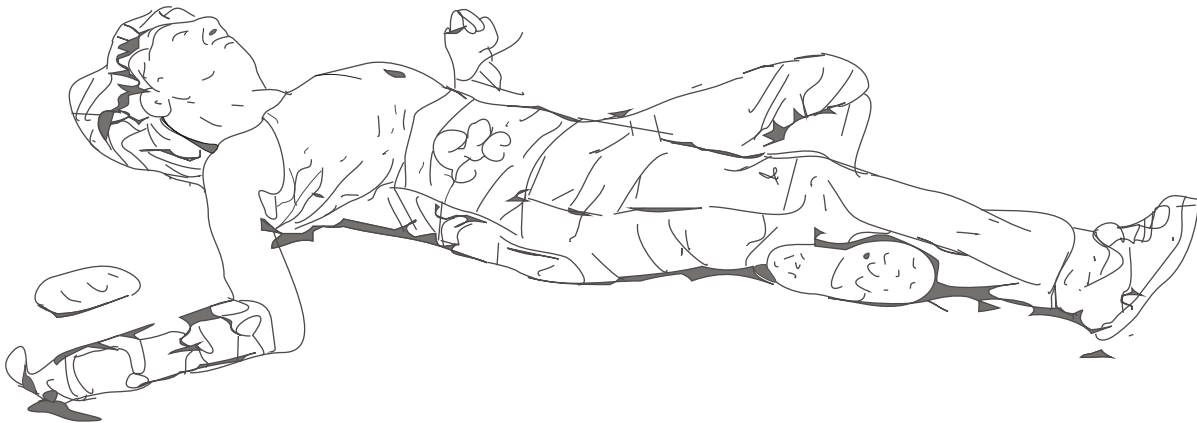


EMERGENCY CARE FOR OPEN WOUNDS

Control Bleeding

Prevent further contamination: all open wounds will already be contaminated, but a dressing and bandage will prevent further contamination.

DO NOT remove impaled objects: They may be cut if necessary to move the patient, but should remain in place until the patient receives hospital care. The object should be stabilized with bulky dressings.



DO NOT try to replace protruding organs: that is protruding eyeballs, or protruding intestines should be covered as they are and no attempt should be made to replace them in their normal positions with a body cavity. The covering for intestines should be kept moist.

Immobilize the part and keep the patient quiet.

Preserve avulsed parts: torn off parts should be saved and flaps of skin may be folded back to their normal position before bandaging.