

# Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

## II-43 TASER PROBE REMOVAL

BLS/ILS/ALS

Indications:

- Law enforcement request to remove remaining probes after Taser use

Contraindications:

- Taser probes located in any of the listed areas:
  - Above the clavicles
  - Female breasts
  - Genitals
  - Spinal column
  - Any probe that is imbedded in bone.
  - Any probe near large artery/vein or signs of vascular injury.
- If Taser probes(s) are located in any of the above listed areas, treat as an impaled object. Stabilize the probe in place and transport the patient to an Emergency Department.

Procedure:

- Utilize BSI.
- Ensure the wires are disconnected from the Taser weapon.
  - Use trauma shears to cut wires, if it has not been done by law enforcement.
- Stabilize the skin around the probe with your non-dominant hand.
- Firmly grasp the probe with the dominant hand.
- Remove the probe in a single quick motion, along the same plane it entered the body.
- Confirm the probe is intact.
- Return the probe to law enforcement.
- Wipe the wound with an antiseptic wipe and apply dressing.