

# CENTRAL CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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Subject:  Basic Life Support (BLS) Protocols  <b>ABDOMINAL EMERGENCIES (MEDICAL AND TRAUMA)</b>	
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## I. TREATMENT

A. ABCs – Assessment and treatment.

B. Consider spine immobilization if trauma.

C. STAT transport if in shock.

NOTE: If in shock, time from onset to ALS is critical. Consider rendezvous with ALS unit enroute to hospital.

D. If in shock, treat according to shock protocol.

E. If evisceration:

1. Cover area with large moist gauze abdominal pad.
2. Maintain moistness with normal saline.
3. Do not replace eviscerated organs.
4. If uncontrollable bleeding, apply direct pressure.

F. If penetrating wounds:

1. Stop bleeding.
2. Dress and bandage.
3. Stabilize impaled objects with bulky dressing. **DO NOT REMOVE IMPALED OBJECT.**

G. If blunt trauma:

1. If in shock, treat as hypovolemia.

H. Give nothing by mouth.

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