

Pelvic Immobilization – 30.130

INDICATIONS:

- A. For pelvic instability in the presence of trauma.
- B. For pelvic pain without instability as a comfort measure.

PROCEDURE:

A. Pelvic wrap

1. Fold the sheet smoothly lengthwise to about 9 inches wide (do not roll) and apply underneath the pelvis, centered on the greater trochanters. Assure the patients pockets are empty (if applicable) to avoid placing pressure on the objects into the patient.
2. Tighten the sheet around the pelvis and adjust the tension to try to return the pelvis to normal anatomical position.
3. Secure using a knot or clamps if available.



B. Pelvic Sling

1. Place the Pelvic Sling underneath the pelvis, centered on the greater trochanters. Assure the sling is smooth and that the patients pockets are empty (if applicable) to avoid placing pressure on the objects into the patient.
2. Move the adjustable strap so that it will allow enough tension to be made.
3. Place the strap through the buckle and pull tension until the buckle makes a popping sound. This indicates sufficient tension has been achieved.
4. Secure the strap by the Velcro to the side of the sling.



NOTES & PRECAUTIONS:

- A. Blood loss in a pelvic fracture can be significant. Monitor closely and treat per Shock Protocol.
- B. Consider placing prior to extrication from a vehicle if feasible.
- C. The Pelvic Sling is contraindicated in isolated hip fractures.