

**MEHLVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
GUIDELINES FOR PREHOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE**

SUBJECT: 800.07

**TRAUMA:
AMPUTATIONS**

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Pre-Hospital Actions:

- Airway management as indicated.
- Administer oxygen at flow rate as indicated.
- Irrigate wound with Normal Saline. Avoid antiseptic solutions. Control bleeding with direct pressure. Apply sterile dressing.
- Start IV of Normal Saline with large-bore catheter and infuse to maintain systolic blood pressure of at least 90-100 mmHg.
- Care of the amputated part:
 - Rinse-off gross contaminants with sterile saline solution.
 - Make no other attempt to clean or débride the part.
 - Place the part into a plastic bag and seal tightly.
 - Place the sealed bag into iced water or iced saline solution (do not use ice alone)
- Care of partial amputations:
 - Irrigate wound with Normal Saline.
 - Place part(s) in a functional position.
 - Apply sterile dressing moistened with Normal Saline.
 - Splint the extremity.
 - Elevate limb.
 - Apply coolant bags.
- Consider Morphine 2-5mg IV. Doses above 5mg must have medical control orders.
- Consider direct transport to Level 1 Trauma Center.

STANDARD PRECAUTIONS MUST BE OBSERVED.