# 4.01 General Trauma Evaluation and Overview

## BLS Treatment
- Assess circulation, airway, breathing, and responsiveness.
- **Oxygen** as indicated.
- Provide **Spinal Motion Restriction** as indicated or position of comfort as indicated.
- Splint suspected fractures/instability as indicated.
- Bandage wounds/control bleeding as indicated.
  - Apply tourniquet if appropriate.
  - Combat Gauze (such as “Quick Clot”) may be utilized for excessive bleeding with signs and symptoms of shock. Combat gauze should contain Kaolin, not Z-Lite.

## ALS Treatment
- IV/IO **Normal Saline** at TKO.
- If SBP < 90, administer **Normal Saline** fluid bolus.

## Comments
- Minimize on scene time for unstable patients or patients who meet trauma triage criteria. Secondary survey and IV therapy should be done en route to hospital.
- Give ZSFG early notification. Follow **Policy 3020 Field to Hospital** for report formats to trauma team.
- For vehicular crashes/bike incidents, protective devices should be reported.
- Do not use Combat Gauze on mucus membranes.