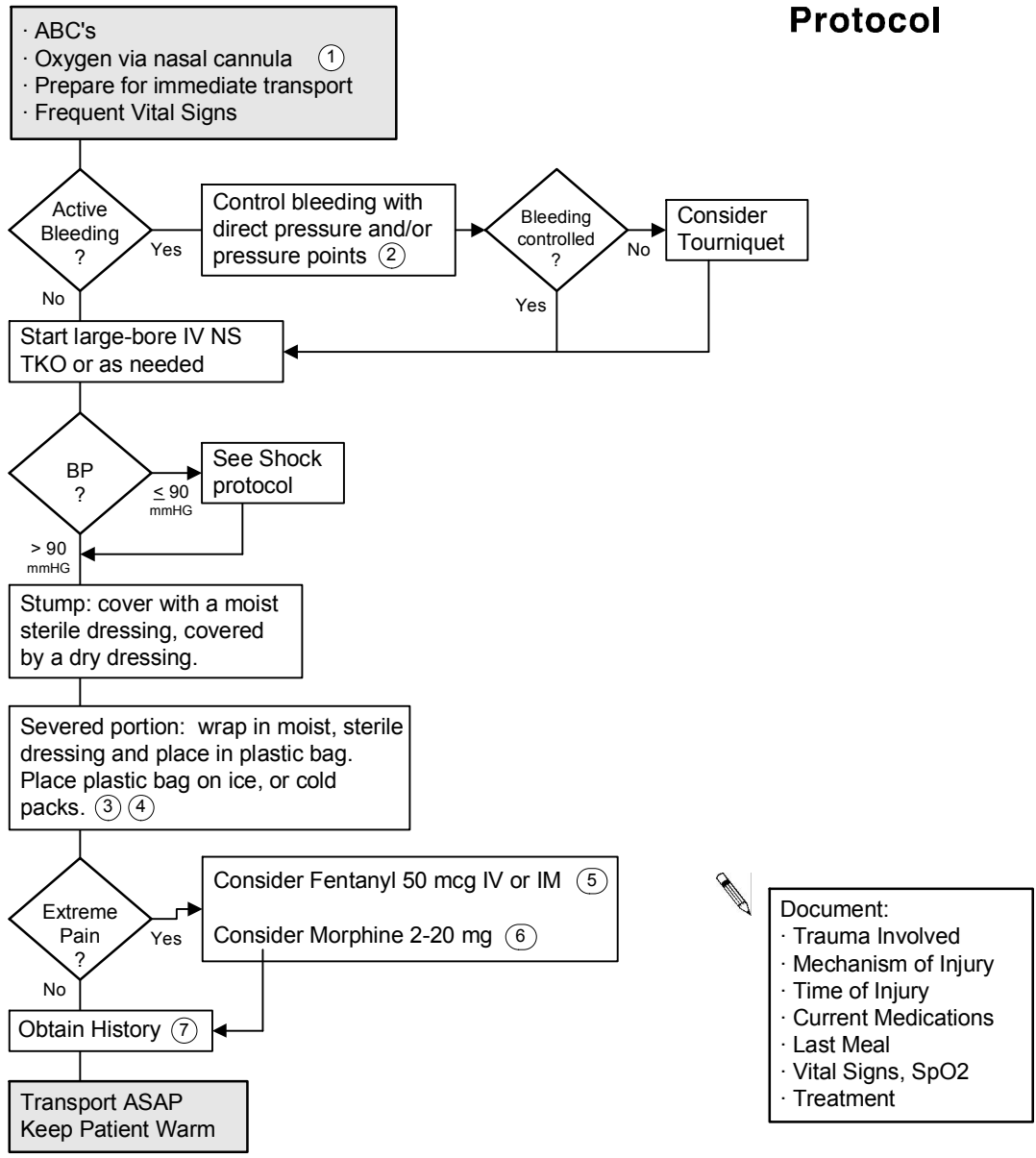


Amputation

ALS Protocol



- 1 Administer higher concentrations if needed. Use a nonrebreathable mask if active bleeding is present or if the original blood loss was significant.
- 2 Use pressure point proximal to site if direct pressure does not control the bleeding.
- 3 Keep severed part moist. Do not allow to soak in a solution.
- 4 If transport delayed or otherwise extensive (entrapped patient, etc.), consider air transport and/or transporting severed part before patient, to allow early examination and surgical preparation for reimplantation.
- 5 Fentanyl: May repeat dose of 50 mcg prn (titrate to pain). Physician order required for respiratory depression/compromise, shock, or altered mentation.
- 6 Morphine may cause hypotension.
- 7 History: note time of amputation, mechanism involved, current medications, bleeding disorders. Exam: note anatomical location of amputation. Estimate total blood loss.