

Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

DD-13 PROTRUDING IMPALED OBJECTS

ALS/ILS/BLS

Trauma and Medical:

- Initial Trauma and Medical Care
- Follow appropriate treatment protocol according to patient's condition and mechanism of injury
- Do not remove impaled objects:
 - Carefully stabilize object and transport
 - Remove impaled objects ONLY when they:
 - Interfere with the airway
 - Interfere with the ability to perform CPR
- Cover any protruding organs or viscera with sterile gauze moistened with saline. Apply dry sterile dressing over moistened saline dressing (wet to dry).
- Rapid Transport