

PASSIVE WARMING

1. Level: EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, RN
2. Purpose: Unintentional hypothermia in the acute trauma patient contributes to increased mortality. The goal of passive warming is to prevent further heat loss in the pre-hospital setting.
3. Clinical Indications:
 - 3.1. Status 1 & 2 trauma patients
 - 3.2. Hypothermia
4. Contraindications: None
5. Complications: None
6. Procedure:
 - 6.1. Passive Warming
 - 6.1.1. Removal of wet clothes
 - 6.1.2. Prevent heat loss by covering patient with blanket
 - 6.1.3. Consider turning off the A/C or turning on the heater in the unit module
7. Documentation: Document the intervention Passive Warming on the electronic Patient Care Report.