Non-Life-threatening bleeding

Apply tourniquet without delay

- If hypotensive for age, treat per Traumatic Shock
- Document neurovascular exam

- Large bore IV

Apply tourniquet if bleeding not controlled with direct pressure

- Cover with moist sterile dressing
- Splint near-amputated part in anatomic position

Amputated part:

- Wrap in moist, sterile dressing
- Place in sealed plastic bag
- Place bag in ice water
- Do not freeze part

Stump:

- Cover with moist sterile dressing covered by dry dressing

Partial Amputation:

- Cover with moist sterile dressing
- Splint near-amputated part in anatomic position

Ref. Pain Management

- Monitor SpO_2
- Cardiac Monitor
- Monitor Waveform capnography

- Monitor and transport to appropriate Trauma Center
- Treat other injuries per protocol

Considerations:

- Amputations can be distracting injuries, complete full assessment and treat patient's other injuries
- Resuscitation and stabilization of patient take priority over limb salvage