

Environmental Emergencies

*May 2021 Mercyhealth Prehospital and Emergency
Services Center*

COVID-19 Update

- US Vaccines with EUA
 - Moderna
 - Pfizer
 - Johnson and Johnson
- Positivity Spike
- Variants
 - Monoclonal Antibodies
- PPE Update

Reminder

- The Medical Control Line is Recorded!
- Do not say anything you would not like replayed in court!
- This can be an asset or liability!



Objectives

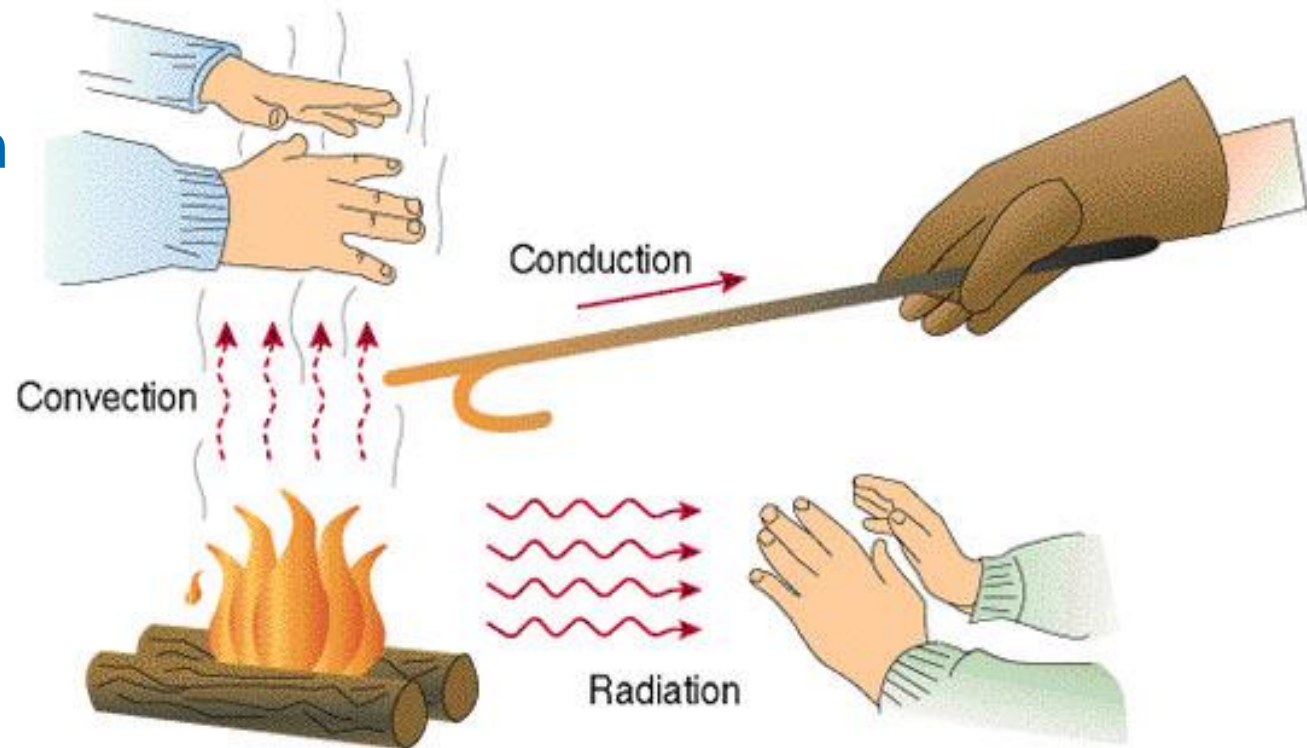
- Describe methods of heat transfer
- List physiological responses of the human body to hypothermia
- State treatment modalities for mild, moderate, and severe hypothermia
- List the signs, symptoms, and treatment for heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke
- Discuss treatment for venomous snakes in our area
- Discuss electrical injuries and their treatments
- Discuss common envenomations

Temperature Regulation

- Balance between heat production and heat loss
- Heat Production
 - Metabolism
 - Work Done on Environment
- Heat transfer/loss
 - Radiation
 - Convection
 - Conduction
 - Evaporation

Methods of Heat Transfer

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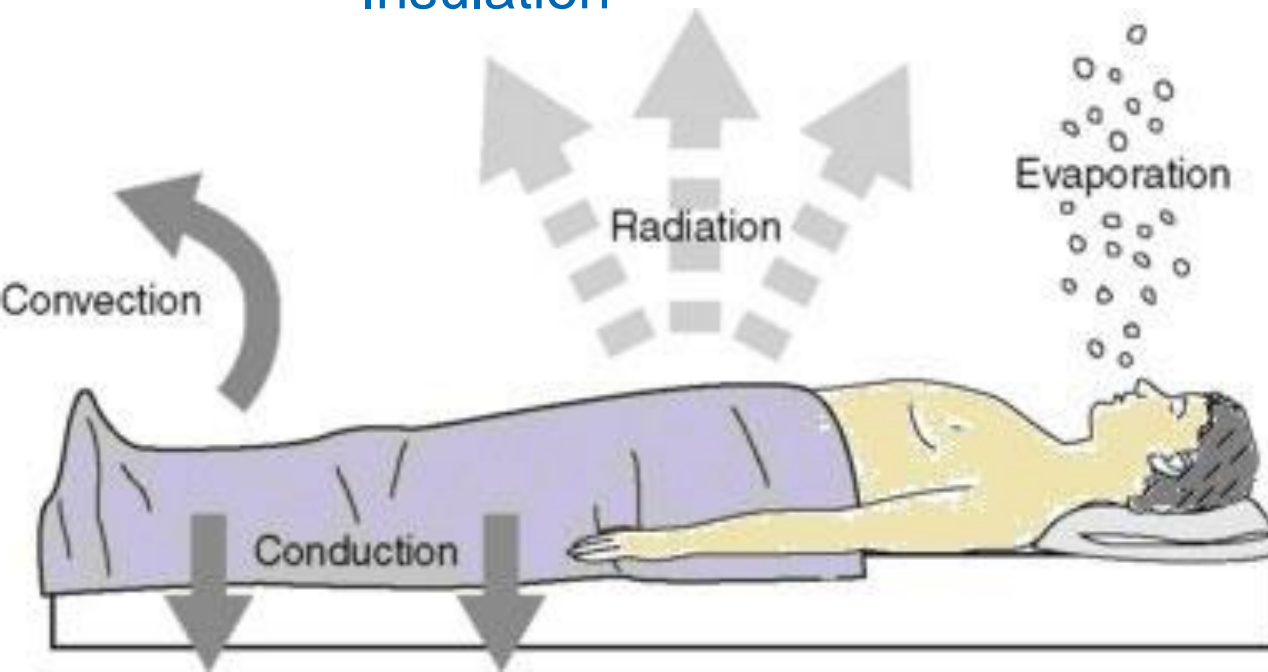


Radiation

- Heat transfer through photons in air through electromagnetic waves
 - Sun Light
 - Accounts for up to 60% of heat loss in cool environments
 - Direct heat loss from skin emitting heat
 - Can results in heat gain in if the ambient temperature is higher than body temperature
 - Direct contact is not needed

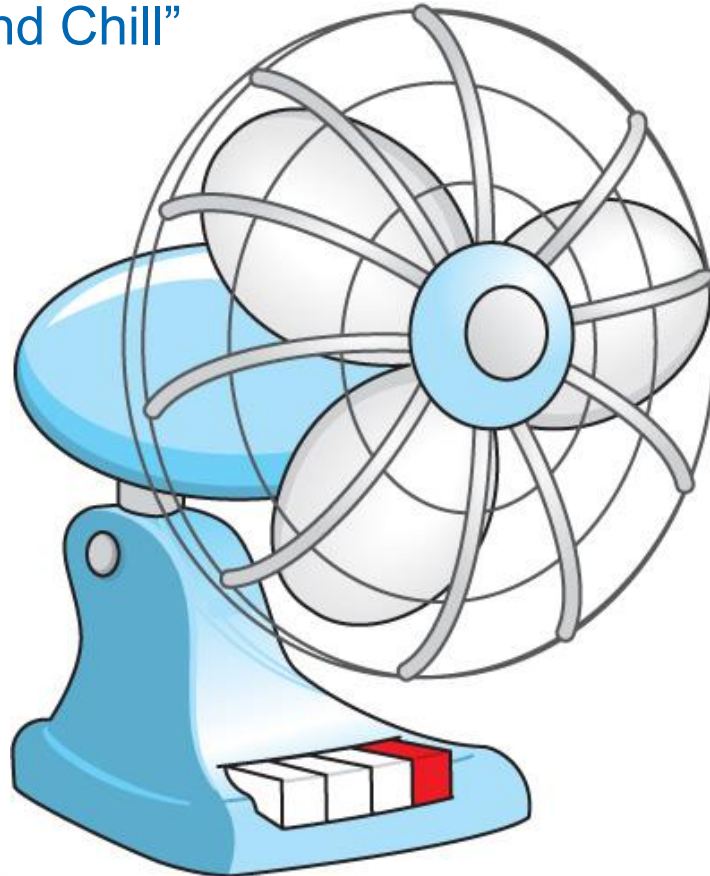
Conduction

- Direct transfer of heat from the body in contact with the skin
 - Heat loss by conduction into water
 - 32X >than air
 - Damp clothing Hot/Cold
 - Insulation



Convection

- Transfer of heat by water or air
 - Air Velocity
 - “Wind Chill”





Wind Chill Chart



		Temperature (°F)																	
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Frostbite Times



30 minutes



10 minutes



5 minutes

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Where, T= Air Temperature (°F) V= Wind Speed (mph)

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Evaporation

- Loss of heat when liquid water turns to gas
- Primary method of heat loss
 - 25% in a cool environment
 - Approaches 100% in high heat
 - Significantly less effective in high humidity



Respiration

- Combines evaporation and convection
 - Evaporation-moisture in lungs, mucous membranes
 - Convection- displacement of warm air in lungs to external environment
 - Heated Humidified O₂ as method of warming



Humidified Oxygen

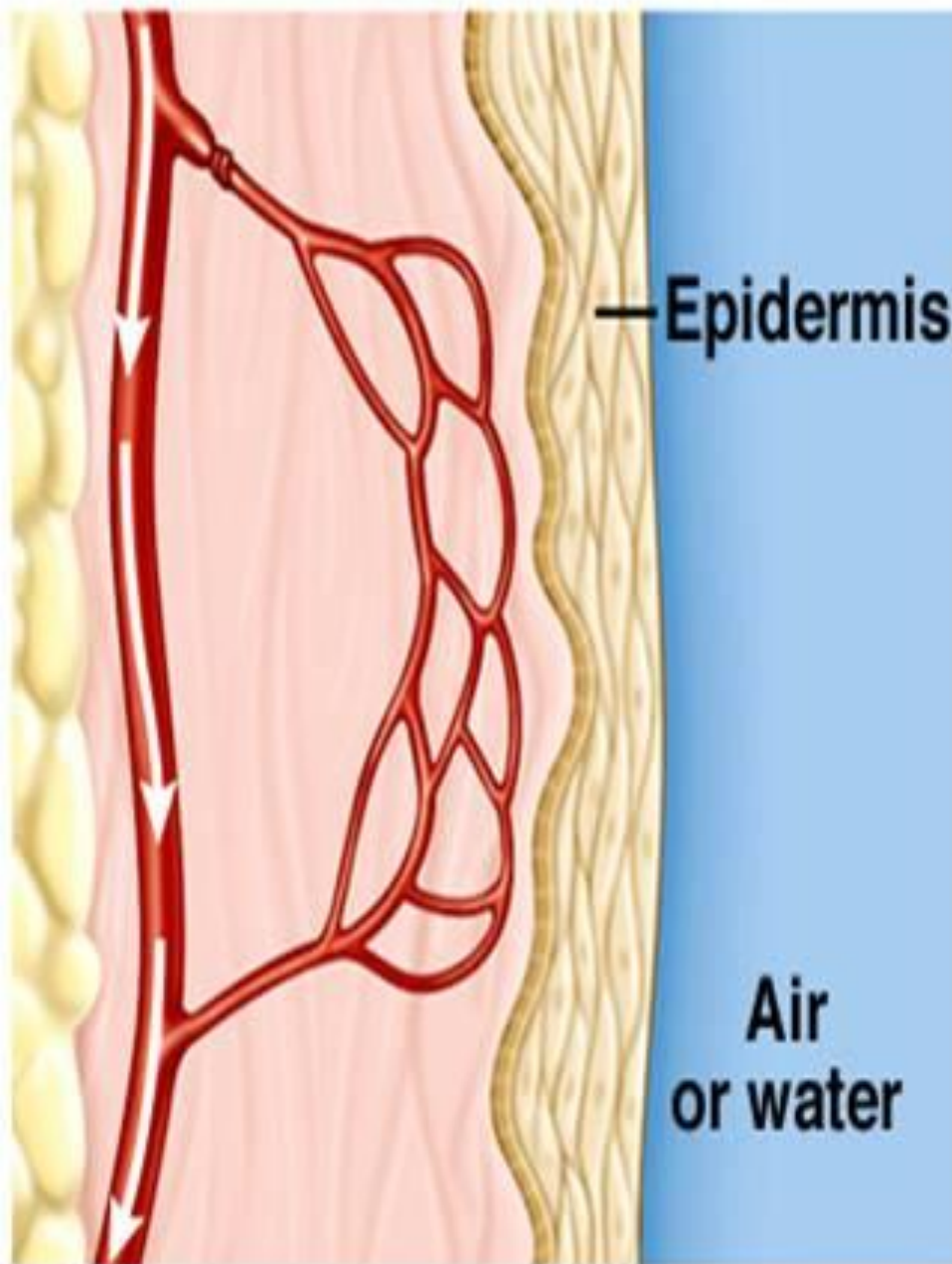


HFNC-High Flow Nasal
Cannula Therapy System

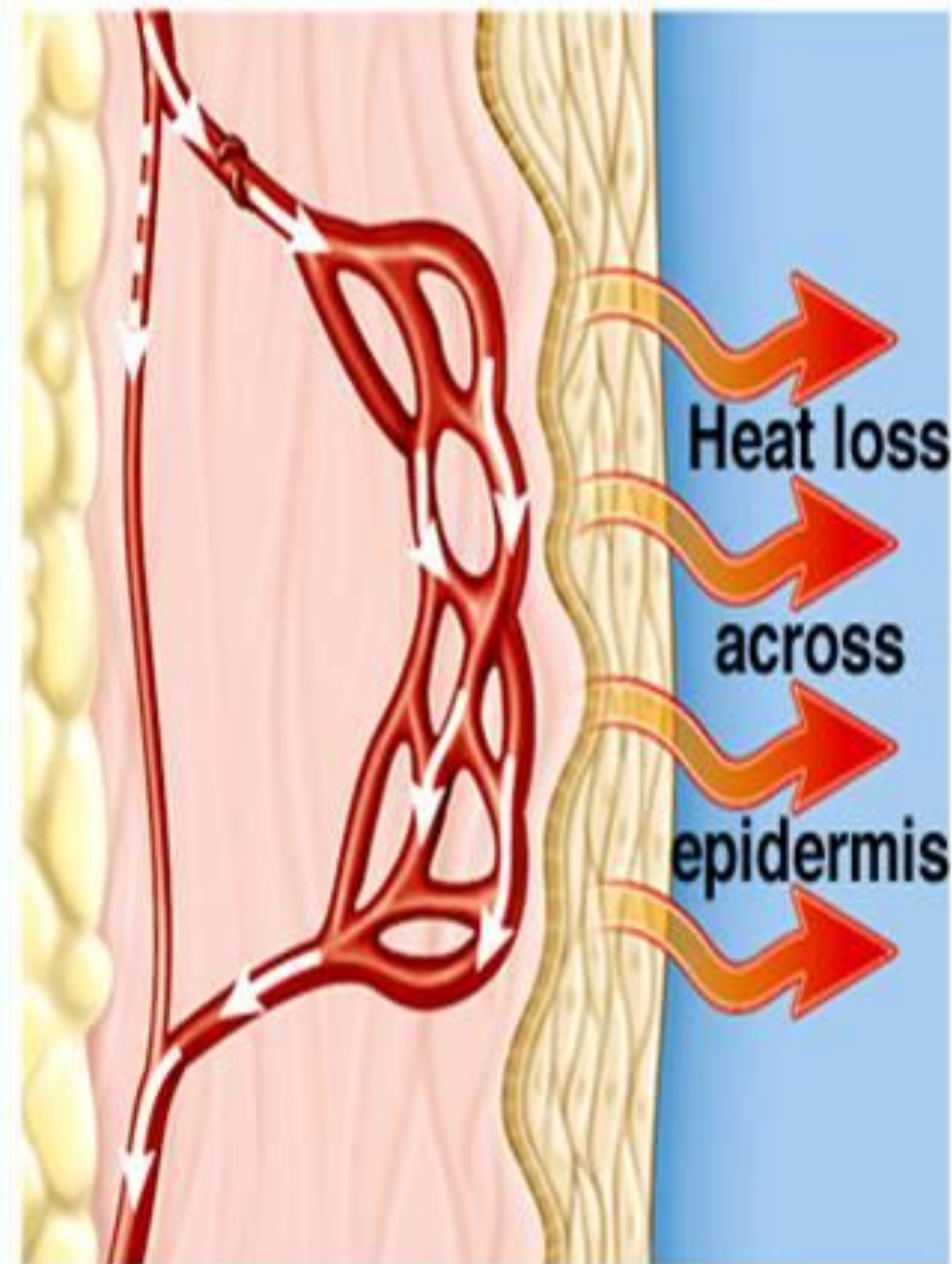


Temperature Regulation Physiology

- In hot conditions
 - Sweat (Hypotonic) Evaporation
 - Marathon Hyponatremia
 - Excessive Water Intake
 - Vasodilation
 - Skin Parameters
 - Hot
 - Flushed
 - Skin is major heat loss organ



Vasoconstriction



Vasodilation

Temperature Regulation Physiology

- In cold conditions
 - Decreased sweat production
 - Vasoconstriction
 - “Life over limb physiology”
 - Piloerection (convection)
 - Withdrawal Symptoms
 - Shivering (last line)



Hypothermia Risk Factors

- Age (Young/Old)
- Social Factors
- Preexisting disease
 - Cardiovascular Disease
 - Endocrine-diabetes, hypothyroidism, adrenal
 - Mental illness
- Medications- BB, Clonidine, Sedatives
- Alcohol
 - Sedation
 - Delay Shivering
 - Vasodilation

Hypothermia and Trauma

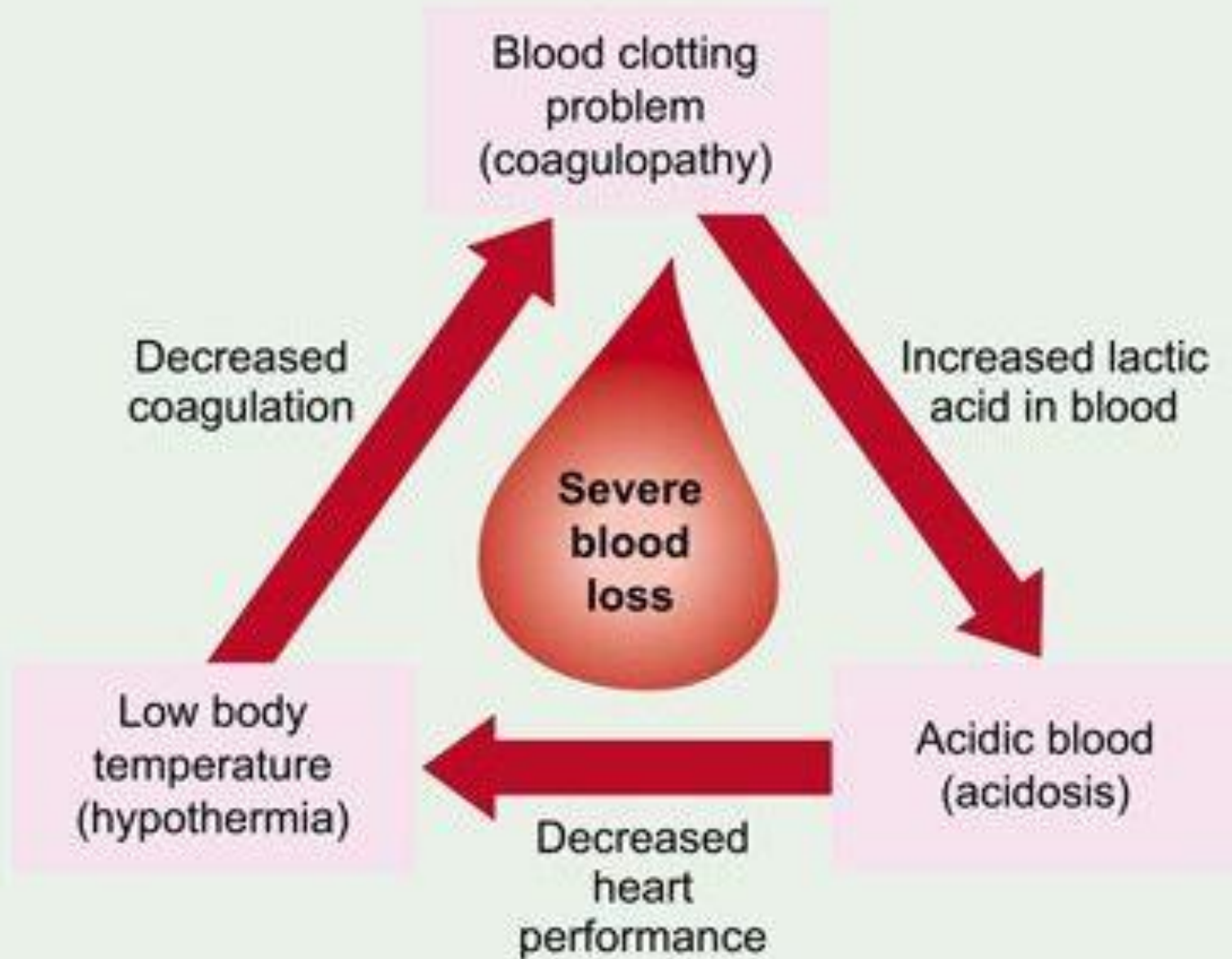
- Assess and treat traumatic injuries
- Properties of “Normal” Saline
 - Acidotic pH 5.5
 - No ability to carry hemoglobin
 - Dilutes Clotting factors
 - Not body temperature
 - Leads to hypothermia



Hypothermia and Trauma

- When blood leaves the body heat leaves with it
 - Hemorrhage control
 - Heat like blood very difficult to replace once gone
- Hypothermia Coagulopathy
 - Impairment of coagulation cascade
 - Decreased platelet function
 - Decreased clot formation

Trauma Triad of Death

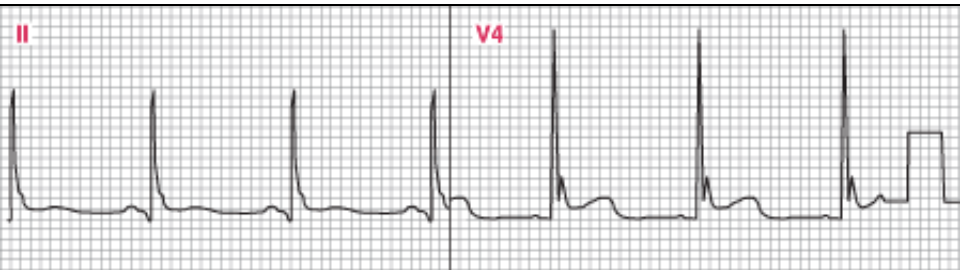


Mild Hypothermia

- 90-95 Degrees (Core Temperature)
 - Considerations
- Clinical Features
 - Shivering
 - Impaired Judgment
 - +/-tachycardia and hypertension
 - Vasoconstriction
 - Ataxia

Moderate Hypothermia

- 82-89 degrees
 - Clinical Features
 - Worsening Mental Status
 - Loss of Shivering
 - ECG Changes (J Wave), Susceptible to V-Fib, A-fib, bradycardia



Severe Hypothermia

- <82 Degrees
- Clinical Features
 - Bradycardia
 - Hypotension
 - Pulmonary Edema
 - Unresponsive
 - Dilated Pupils (not a marker of death)



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Hypothermia

- General Considerations
 - Rough handling can precipitate arrhythmias
 - When checking pulses, check for up to 60 seconds
 - Vasoconstriction considerations
 - Remove from environment
 - Remove wet clothing and dry

Cardiac Arrest and Hypothermia

- “Not dead until warm and dead”

> The patient has an unwitnessed cardiac arrest, is in asystole, and no bystander CPR has been started. (This does not apply if exposure **hypothermia**, drowning, or drug overdose plays a role in the arrest).

- Do not initiate CPR if Pulse Present

- When to terminate?

- Do not cease resuscitation in field***
- Patient is Warm >89 Degrees
- Chest Wall is frozen solid
- Ice obstructs airway
- Typical signs of death may be unreliable

Wrongful Death Suite

- “Family of Minnesota teen who froze to death sues responders’
- 19 y/o M Found outside after being in 0 degree for approx 5 hours
 - No resuscitation undertaken at scene
 - Each responder individually sued for not initiating resuscitative efforts
 - <https://www.ems1.com/airway-management/articles/family-of-minn-teen-who-froze-to-death-sues-responders-hnKXMWyGwjjPXnV5/>

Hypothermic Cardiac Arrest

- Which came first the hypothermia or the arrest?
- Rate at which cooling occurred?
- Hypothermia is neuroprotective
 - Performed intentionally post-ROSC
- Survival after 6.5 hours of CPR with active internal rewarming has been reported (Lexow 1991)
- Survival from Core temp of 48 degrees has been reported (Vassallo 2015)
- Consider transport to appropriate facility

Defibrillation and Hypothermia

- Defibrillate once
 - Controversial
- Subsequent defibrillations when temp >86 degrees
- Avoid pacing until >86 degrees

Hypothermia ACLS

- Bradycardia
 - Not vagal mediated
 - Unresponsive to atropine, pacing, epi
- IV/IO Access
 - Warmed Saline
- Airway
 - Heated Humidified Oxygen
 - Avoid Succinylcholine if Hyperkalemia
- Medications
 - Administer one round of ACLS medications
 - Toxic levels of resuscitation medications may pool in peripheral circulation
 - Do not repeat until >86 Degrees

Hypothermia and Submersion

- Drowning is the 5th leading cause of accidental death in US
- Factors that impact of survival with prolonged submersion
 - Water Temperature*
 - Duration of Submersion*
 - Age of Victim
- Did drowning or cooling come first?

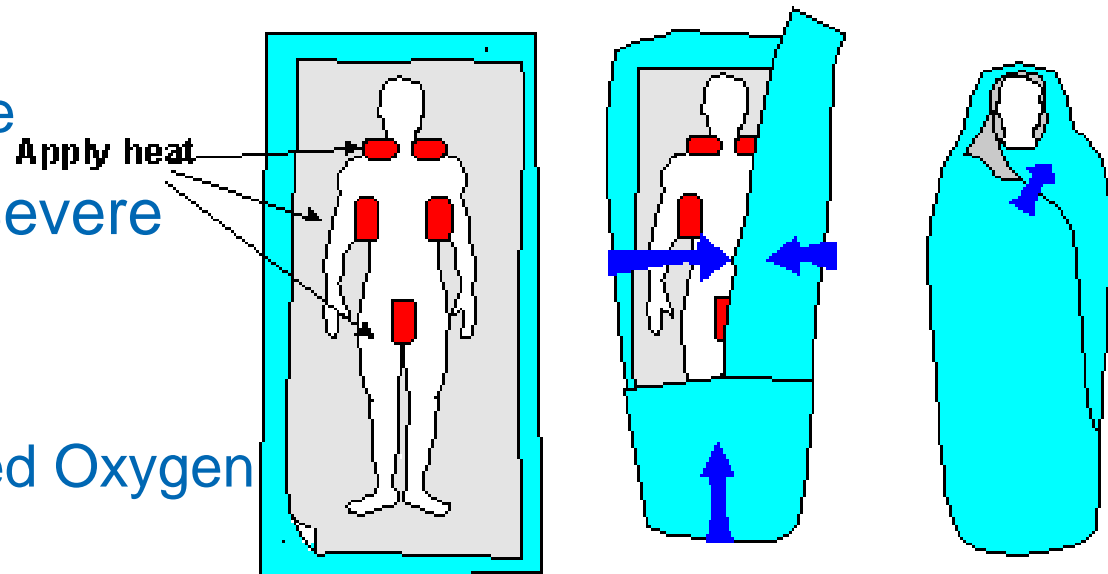
Hypothermia and Submersion

- Resuscitation 2011, 82:7
- Water temp $> 42^{\circ}\text{F}$
 - Survival/resuscitation unlikely if submersion >30 minutes
- Water temp $<42^{\circ}\text{F}$
 - Survival/resuscitation unlikely if submersion >90 minutes

Rewarming

- IF can tolerate PO give glucose to support thermogenesis
- Passive- Mild
 - Removal of wet clothing
 - Blankets
 - Warm Ambulance
- Active- Moderate/Severe
 - Warmed IV fluid
 - Hot Packs
 - Heated Humidified Oxygen

Hypothermia Wrap



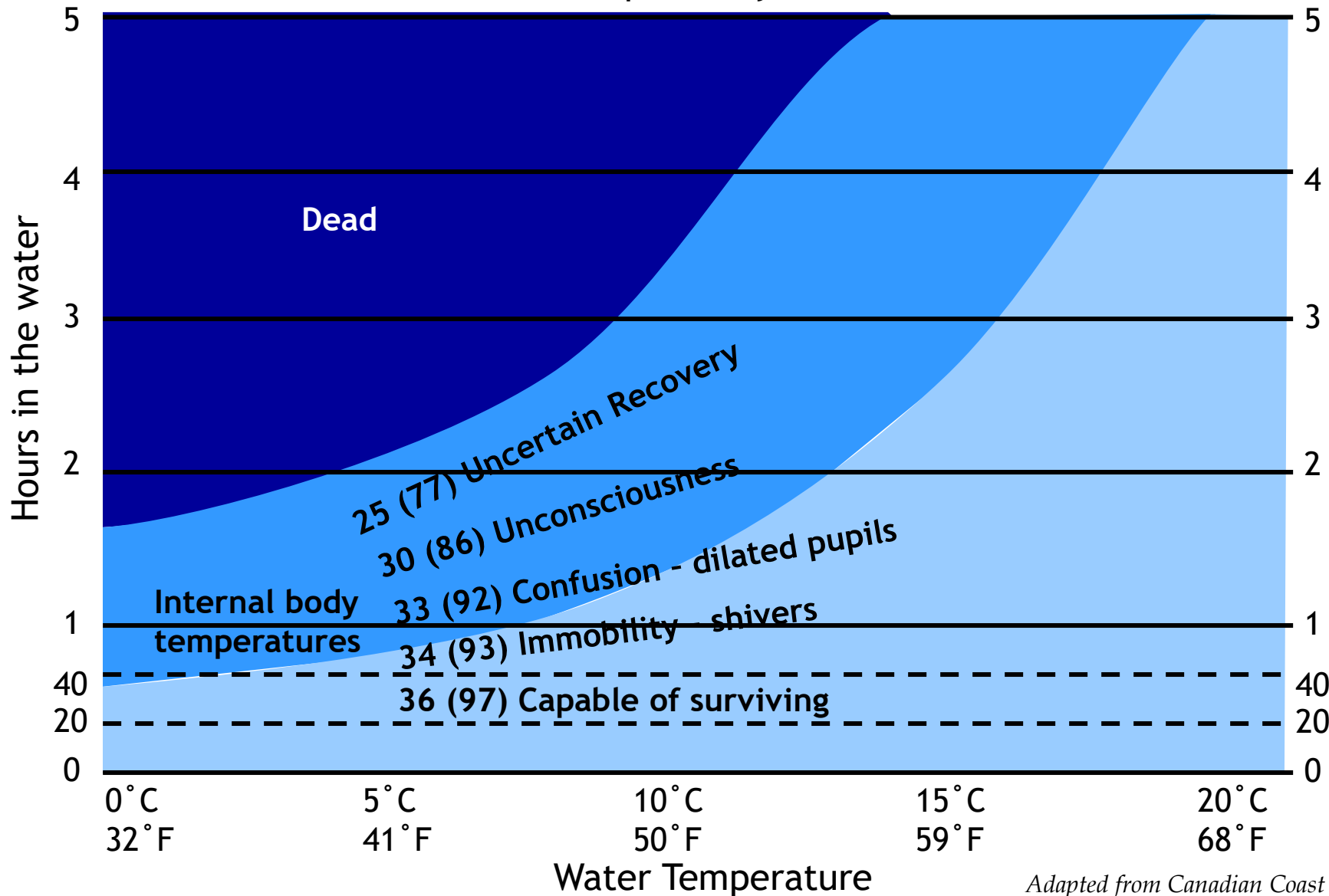
Warming Crystalloid

- Avoid LR, unable to be metabolized in hypothermic state
- Non-Dextrose non-Medication can be warmed in microwave (Annals of Emergency Medicine 1985)
 - 2 Minutes
 - Ensure evenly mixed
 - Goal temp <104 degrees
- Hot Packs
- Dash
- Inside Coat
- Fluid Warmers



Survival times as a function of water temperature (assuming no cold protection)

Life expectancy in water



Adapted from Canadian Coast Guard



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Local Cold Injuries

- Frost nip- transient numbness and tingling which occurs with rewarming, contrast to frost bite as no tissue destruction occurs
- Frost bite
 - Pathophysiology
 - Increased Blood Viscosity
 - Ice Crystal Formation
 - Ischemia
 - Symptoms
 - Based on degree/depth of tissue destruction (similar to burns)
 - Most Common Symptoms is numbness
 - Nose/Ears/Fingers/Toes

Frost Bite

“Freeze in January amputate in June”



Local Cold Injuries Management

- Remove wet and constrictive clothing
- Prevent further cold injury
- Rewarming in the field should only be undertaken if risk for re-cooling/freezing is minimal
- Rewarming can be painful prepare to treat pain
- Do not rub tissues/air dry
- Rewarm with warm water no hotter than 102.2
- Place dressings between toes/fingers

Heat related illness

- Risk Factors

- Extremes of Age

- Limited Mobility

- Alcohol- inhibition of ADH increased urination

- Medications

- Antipsychotics- CNS heat regulation centers

- Anticholinergic- diphenhydramine

- Sympathomimetics- caffeine, cocaine, PCP, Meth

- Cardiac Medications- BB, CCB

- Cardiac output increases around 3L/min for each 1 degree C above core temp

- Requires increased in HR peripheral vasodilatation



Toxidromes- Anticholinergic

Examples: Atropine, Scopolimine, H1 Blockers (Diphenhydramine), TCAs, Jimsonweed, some mushrooms, Norflex

Mental Status- Delirious

Temperature- Hot

Eyes- Dilated

Lungs- Clear

HR/BP- Increased

Bowel/Bladder- Urinary Retention

Skin- Dry



Toxidromes- Anticholinergic Jimsonweed



Toxidromes- Anticholinergic

Dry as a Bone
Hot as a Hades
Red as a Beet
Blind as a Bat
Mad as a Hatter

Treatment

- Supportive
 - IVFs
 - Versed for agitation



Heat Illness

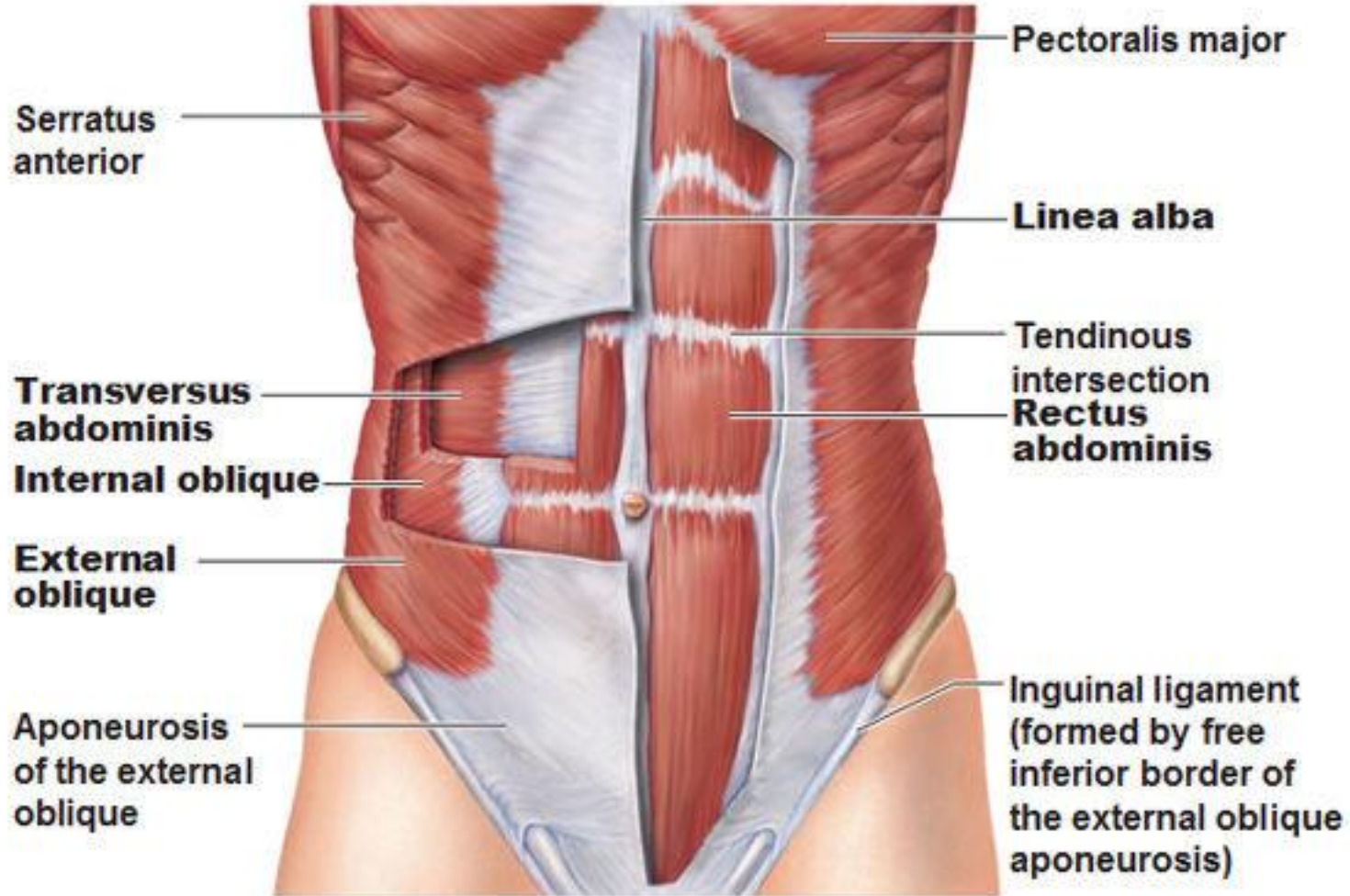
- Working in hot environments
 - High osmolality fluids inhibits gastric emptying; osmolality of less than 200 mOsm/L is optimal
 - Gatorade=360mOsm/L-dilute with water
 - 0.5 to 1 quart/hour water
- Fire ground rehab considerations



Heat Cramps

- 99-101.3 F
- Large Muscle Groups Affected- abdomen, extremities
- Typically Salt Depletion/Muscle Fatigue/Dehydration
- Treatment: Commercial Electrolyte replacement therapies/sports drink
 - Salt tablets are gastric irritants, delay gastric emptying not recommended

Abdominal Muscles



Heat Exhaustion-Spectrum

- Volume depletion + Heat Stress
- Symptoms Weakness, headache, Nausea, Syncope
- Signs: tachycardia, +/- **sweating**, tachypnea, +/- ALOC (anxiety, lethargy, irritability)
 - 99-104 F
 - Skin findings unreliable
 - Absence of severe CNS abnormalities

Heat Stroke Spectrum

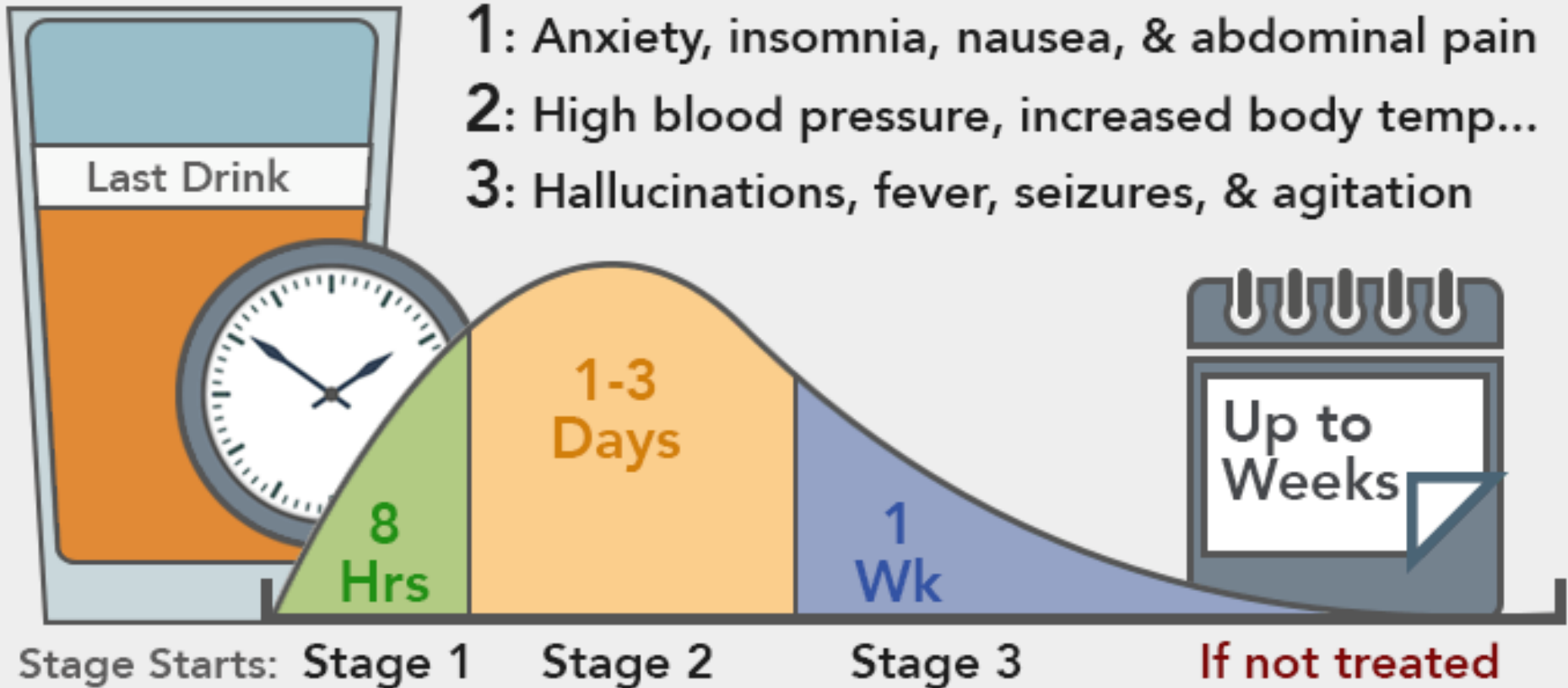
- Failure of Compensatory Mechanisms
- Heat stress and CNS effects
 - Coma, Seizures, Delirium
- Core temp > 104 F
- Skin findings unreliable
- Hypotension
- Renal/Liver Dysfunction

High Temperature Differential Diagnosis

- Delirium Tremens
- Drugs
 - PCP, Cocaine, Salicylate (Aspirin), Sympathomimetic, Anticholinergic, neuroleptics, serotonic syndrome
- Infection
- Metabolic
 - Thyroid Storm, DKA
- CNS
 - Seizures, Cerebral Hemorrhage

Alcohol Withdrawal Timeline

- 1: Anxiety, insomnia, nausea, & abdominal pain
- 2: High blood pressure, increased body temp...
- 3: Hallucinations, fever, seizures, & agitation



Treatment Goals

- High Mortality Rate 10-63%
- End Heat Challenge- Remove from environment
- Increase Health loss from
 - Conduction
 - Convection
 - Radiation
 - Evaporation
- Support ABCDs



Conduction/Convection-Heat Illness

- Conduction Direct transfer of heat from the body in contact with the skin
- Convection Transfer of heat by water or air
- Treatment
 - Remove Excessive Clothing
 - Air conditioning
 - Protect patient from hot surfaces (i.e asphalt)
 - Ice to groin, arm pits, hands, feet
 - Fans/Air movement
 - Cover patient with cool/wet sheet (be aware of insulation)
 - Fluids IV/PO

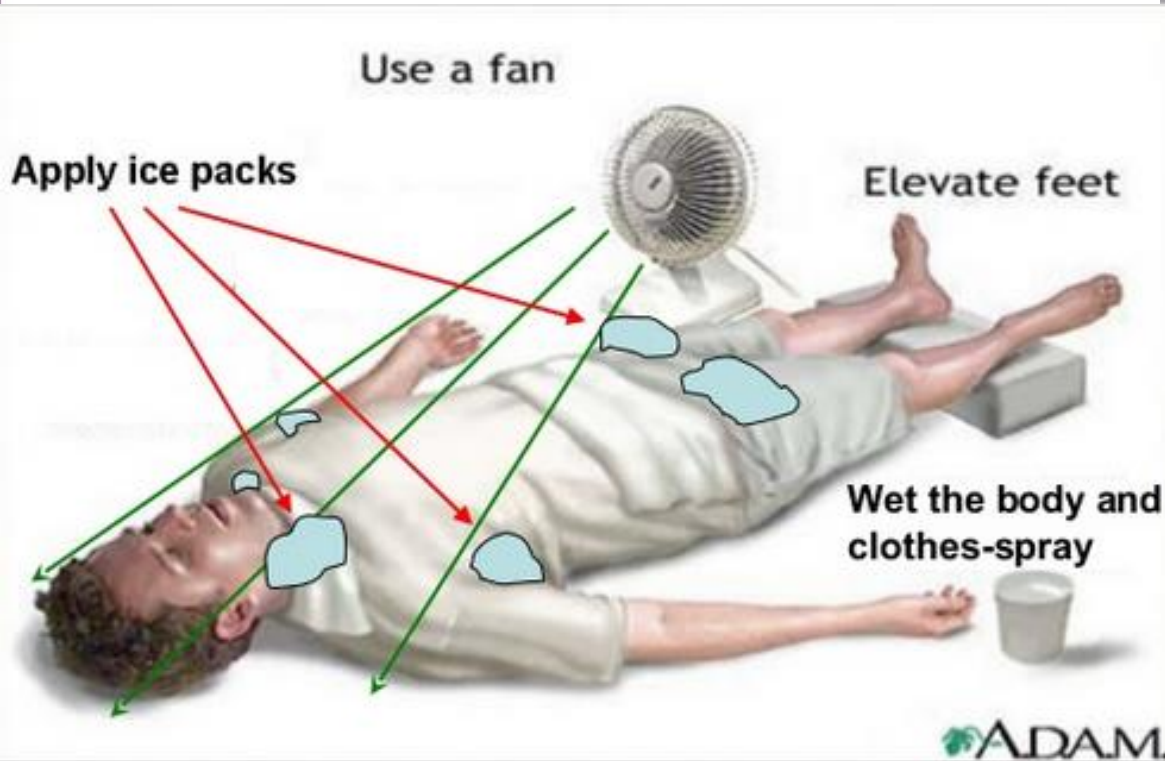
Radiation- Heat Illness

- Heat transfer through photons in air through electromagnetic waves
- Remove patient from sun light
 - Shade



Evaporation Heat Illness

- Loss of heat when liquid water turns to gas



Heat Illness Treatment

- abcD
 - Hypoglycemia frequent finding
- Avoid Over cooling
 - Shivering = Heat Production
- Do not delay treatment, start treatment on scene

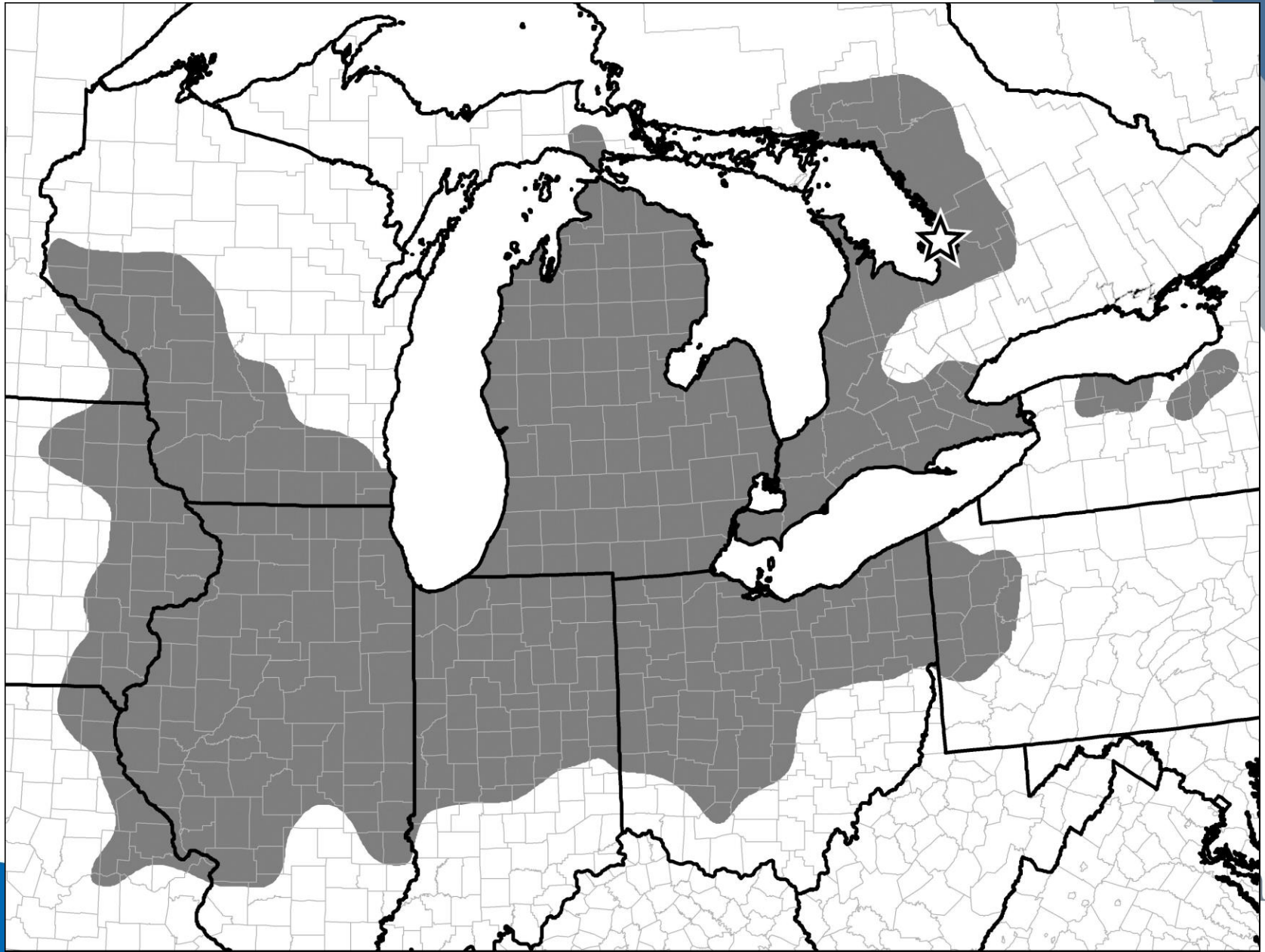
Snake Bites

- Venomous Snakes are rare in our response areas
- Viperade Family
 - Eastern Massasaguga Rattle Snake
 - Timber Rattle Snake
 - Venomous
 - Protolytic
 - Tissue Necrosis
 - Hemolysis
 - DIC
 - Local Necrosis
 - Assume “Wet Bite” effects can be delayed

Eastern Massasaguga Rattle Snake



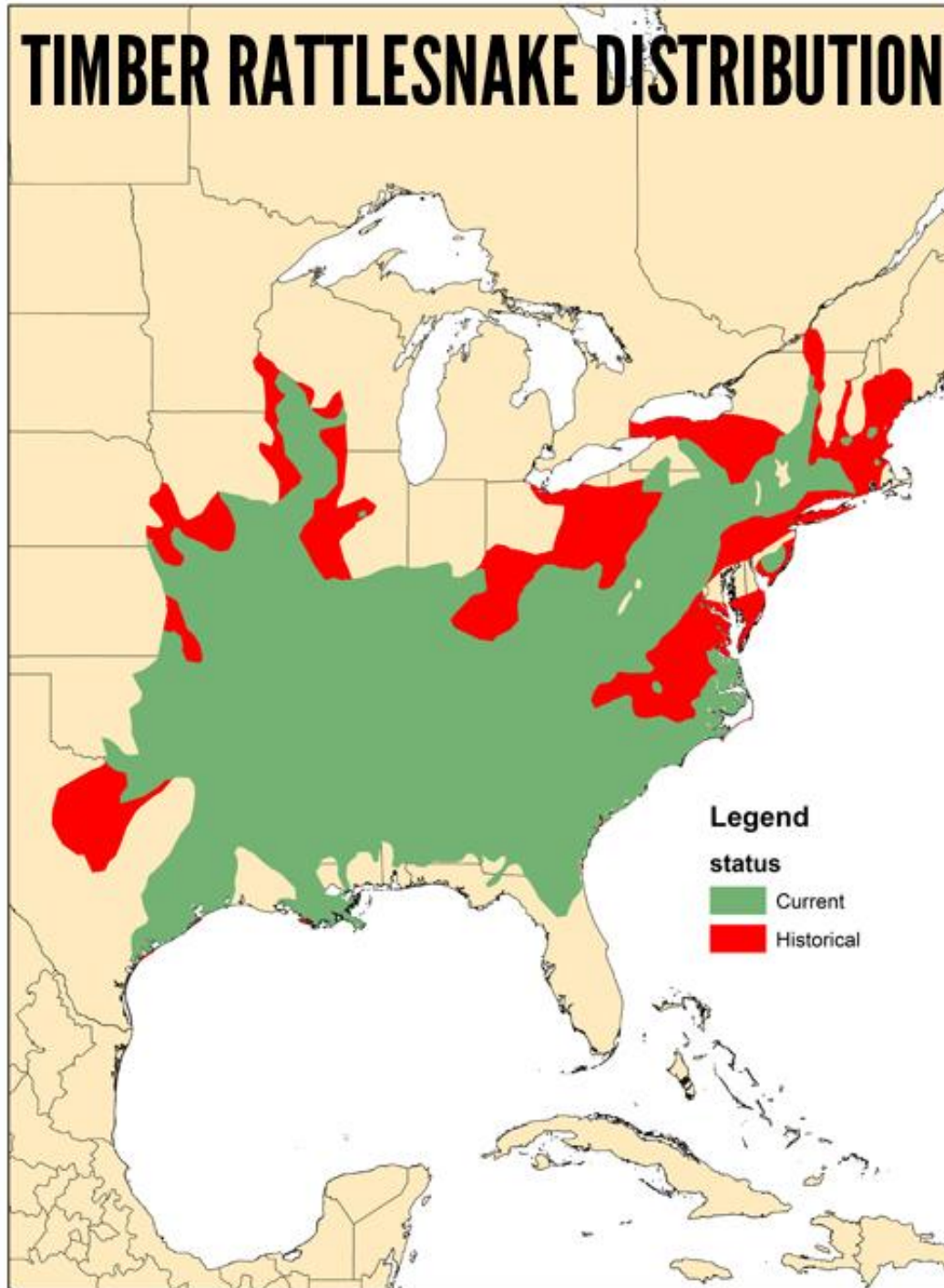
Eastern Massasaguga Rattle Snake



Timber Rattle Snake



TIMBER RATTLESNAKE DISTRIBUTION



Snake Bite Treatment

- **Don't** attempt to capture kill snake unless trained
 - Pictures/Description adequate
 - Dead snakes can still envenomate
- **Don't** incise/use suction
- **Don't** apply TQ
- *Do* minimize activity
- *Do* mark leading edge of redness with time
- *Do* treat pain (IV not on same limb)
- *Do* remove jewelry, tight fitting clothing
- *Do* contact poison control (Antivenom locations)

Electrical Injuries

- Basics

- Amperage- Measure of Electric Current-amount of energy that flows through an object
 - TASER - 2.1-3.6 Milliamps
 - Incandescent Light Bulb - 4 amps
- Alternating Current (AC)
 - Electrical Outlet
 - Typically More Dangerous
 - Muscle Tetany
 - Arrhythmias
- Direct Current (DC)
 - Batteries
 - Single Muscle spasm- possibly thrown from the current

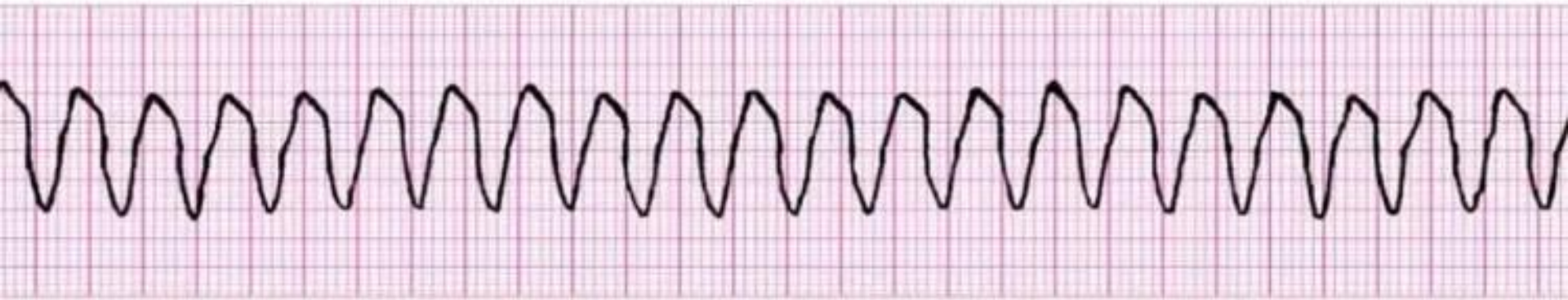


Electrical Injuries

- Voltage- Difference in electrical potential between two points
 - TASER - 50,000 Volts
 - Static electricity on a door knob - 35,000-100,000 Volts
 - Home Voltage 110 (Known Fatalities)
 - Phone Line 24V (No recorded fatalities)
 - Low Voltage <1000 V
 - ½ Injuries and deaths
 - ½ of all deaths have no burns (Arrythmias)
 - High Voltage >1000 V

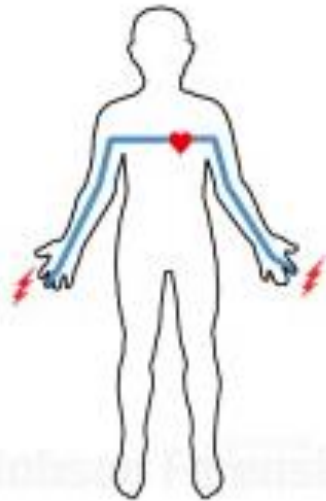
Electrical Injuries

- Joules-Unit of Work- one Joule is the work needed to move one amp (current) through one ohm of resistance
 - TASER - 0.36-1.76 Joules per pulse
 - Safety threshold for inducing V-Tach - 15-42 Joules



Hand & Hand Contact

thru hands, arms and chest



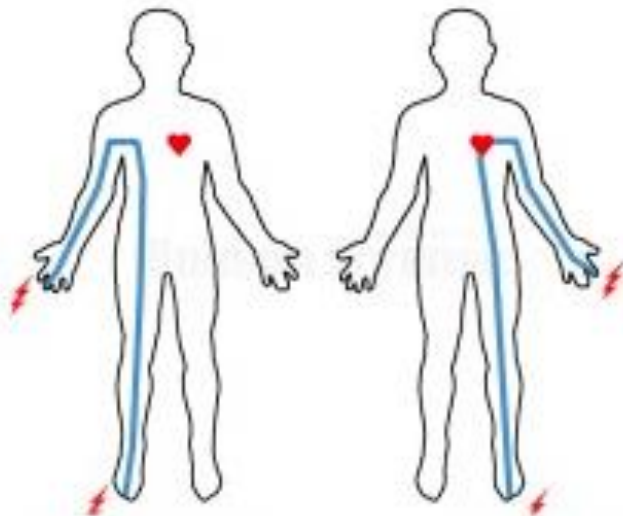
Hand & Arm Contact

thru hand and arm



Hand & Foot Contact

thru hands, arm, chest, abdomen, leg and foot



Hand & Head Contact

thru hand, arm, neck and head



Lightning

- DC (2 Million to 200million Volts)
- Strike can occur 10 miles ahead of storm
- May travel though pipes, wires, etc
- Fixed Dilated Pupils= transient autonomic disturbances
- Trauma/Thermal Injuries
- Paralysis 50% of victims
- Reverse Triage
 - Cardiac/Respiratory arrest
 - Total Myocardial depolarization= asystole
 - Treat those with no signs of life first





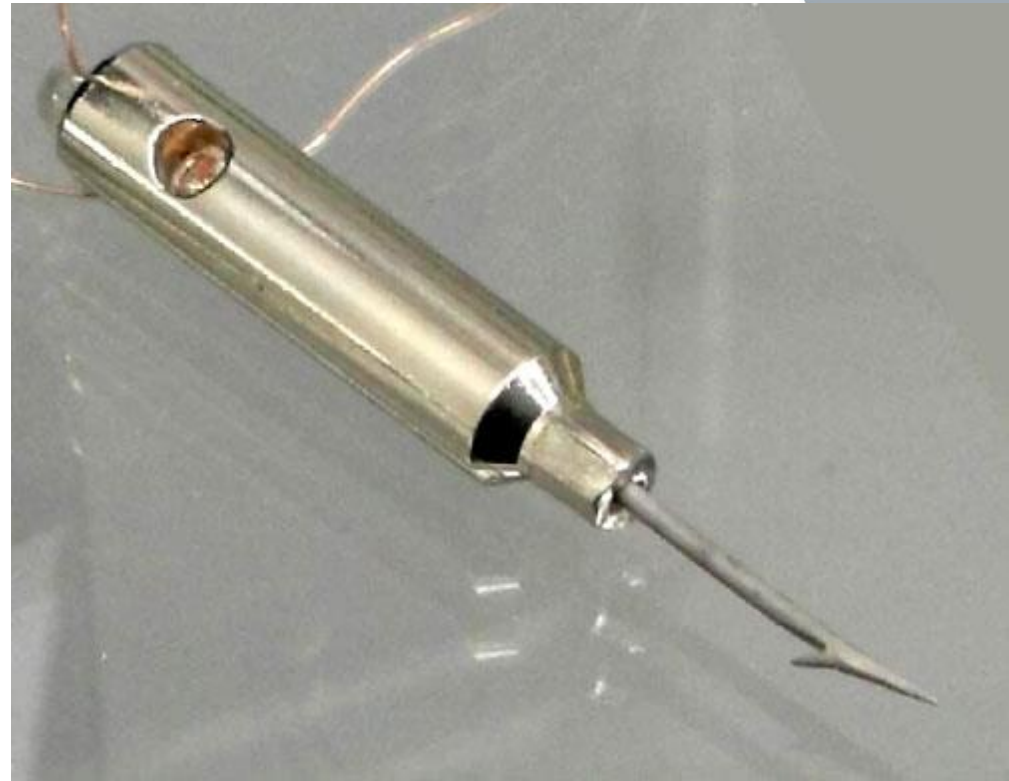
TASER Basics

- **Thomas A. Swift's Electronic Rifle (1911)**
TASER
 - High Voltage But Low Amperage
 - Fires 2 Probes
- 25-55% of TASER deaths are estimated to be from Excited Delirium



TASER

- High Voltage Low Amps = Intense Muscle Contractions
 - Stress fractures
 - Muscle/tendon tears
 - Injuries from fall
 - Burns from arcing
 - Penetration injuries

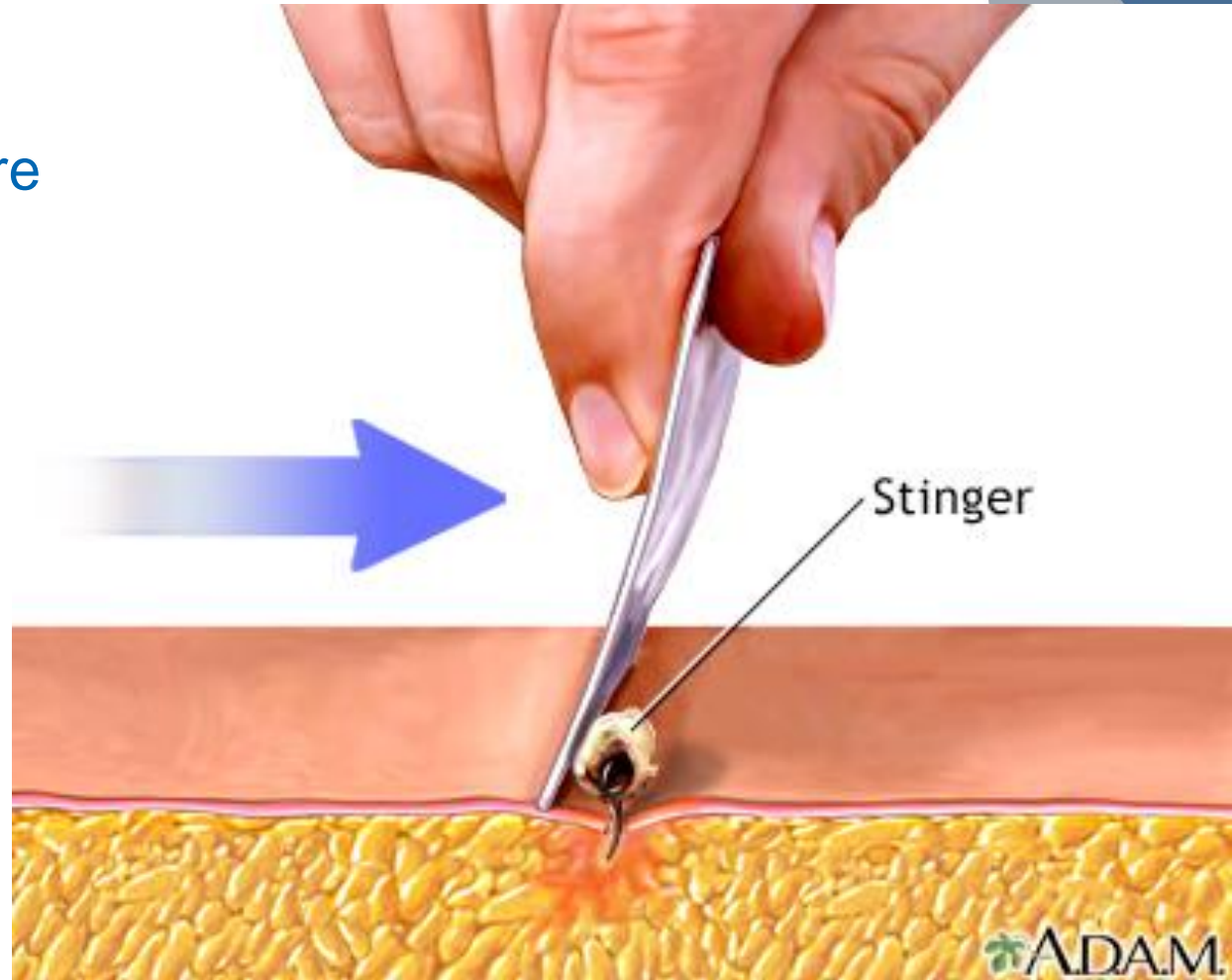


TASER Barb Removal

- Scene Safety
 - BSI
 - LEO on scene
- Barb Removal
 - Brisk Pull
 - Stop for significance resistance
 - Avoid removal if in sensitive area or deeply imbedded (eyes, groin, face etc)
 - Leave in place
 - Cut wires
 - Cleanse and apply bandage, Tetanus?
- Be aware of and assess for other injuries

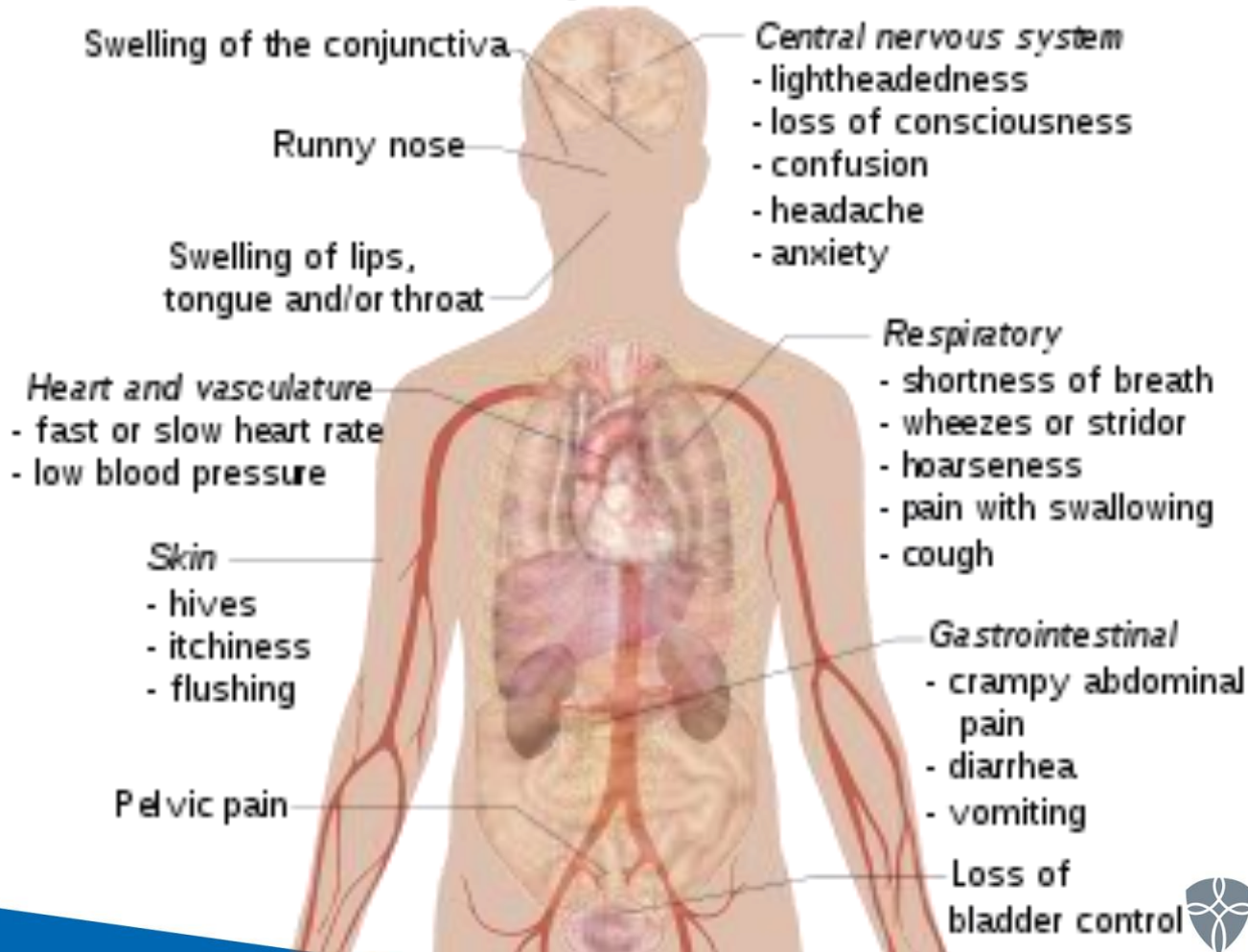
Bee Stings

- Hymenoptera
 - Bees, Wasps, Fire Ants
- Signs/Symptoms
 - Local Reaction
 - Anaphylaxis
 - Identify severity
- Treatment
 - Remove Stinger
 - Local Reaction
 - Anaphylaxis



Anaphylaxis

Signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis



Case 5 ALS/BLS

Called to a 11 y/o female with shortness of breath

Mother states that the child has hx of allergy to bee stings, was just stung, no treatment PTA

HR 120, BP 78/40, SPO₂ 90% on Room Air RR 28

Diffuse hives, wheezing in all fields, pt. c/o nausea, some lip swelling and mother states that the child sounds “hoarse”

Pt weights 77lbs (35kg)

Pediatric Vital Signs?

- Lowest 5th Percentile Systolic Blood Pressure
- $70\text{mmhg} + (2 \times \text{Age in years}) =$

PALS

Vital Signs in Children

Normal Heart Rates* (beats/min)			Normal Respiratory Rates (breaths/min)	
Age	Awake Rate	Sleeping Rate	Age	Rate
Neonate	100-205	90-160	Infant	30-53
Infant	100-180	90-160	Toddler	22-37
Toddler	98-140	80-120	Preschooler	20-28
Preschooler	80-120	65-100	School-aged child	18-25
School-aged child	75-118	58-90	Adolescent	12-20
Adolescent	60-100	50-90		

Normal Blood Pressures			
Age	Systolic Pressure (mm Hg) ¹	Diastolic Pressure (mm Hg) ¹	Mean Arterial Pressure (mm Hg) ²
Birth (12 h, <1000 g)	39-59	16-36	28-42 ³
Birth (12 h, 3 kg)	60-76	31-45	48-57
Neonate (36 h)	67-84	35-53	45-60
Infant (1-12 mo)	72-104	37-56	50-62
Toddler (1-2 y)	86-106	42-63	49-62
Preschooler (3-5 y)	89-112	46-72	58-69
School-aged child (6-7 y)	97-115	57-76	66-72
Preadolescent (10-12 y)	102-120	61-80	71-79
Adolescent (12-15 y)	110-131	64-83	73-84

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Vital Signs in Children

Heart Rate (per minute)		Respiratory Rate (Breaths/minute) ¹	
Age	Rate	Age	Rate
Neonate to 2 months	80 to 205	Infant	30 to 40
3 months to 2 years	100 to 190	Toddler	24 to 40
2 to 10 years	80 to 140	Preschooler	22 to 34
>10 years	60 to 100	School-aged child	18 to 30
		Adolescent	12 to 18

Definition of Hypotension by Systolic Blood Pressure and Age

Age	Systolic Blood Pressure (mm Hg)
Term neonates (0 to 28 days)	<50
Infants (1 to 12 months)	<72
Children 1 to 10 years (5th-85th percentile)	<75 + (age in years × 2)
Children >10 years	<90

Modified Glasgow Coma Scale for Infants and Children¹

	Child	Infant	Score
Eye opening	Spontaneous	Spontaneous	4
	To speech	To speech	3
	To pain	To pain	2
Best verbal response	None	None	1
	Oriented, appropriate	Cries and babble	3
	Confused	Incoherent, cries	2
Best motor response	Inappropriate words	Cries in response to pain	3
	Incomprehensible sounds	Moans in response to pain	2
	None	None	1
Best motor response ²	Obeys commands	Moans spontaneously and purposefully	6
	Locomotor verbal stimulus	Vibrations in response to touch	5
	Withdraws in response to pain	Withdraws in response to pain	4
Abnormal motor response	Flexion in response to pain	Abnormal flexion posture to pain	3
	Extension in response to pain	Abnormal extension posture to pain	2
	None	None	1

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Case 5 BLS/ALS

- Classify severity based on below
- If Problem with A, B, C give Epi!

FOOTNOTES:

[1] Severity of Allergy/Anaphylaxis

- Mild Allergic reaction: localized or generalized Urticaria, without swelling of oral or pharyngeal structures, difficulty breathing, hypotension or ALOC
- Moderate Allergic Reaction: oral or pharyngeal swelling is present, mild to moderate difficulty breathing and wheezing are present
- Severe Allergic Reaction (Anaphylaxis): moderate to severe difficulty breathing is present, hypotension is present and ALOC may occur

BLS/ALS Treatment

EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER

- If altered level of consciousness or no radial pulse, position patient supine with legs raised
- **EPI-Pen(>66lbs/30kg)** IM (0.3mg in 0.3ml) or **EPI-Pen Jr(<66lbs/30kg)** IM (0.15mg in 0.3ml) to lateral mid-thigh for moderate or severe reactions). Hold in place for 10 seconds and massage area for 10 seconds after injection.
- Oxygen 10-15 LPM by non-rebreather mask
- Alternative medical director approved epinephrine auto injectors may also be used.
- Assist with patient-prescribed medications
 - **Albuterol Sulfate** MDI 2 Puffs
- Nebulizer Therapy: If wheezing
 - **Albuterol Sulfate** Unit Dose (2.5 mg in 3 ml) administer per hand held nebulizer or mask; May repeat X 2 additional doses

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- Administer Nebulizer Therapy: **Albuterol Sulfate** 2.5mg in 3 ml with **Ipratropium Bromide (Atrovent)** 0.5mg in 2 ml administer per hand held nebulizer, mask or in-line nebulizer; May repeat albuterol X 2 additional doses
- ** If patient is under 3 years of age, do not use Ipratropium Bromide (Atrovent), use only Albuterol via HHN
- **Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)** 50 mg PO if greater than 50kg(peds dose liquid or chewable 1mg/kg max 50mg) for mild, moderate, or severe reactions
- **EPI-Pen(>66lbs/30kg)** IM (0.3mg in 0.3ml) or **EPI-Pen Jr(<66lbs/30kg)** IM (0.15mg in 0.3ml) to lateral mid-thigh for moderate or severe reactions). Hold in place for 10 seconds and massage area for 10 seconds after injection.
- Alternative medical director approved epinephrine auto injectors may also be used.
- Epi Safe syringe system may only be used by departments trained and authorized by medical director.

ALS Treatment

PARAMEDIC

- Initiate IV/IO 0.9% NS @ KVO
- If the patient is Hypotensive, run wide open for 500ml after verifying lung sounds not wet
- If loss of consciousness or loss of gag reflex occurs, consider non-visualized airway or endotracheal intubation See *Respiratory Distress Guideline*
- **Epinephrine 1:1,000** 0.3 mg (0.3ml) (peds 0.01mg/kg) IM for moderate to severe reactions. Repeat every 10 – 15 minutes X3 if patient is not improving, or as ordered per Medical Control
- **Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)** 50 mg IM/IV/IO (peds 1mg/kg) for mild, moderate or severe reactions
- **Glucagon** 1 mg IV/IO/IM if the patient is taking Beta Blockers and is not responding to Epinephrine, repeat every 10 minutes, until you run out of glucagon
- **Methylprednisolone (Solu-Medrol)** 125 mg IV/IO (peds 2mg/kg) for moderate to severe reactions
- **Push Dose 1:100,000 Epinephrine per section 5.42**

What would your initial fluid bolus be?

What would your diphenhydramine IV/IM dose be?

- What volume would you draw up?

What would your solumedrol dose be?

- What volume would you draw up?