

Critical Assessments in Trauma Care: A Case Study Approach
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Behavioral Objectives/Outline

Describe initial assessment findings that require intervention and on-going assessment

Mechanism of injury as a guide to a focused assessment and discovery of occult injuries

Airway Concerns:

Causes of actual or potential compromise

Breathing Concerns

Circulatory Concerns

Neurological Concerns:

Causes of actual or potential compromise

Review age-specific concerns that affect response to injury

Pediatric concerns

Anatomical and Physical patterns of injury

Common Patterns of injury

Adolescent Concerns

Risky behaviors

Self Esteem Issues

Young Adult Concerns

Risky Behaviors

Middle Age Concerns

Socioeconomic Issues

Older Adult Concerns

Anatomical and physiological differences

Common patterns of injury

Medication-related issues

Discuss prevention of secondary injury related to the treatment of the trauma patient

Infection Prevention

Neuroprotection

Fluid overload

Assignment of Appropriate Level of Care

Analyze the impact of effective communication and collaboration in achieving optimal patient outcomes

**Communication Styles
Team Assignments
Transfer of Care
Managing Assignments**

Critically analyze assessment data obtained from primary and secondary surveys to determine appropriate plan of care