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# Sideline Emergency Management

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## Dental Trauma




Fracture

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## Dental Trauma



Intrusion

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## Dental Trauma



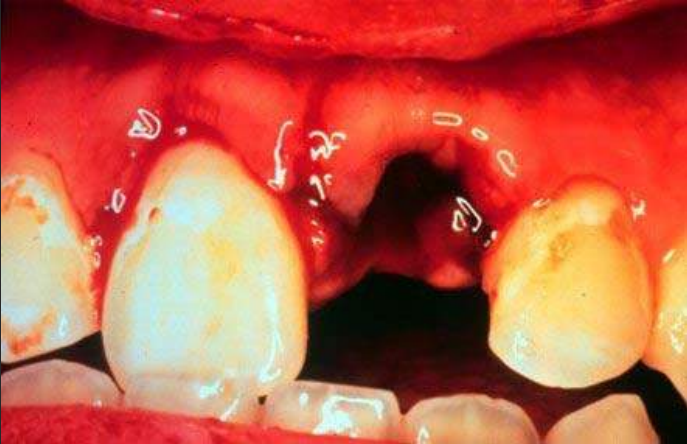
Extrusion

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## Dental Trauma



Avulsion

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## What do I do with the avulsed tooth??

- Primary or secondary tooth?
- Best prognosis if tooth is replanted immediately
- If unable to replanted within 5 minutes, store in:
  - Viaspan
  - Hank's Balanced Salt Solution
  - Cold Milk
    - > NOT flavored milk!
  - Saliva (in the mouth/cheek)
    - > Careful not to swallow!
  - Physiologic saline
  - Water
    - > Damaging to ligament healing, but better than dry storage
- Risk of losing tooth increases after 20 minutes, likely nonviable after 1 hour of dry time

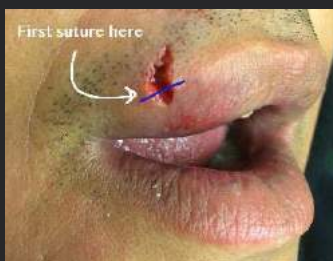
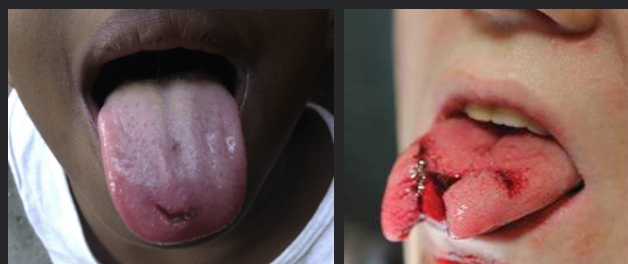


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## Mouth Lacerations

- **Inside mouth generally ok**
- Exception: large/gaping tongue lacerations
- **Lip lacerations need careful repair if crossing the vermilion border**






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## Facial Trauma Summary

**Red flags**

- Eyes
  - Vision loss or double vision
  - Abnormal or painful eye movements
  - Irregular pupil
- Nose
  - Uncontrolled bleeding
  - Septal hematoma?
- Mouth
  - Lip lacerations crossing border
  - Large tongue lacerations
- Teeth
  - Avulsed or displaced
    - > Transport in best available medium




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## Facial Trauma Summary

**Ok to play**

- Eyes
  - Subconjunctival hemorrhage (painless!)
- Nose
  - Nasal deformity/swelling
- Mouth
  - Small inner lip/gum lacerations
- Teeth
  - Small chips not involving dentin or pulp
  - Primary teeth



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## What Else Needs to go to the ER?

- Cardiac
- Respiratory
- Head, neck, and face injuries
- Abdominal trauma
- Extremity Injuries
- Environmental Illness/Injury

### ED Triage HW

*Chief Complaint:* diffuse abdominal pain x 2 day w/ N/V/D. "I know why my stomach hurts, its because I eat my clothes". Pt reports eating 2 shirts on thursday.

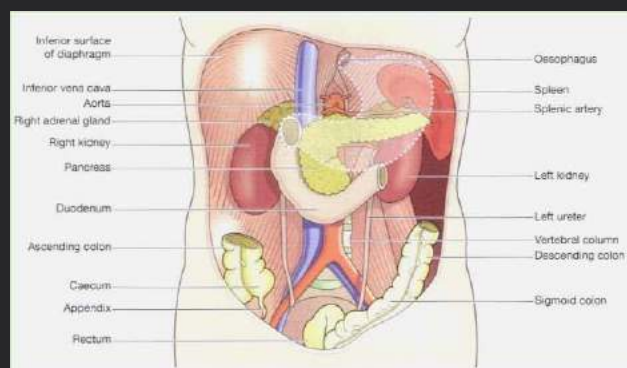
*ED Triage Assessment Pain Score:* 8

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## Abdominal and pelvic injuries

### Blunt trauma

- **Organs at risk**
  - Liver, spleen, bladder, intestines, kidneys, pancreas
- **Internal bleeding**
  - Vital signs
  - FAST exam?
  - Hematuria?
- **Hollow viscous injury**
- **Pelvic ring fractures**
  - Pelvic binder?



*Presenting complaint:* Patient states: "I was urinating on an abandoned property and some guy came up and stabbed me with a dirty nail". Presents with multiple superficial abrasions on RLQ. No trauma activation at this time per Dr. Bertini. +ETOH. Acuity: ESI 3. Method of arrival: Fire Rescue (FR). Patient arrived from: Accident/Injury Scene. Communication: Speaks Fluent English.

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Patient Information

ER Mode of Arrival : Ambulatory

Chief Complaint :

tried to give mouth-to-mouth to a baby raccoon he found in the marsh - "possible rabies"



Duration / Onset : 1800

ER Treatment Prior to Arrival : none

**TRIAGE**

**TRIAGE NOTES** Tue Feb 24, 2015 12:55 Mansi-Fulginiti, RN, DO

**SLIP AND FALL LAST NIGHT WHILE DODGING BULLETS DURING A SHOOTING THUMB AND WRIST PAIN.**

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## Extremity injuries

### Fractures and dislocations

- What can I reduce on the field?
  - Shoulders, elbows, knees/patellas, ankles, fingers/toes
  - Check neurovascular exam, if compromised, increased urgency
  - Ok to try once, stop if resistance or other difficulty
  - No pulse but can't reduce? Good luck!
- **Don't reduce hips!**
- **Splinting for transport**




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 54 Presenting complaint: Patient states: HE NEEDS PANTS; DENIES MEDICAL COMPLAINT; PT  
 03 GIVEN SCRUB BOTTOMS. mk14

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## Environmental Emergencies

- Heat
  - Exertional heat illness
  - Heat Exhaustion
  - Heat Stroke
- Cold
  - Hypothermia
  - Frostbite
- Altitude
- Weather





## Environmental Emergencies

### Temperature

- **Hot**

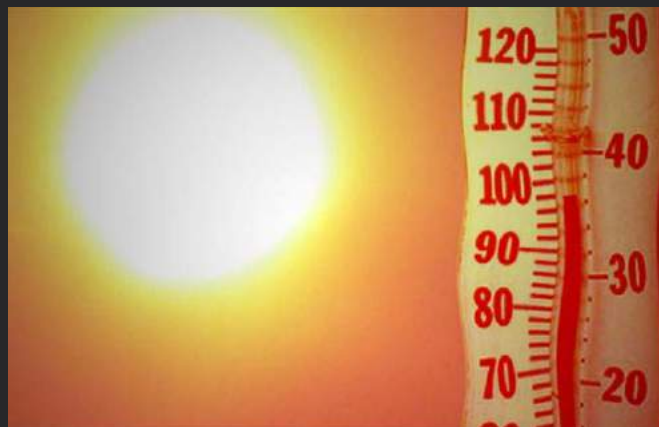
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## (Exertional) Heat Illness - EHI

Spectrum of conditions ranging from minor disturbances in thermoregulation to exertional heat stroke with multi-organ system failure

Heat Cramps  
Heat Exhaustion  
Heat Stroke

## Heat Illness

### EHI: Highest incidence in American football

**4.42 cases/100,000 athlete exposures**

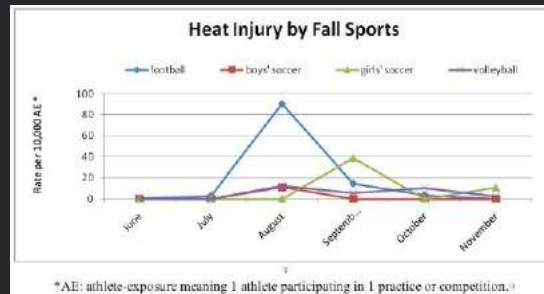
- Rate 11.4 times that in all other sports combined

**35 deaths from EHS during 1995 – 2010**

- 6 deaths in summer 2011 alone

**College football: One death from 2003 – 2011 during August practices**

- Low rate attributed to heat acclimatization policies put in place in May, 2003



## EHI Risk Factors

**Strenuous exercise in high temp and humidity**

**Lack of acclimatization**

**Obesity - Low surface area/weight ratio**

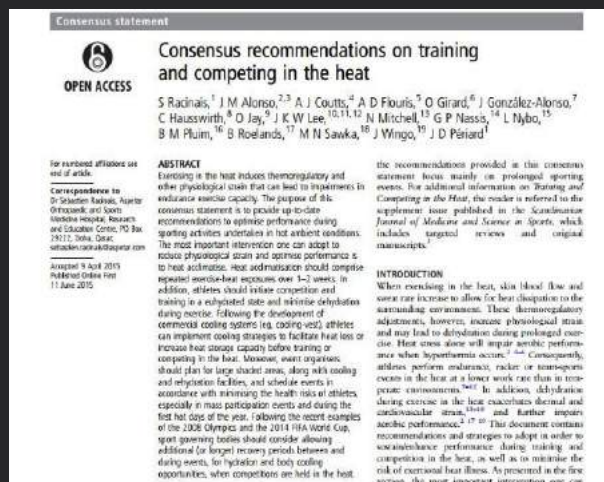
**Dehydration**

**Medicines/Supplements**

**Previous history of heat illness**

## EHI Prevention

Acclimatization  
 Proper clothing  
 Medication adjustment  
 Activity modification  
 Prehydration and hydration



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## Heat Cramps

### Exercise Associated Muscle Cramps (EAMC)

- Misnomer: Heat not shown to directly trigger cramps
- Occurs more commonly in the heat but can occur in swimmers, ice hockey players, etc
- Significance lies in athletes' inability to perform



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## Heat Cramps

### Predisposing Factors

- Heavy Sweating
- Salty Sweaters
- Insufficient sodium intake
- Dehydration
- Lack of acclimatization
- Pre-activity fatigue
- History of EAMC
- Neuromuscular fatigue
- Extreme environmental conditions



## Exercise Associated Muscle Cramps

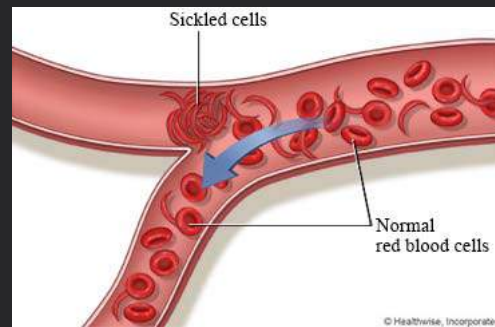
### Management: Hydrate!

- Studies generally show oral fluid (when in same volume) has similar or advantageous benefits compared with IV. (D. Casa; Curr. SM Reports; July/August 08)
- Burgeron study to avert cramps with oral bolus of high-salt solution (3 tsp salt in 20 oz. Gatorade over 5-10 minutes, 7000mg Na<sup>+</sup>)
- Time constraints, nausea, placebo effect considerations for IV use

## Exercise Associate Muscle Cramps

**Persistent or systemic cramping, or severe pain with no obvious muscle cramping should raise concern for other problems**

- Exertional hyponatremia
- Sickle cell crisis
- Rhabdomyolysis



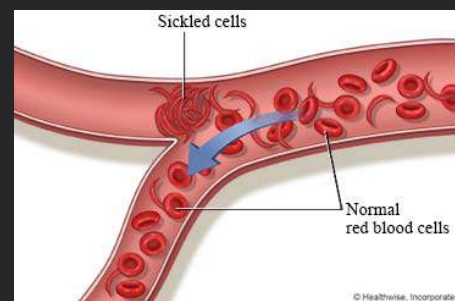
## SCT and Sickling vs. Exercise Associated Muscle Cramps

**SCT associated with several cases of exertional sudden death and severe rhabdomyolysis**

**Brief periods of intense exercise characterized by intense pain**

**Distinguished from EAMC by lack of spasm**

- Suggests possibility of acute muscle ischemia



## Heat Exhaustion

Inability to maintain adequate cardiac output due to strenuous physical exercise and environmental heat stress

- Often collapse **during** exercise
- Temp elevation is only mild
- CNS is **not affected**
- Dehydration may be present but **is not required** for the diagnosis



## Heat Exhaustion Treatment

**Move to shaded or cool area**

**Athlete supine with feet elevated**

**Remove equipment and excess clothing**

**Cool athlete until rectal temp is 101**

- Mode of cooling less important for heat exhaustion than heat stroke

**Oral or IV hydration**

**Transport if no rapid improvement**

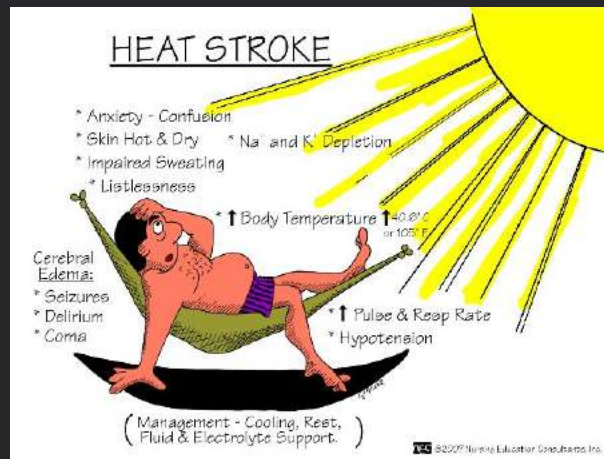


## Exertional Heat Stroke

Multisystem illness characterized by **CNS dysfunction** (encephalopathy), additional **organ and tissue damage** (kidneys, liver, muscle) in association with **high body temperatures**

### Diagnostic Criteria:

- **Core temp above 104°F** measured immediately following activity
- **CNS dysfunction**



## Exertional Heat Stroke

### CNS dysfunction: variable symptoms

- Disorientation
- Headache
- Irrational behavior
- Irritability
- Emotional instability
- Confusion
- Altered consciousness
- Coma
- Seizure

### Frequently also GI symptoms



## Collapsed Athlete

TABLE 3. Telltale features among common nontrauma causes of on-field collapse.

Sickling	Cardiac	Heat Stroke	Asthma
Weakness > pain	No cramping	Fuzzy thinking	Usually known asthma
Slumps to ground	Falls suddenly	Bizarre behavior	Prior episodes, poor control
Can talk at first	Unconscious	Incoherent	Breathless, may wheeze or not
Muscles "normal"	Limp or seizing	Can be in coma	Gasping, panicky, on hands/knees
Temp < 103°F	Temp irrelevant	Temp often > 106°F	Auscultate: moving little air
Can occur early	No warning	Usually occurs late	Usually occurs after sprinting

## Exertional Heat Stroke

### Management

- Severity of heat illness may not be readily apparent during initial presentation
- Morbidity and mortality are directly related to the **duration** of core temperature elevation
- **Rapid cooling** is paramount
- Maintain a **high index of suspicion** with athletes with temps greater than 104 F and concerning symptoms but no clear signs of end organ damage



## Exertional Heat Stroke

### Management:

- Initial Assessment: ABCs
- Secondary Assessment: Vital signs, rectal temp, blood glucose, serum sodium

**If cooling measures are readily available and no other emergent treatment needed, it is best to cool first and transport second**

**Once cooled to 102°F (39°C), the patient is rapidly transported to the ED**

## Exertional Heat Stroke

### Rectal thermometer not available?

- Assume heat until proven otherwise
- Cool until the athlete begins to shiver
- Treat with cold water immersion for 15 – 20 minutes
  - Will cool most athletes 3 – 4°C
  - Cooling rate: 0.15-0.20°C per minute
  - > 1°C every 5 minutes

## Cooling Methods

### Evaporation: Vaporization from skin and respiratory tract

- Primary means of heat dissipation for exercising athletes in hot environments (sweat)

### Radiation: Transfer of energy through electromagnetic heat waves (minimal)

### Convection: Transfer of heat to a gas or liquid in motion (fans)

### Conduction: Direct heat transfer via contact

- Primary method of on-site cooling (ice bath)

## Cooling Methods

### Common On Site Measures:

- Cold water immersion – on the field or in the training room
  - Ice bath at 35 – 60°F
- Ice/wet towel rotation
- High flow cold water dousing
- Ice packing



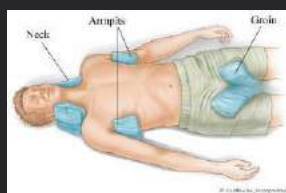
## Cooling Measures

### Cold shower

Move to shade and apply cold wet towels to entire body surface – replace once no longer cool or every 2-3 minutes

If ice is available but no tub, use a tarp or sheet filled with ice and roll athlete in the sheet (ice burrito)

**No role** for NSAIDs or Acetaminophen



## Ice Burr-ito



## Cooling Measures

### Best Method? Limited evidence...

- Evaporative cooling
  - Complex and labor-intensive (spray, fans)
  - Fastest (0.3°C/min)
  - Seldom used, esp in field
- Immersion
  - Easier if available
  - Remains preferred method
  - Can hinder managing other complications (airway, seizure, cardiac arrest, IV access)
  - Slower than evaporative (0.15-0.20°C/min)
- Ice packing
  - Axilla, Groin, near large vessels
  - Simple to implement, slow to cool (0.02-0.03°C/min)



## Misconceptions

### Athletes stop sweating when they develop EHS

- Almost always sweating profusely at the time of collapse

### Athletes must be dehydrated to develop EHS

- Dehydration is a risk but not a pre-requisite

### Lucid mental status rules out EHS

- Most athletes with impending EHS appear lucid initially only to progress to more severe disease

## Misconceptions

### Shivering delays cooling

- Shivering seldom occurs when an hyperthermic athlete is placed in a cold water bath
- Rapid cooling still occurs even if shivering occurs

### Peripheral vasoconstriction delays cooling

- Vasoconstriction may occur during cold water immersion but it has little impact compared to the large conductive and convective thermal transfer that rapidly cools the body.

## Environmental Emergencies

### Temperature

- Hot
- Cold

### Altitude

- High
- Low

### Weather



## Hypothermia

### Definition

- Core temp < 35°C

### Risk factors

- Age extremes
- Weather
- Intoxicants
- Trauma

Hypothermia Chart		
If the Water Temp. (F) is...	Exhaustion or Unconsciousness	Expected Time of Survival is...
32.5	Under 15 Min.	Under 15-45 Min.
32.5-40.0	15-30 Min.	30-90 Min.
40-50	30-60 Min.	1-3 Hr.
50-60	1-2 Hr.	1-6 Hr.
60-70	2-7 Hr.	2-40 Hr.
70-80	3-12 Hr.	3-Indefinitely
over 80	Indefinitely	

## Stages of Hypothermia

### Above 35°C (>95°F)

- Shivering thermogenesis and gluconeogenesis
- Vasoconstriction, tachycardia

### 35°C (95°F)

- Poikilothermia; body will cool to ambient temperature

### 33°C (91°F)

- Ataxia, apathy, tachypnea, CNS depression

### 32°C (90°F)

- Stupor
- Shivering stops
- Will need active core rewarming

The Stages of Hypothermia & Responses		
Normal Body Core Temperature		
37.5C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feet Cold</li> <li>• Still alert &amp; able to help oneself</li> <li>• Numbness in arms &amp; legs</li> </ul>	Additional clothing Exchange wet for dry clothing Food and warm drinks - avoid caffeine and alcohol Purposeful activity Get off the hill with supervision if possible
35C	<b>Mild Hypothermia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shivering</li> <li>• Incoherent, mumbling, stumbling, grumbling, apathetic or irrational; may appear drunk</li> <li>• Denies there is a problem</li> </ul>	<b>Mild</b> Shelter Additional insulation, exchanging wet for dry clothing Food and warm drinks Purposeful activity when able Encouragement May be able to walk off with supervision if no other concerns
33C	<b>Moderate Hypothermia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incontinent shivering</li> <li>• Increased confusion</li> <li>• Increased incoherence, mumbling, stumbling, apathetic or irrationality</li> <li>• Increased heart &amp; respiratory rate</li> </ul>	<b>Moderate</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shelter</li> <li>• Gentle handling to prevent sending cold blood to the vital organs</li> <li>• Additional insulation</li> <li>• Food and warm drinks if able to swallow</li> <li>• Evacuate rapidly but smoothly</li> <li>• Consider calling Mountain Rescue</li> <li>• Should be checked out in hospital on evacuation</li> </ul>
	<b>Severe Hypothermia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Muscle stiffness</li> <li>• Shivering stops</li> <li>• Collapse</li> <li>• Semi-conscious</li> </ul>	<b>Severe</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shelter</li> <li>• Gentle handling</li> <li>• Additional insulation</li> <li>• No food or drink if unable to swallow</li> <li>• Maintain an airway</li> <li>• Call Mountain Rescue</li> <li>• Rapid but smooth evacuation to a hospital</li> </ul>

## Stages of Hypothermia

Stage	Core Temperature	Axillary Temperature	Signs & Symptoms <sup>6, 7, 8</sup>
Mild	32-35°C	30.5-35°C	Alert Vigorous shivering.
Moderate	30-32°C	28.5-32°C	Reduced level of consciousness Shivering diminishes Loss of fine motor control Loss of coordination Blue lips - Cyanosis
	28-30°C	26.5-30°C	Shivering Stops Fixed dilated pupils
Severe	25-28°C	23.5-28°C	Unconscious Shivering has stopped Rigid muscles Appears Dead Potential arrhythmias
	20-25°C	18.5-25°C	Cardiac Arrest
Profound	<20°C	<18.5°C	No detectable vital signs

## Stages of Hypothermia

### 28°C (82°F)

- Decreased ventricular fibrillation threshold
- Hypoventilation

### 14°C (57°F)

- Lowest adult accidental hypothermia survival

### 9°C (48°F)

- Lowest therapeutic survival



## Emergency Care

### Rewarming

#### Arrhythmias

- Increased risk of ventricular fibrillation
  - Can be induced by stimulating patient
- Defibrillation likely futile < 30°C
- Most non v-fib arrhythmias correct with rewarming alone

#### CPR

- Not possible if chest is frozen

**“They’re not dead until they’re warm and dead”**

## Rewarming Methods

### Passive External

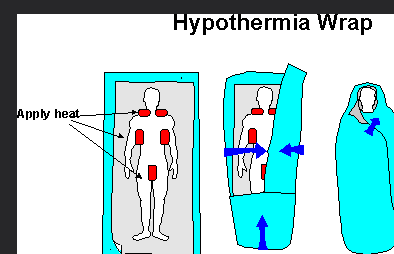
- Remove from cold environment
- Remove wet clothing
- Blankets, dry coverings

### Active External

- Heat packs to neck, axillae, groin, abdomen
  - Caution not to cause burns
- Caution with external stimulation

### Active Internal

- Warm, humidified oxygen
- Warm PO fluids
- Warm IV fluids (microwave ok!)
- ECMO
- Thoracic lavage





## Hypothermia – Treatment

### Mild

- Passive external rewarming

### Moderate

- Active core rewarming
- +/- Active external rewarming

### Severe

- Active core rewarming

## Frostbite

### Mechanism

- Freezing
- Hypoxia
- Inflammatory mediators

### Types

- Superficial
  - Normal skin color, large clear blisters, intact sensation
- Deep
  - Small, dark/blood-filled blisters, cyanosis, hard skin



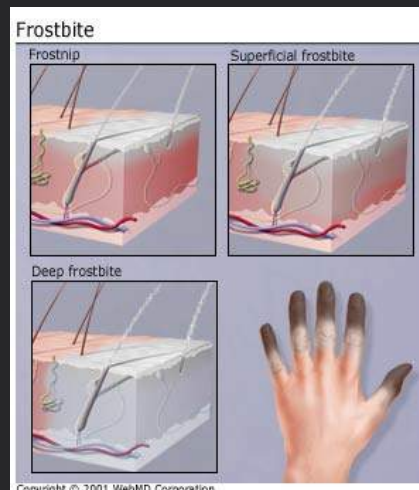
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### Treatment

- Treat hypothermia first
- **No direct rewarming if possibility of refreezing**
- Rewarm in 104-108°F water
- Debride blisters
- Aloe/wound care
- Splint and transport
- Ibuprofen, tetanus, PCN

### Frostnip

- Formation of superficial ice crystals without underlying tissue damage



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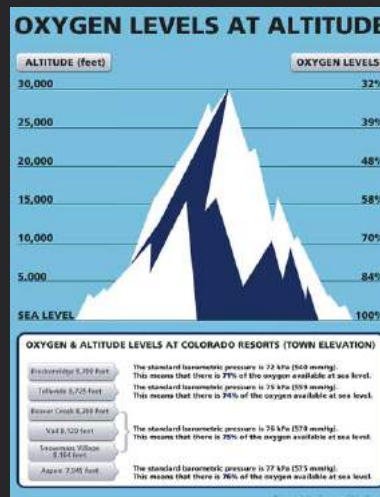
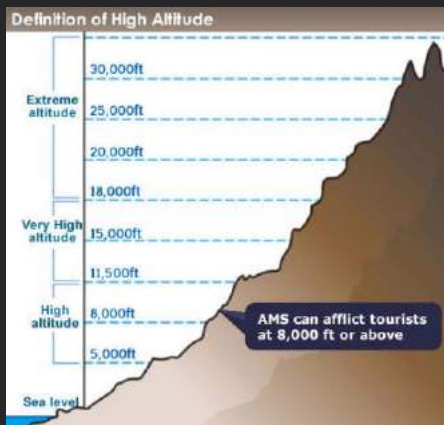
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## Altitude Sickness



## Altitude Sickness

### Signs & Symptoms

- Headache
- Nausea/vomiting
- Fatigue
- Dizziness
- Insomnia



## Altitude Sickness

### Epidemiology

- Rapid ascent over 8,000 feet
- Loss of 10% VO<sub>2</sub> max for every 3,281 ft over 5,000
- Risk Factors:
  - Rate of ascent
  - Highest altitude
  - Sleeping altitude
  - Length of altitude exposure
  - Level of exertion

## Altitude Sickness

### Progression

- High altitude headache (HAH)
- Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS)
  - HAH + at least 1 of
    - > Nausea/Vomiting
    - > Fatigue
    - > Dizziness
    - > Insomnia
- HACE/HAPE

## Altitude Sickness

### Treatment

- Descend
- Oxygen
- Hyperbaric tents
  - “Gamov Bag”
- Medications
  - Acetazolamide (125-250mg BID)
  - Dexamethasone (4mg PO or IM q6)
  - Nifedipine (HAFE)
    - > 10mg once then 30mg XR BID
  - Symptomatic treatment
    - > NSAIDs, antiemetics
- DESCEND!



## Environmental Dangers

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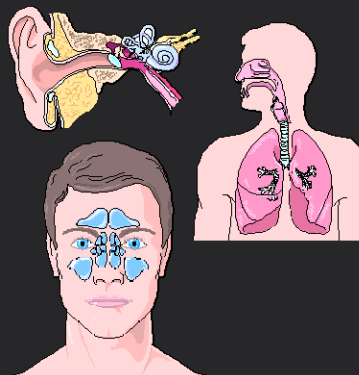
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## Diving Illness

### Barotrauma

- Eyes (mask squeeze)
- Ears
- Sinuses
- Lungs
  - Risk if unable to fully exhale
- Arterial gas embolism
  - Possible increased risk with PFO (2.5-5x risk)



## Diving Illness

### Decompression Sickness

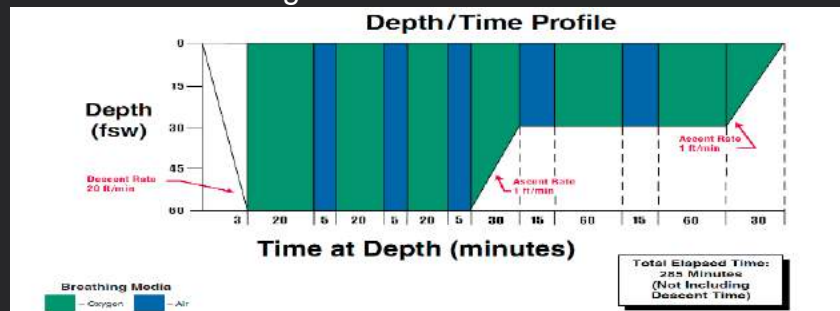
- Bubbles!
- Type I
  - Nonsystemic/musculoskeletal
  - Joint pain, rash, itching
  - 95% present within 6 hours of surfacing
- Type II
  - Neurologic, vestibular, and pulmonary symptoms
    - > Headache, malaise, paresthesias, weakness
    - > Vertigo, nausea, vomiting, hearing loss
    - > Cough, chest pain, shortness of breath
  - 50% symptomatic in first hour, 90% by 6 hours
- 2-3 cases per 10,000 dives



## Diving Illness

### Treatment

- Hydration
- 100% oxygen
- **Recompression**
- Limit altitude if long distance transfer



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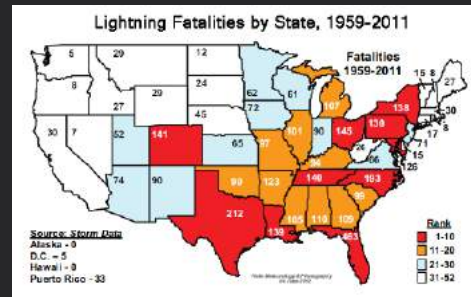
## Lightning

400 strikes/year in US (10% fatal)

Golf courses and ball fields most common

### NFHS Policy

- On-site Monitoring
- 30 mile/30 min. rule
- **Appropriate** shelter



## Summary

- ABCs first
- Early CPR and defibrillation save lives
- Ventilation is the most important part of airway management
- Practice, practice, practice!
- Beware altered mental status, neurologic deficits, and persistent vomiting
- On-field reduction attempts ok for everything but hip
- Eyes: look for abnormal vision, eye movements, and anatomy
- Teeth: transport avulsed teeth in best available medium
- Cool overheated patients before transport
- Start rewarming if they will stay warm; not dead until warm and dead



## Conclusion

### Presentation:

09:03  
06:07 Acuity: ESI 4. Method of arrival: Ambulated without assistance.  
06:15 Presenting complaint: pt states "i dont need you to do anything for me im outta here"

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