

## Wound Care (≥ PL1)

### **Clinical Indications:**

1. Protection and care for open wounds prior to and during transport.

### **Contraindications:**

1. None

### **Procedure:**

1. If active bleeding, then hold direct pressure.
2. Once bleeding is controlled, irrigate contaminated wounds with saline as appropriate, which does not apply to a packed wound.
  - a. Avoid if bleeding is difficult to control.
  - b. Consider analgesia per pain guideline prior to irrigation.
3. Cover wounds with sterile gauze/dressings. Check distal pulses, sensation, and motor function to ensure the bandage is not too tight.
4. Monitor wounds and/or dressings throughout transport for bleeding.