


Subject: Treatment Guidelines – ALS Personnel
Abdominal Pain

Associated Policies:

- I. Priorities
 - A. ABC's.
 - B. Identify signs of shock.
 - C. Determine if patient has shock with or without pulmonary edema. If pulse < 50 or > 150, treat dysrhythmias.
 - D. Transport Code 3, if signs of shock develop. Code 2, most patients.
- II. Abdominal Pain without Shock or Extremis
 - A. Ensure a patent airway.
 - B. Oxygen therapy.
 - C. Position of comfort.
 - D. Establish two (2) IV's with large bore cannula.
 - E. Cardiac monitor – treat symptomatic dysrhythmias per specific treatment guidelines.
 - F. Pulse oximetry.
 - G. Morphine Sulfate titrated to pain (non-traumatic only).
 - H. Transport.
 - I. Contact base hospital.
- III. Abdominal Pain with Shock or Extremis
 - A. ABC's
 - B. Oxygen therapy.
 - C. Establish two (2) IV's with large bore cannula.
 - D. Cardiac monitor – treat symptomatic dysrhythmias per specific treatment guidelines.
 - E. Pulse oximetry.
 - F. Transport.
 - G. Contact base hospital.
 - H. Prevent hypothermia.
 - I. Consider dopamine.

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