

**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA**  
**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**  
A Division of the Fresno County Department of Public Health

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Subject:	Basic Life Support (BLS) Protocols  <b>HEAD TRAUMA</b>	
References:	California Administrative Code, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 2	Effective: 11/15/83

I. TREATMENT

- A. ABCs - Assessment and treatment.
- B. Oxygen low flow 6 liters/minute if necessary. Oxygen high flow 15 liters/min. non-rebreathing mask if patient is unstable. Assist respiration's as needed.
- C. Assume neck injuries in all patients with head injuries and immobilize if indicated by protocol. If airway problems occur while immobilized, transport patient on side.
- D. If in shock, treat according to shock protocol.
- E. Scalp hemorrhage can be life threatening – Dress with pressure dressing.

II. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- A. Assess Glasgow Coma Scale.
- B. Code 3 transport should be carried out in any head trauma victim with deteriorating neuro status, shock, airway problems, or markedly abnormal neurological status.

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