

Field Amputations

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On rare occasions, patients with partially amputated limbs may require field amputation. This almost always occurs when an entrapped limb prevents extrication.

1. On scene field personnel should notify Dispatch Operations that a surgeon is needed at the scene.
2. The BMC-Menino Attending Physician shall be notified via the CMED radio of the situation and advised that a surgical proceed-out team has been requested. The proceed-out team and equipment will be assembled and await pickup at the ambulance entrance to the BMC-Menino.
 - 2.1. If available, a Field Supervisor should be dispatched to the BMC-Menino Emergency Department where the team will be picked up and transported to the scene.
 - 2.2. If a Field Supervisor is unavailable or otherwise delayed, the Boston Police Department shall be notified and requested to respond to the BMC-Menino to provide this service.
3. Attempts to extricate the victim shall continue while awaiting the arrival of the surgeon.
4. The final decision to perform the amputation at the scene is left to the responding physician.