

Amputation (Adult and Pediatric)

CFR and All Provider Levels

1. Control external bleeding
2. ABCs and vital signs
3. Elevate and wrap the amputated extremity with moist sterile dressings and cover with dry bandage
4. Care for amputated part:
 - Moisten sterile dressing with sterile saline solution and wrap amputated part
 - Place the amputated part in a water-tight container, such as a sealed plastic bag
 - Label the bag with the patient's name and time of the injury
 - Place the container on ice or cold packs, using caution to avoid freezing the amputated part

CFR STOP

EMT

5. Transport

EMT STOP

Paramedic

Paramedic STOP

Medical Control Options

Key Points / Considerations

- If possible, transport the amputated part with the patient, but do not delay transport to search for the amputated part