

## Patient Assessment Scenario #2

**Call:** You are called to a one car rollover in the middle of the night on a farm to market road. Upon arrival, you find a pickup that has rolled over in the ditch with vehicle parts scattered all over the road.

1. **Scene Size-up:** The vehicle is in an upright position on its tires, no obvious leaking of fluids, smoke or flames. You determine it is safe to approach to check for victims.
2. **Initial Assessment:** You find one victim lying supine on the ground approximately 15 feet from the vehicle. This is a male patient who is unconscious, unresponsive to stimulus, has an open airway, breathing, and a pulse present. Some bleeding noted from several lacerations, but appears to have stopped. You determine this patient's mechanism of injury is that he was thrown through the driver's door window.
3. **Interventions:** High flow oxygen via non-rebreather mask; C-spine stabilization, request ALS support and consider air medical support.
4. **Patient priority:** high priority; rapid transport
5. **Focused physical exam:** *Rapid trauma assessment:*
  - Inspect and palpate the head
  - Inspect and palpate the face, ears, pupils, nose, and mouth \*(fluid found in ears)
  - Inspect the neck
  - Apply cervical collar
  - Inspect and palpate the chest. Listen for breath sounds
  - Inspect and palpate the abdomen
  - Inspect and palpate the pelvic area
  - Inspect the lower extremities and palpate for pulses
  - Inspect the upper extremities and palpate for pulses
  - Log-roll the patient; palpate and inspect the back. Place the patient on a long spine board.
6. **Baseline vitals:**
  - Blood Pressure: 98/60
  - Pulse: 70 and weak
  - Respirations: 16
  - Skin: pale, cool, and sweaty
  - Pupils: unequal
7. **SAMPLE history:**
  - **S:** several lacerations, fluid in ears, unconscious
  - **A:** unknown
  - **M:** unknown
  - **P:** unknown
  - **L:** unknown
  - **E:** one vehicle rollover; patient was ejected out of vehicle

**8. Interventions:** High flow O2 via non-rebreather; cervical collar; long spine board with head immobilizers; elevate the foot end of the spine board to help compensate for shock; prepare for suctioning; request ALS support and rapidly transport patient.

**9. Detailed exam:** perform detail exam while enroute to hospital during ongoing assessment

**10. Report to hospital or ALS unit:**

- (Estimate age of pt.) who was involved in a one vehicle MVA roll over and was ejected. Patient is unconscious/unresponsive to stimulus, however is breathing and has a pulse.
- Report baseline vitals
- Report physical exam findings (several lacerations; fluid in ears)
- Report SAMPLE history
- Report interventions

**10. Ongoing Assessment:** reassess this patient every 5 minutes