Medical Emergencies M-7 Subacute and Chronic Pain

Definition

Subacute or chronic pain is defined as a pain lasting >2 weeks. Pain may be persistant or episodic in duration and intensity.

Priorities

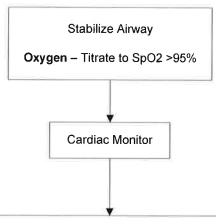
ABC's

Identify signs of shock

Place patient in position of comfort

Early contact of receiving hospital

Avoid morphine and fentanyl if using this protocol.



For pain scale ≥4

Acetaminophen 1,000mg PO

Contraindications to Acetaminophen

- Liver disease
- Taken acetaminophen-containing products within 4 hours
- Taken >3,000mg acetaminophen within the last 24 hours
- Inability to tolerate oral medications

Special Consideration

For complaints of chest pain, consider using the appropriate chest pain protocol.

DISRUPTED COMMUNICATIONS

In the event of a "disrupted communications" situation, Solano County Paramedics may utilize all portions of this treatment protocol without Base Hospital Contact as needed to stabilize an immediate patient.