

T-7 - Management of Suspected Open Book Pelvic Fracture

This protocol is NOT to be used for a simple isolated hip fracture!

Evaluate Mechanism of Injury for possible open book pelvic fracture:

1. Does the Mechanism of injury suggest a significant amount of energy transfer such as:
 - Multiple roll-over accident
 - Auto versus pedestrian
 - Fall from a height greater than 15 feet.

2. History: Does the patient complain of:
 - lower abdominal pain,
 - lower back pain,
 - hip or pelvic pain,
 - lower extremity numbness or tingling?
 If patient unconscious, assume YES to this question.

3. Physical Exam: On palpation, does the patient have:
 - pelvic ring instability,
 - movement of the pelvic bones,
 - deformity or
 - crepitus?

If the answer is YES to ALL 3 questions, then:

Apply Solano County approved pelvic binder device and transport patient to trauma center.

Disrupted Communications: In the event of a “disrupted communications” situation, the EMT-P in Solano County may utilize all portions of this treatment protocols without Base Hospital Contact as is needed to stabilize an immediate patient.