

ELECTRICAL DEVICE WEAPON EXPOSURE

HPI	Signs & Symptoms	Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events leading up to • Location of darts • Last tetanus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local injury • AMS • Chest pain • Respiratory distress, failure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug/alcohol use • Cardiac dysrhythmia • STEMI • Respiratory arrest • Cardiac arrest

	EMR	EMT	PM
1. Provide Adult Routine Trauma Care - treat life threatening problems with airway, breathing circulation and disability.	•	•	•
2. Manage the patient's condition that triggered the application of the electrical weapon with attention to scene safety. See Behavioral Emergencies		•	•
3. Ensure patient is appropriately secured/ restrained with assistance of law enforcement to protect the patient and clinicians. Ensure the Taser cartridge is removed from the gun or the wires are cut		•	•
4. Perform comprehensive trauma and medical assessment for injuries (e.g., from falls or altercations)		•	•
5. Obtain ECG and/or 12 lead, monitor Capnography as appropriate		•	•
6. Treat all imbedded barbed darts as a foreign body and leave them for physician removal, stabilize in place and transport the patient		•	•

NOTE:

1. Patients who have been subject to a conducted electrical weapon are not eligible for medical clearance and release to law enforcement. Call **OLMC** if this is requested.