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# JOINT DISLOCATIONS

A dislocation is an abnormal separation of two bones where they meet at a joint. A dislocated bone is no longer in its normal position. A dislocation may also cause ligament or nerve damage.



hip



Dislocated hip

# Dislocations

- When the bones at a joint are no longer in proper contact.
- Can be caused by severe twisting or indirect force, or even a muscular contraction.
- Sometimes a dislocated joint will spontaneously reduce before your assessment.
  - Confirm the dislocation by taking a patient history.
  - A dislocation that does not reduce is a serious problem.

# **Dislocated Areas**

- Most frequently dislocated joints
  - Shoulder
  - Elbow
  - Thumb
  - Finger
  - Jaw
  - Knee



- Dislocations can occur in any joint major (shoulder, knees, etc.) or minor (toes, fingers, etc.).
- The most common joint dislocation is a shoulder dislocation.

#### CAUSES OF DISLOCATION

- Dislocations are usually caused by a sudden impact to the joint.
- This usually occurs following a blow, fall, or other trauma.
- A joint dislocation can cause damage to the surrounding ligaments, tendons, muscles, and nerves.
- After a joint dislocates, it's more likely to dislocate again in the future.
- The loosened or stretched ligaments in the joint provide little stability and allow for the joint to be easily dislocated.

## **SYMPTOMS OF DISLOCATION**

- Visibly out-of-place,
- Discolored or redness of joint area
- Misshapen joint, Deformity or abnormal appearance
- Intensely painful, especially if you try to use the joint or bear weight on it or move it.
- Swelling or bruised

### **SYMPTOMS OF DISLOCATION**

- Loss of normal function
- Joint may be locked in one position
- Limited joint movement
- Decreased sensation distal to the joint
- Decreased pulse, cool extremity distal to the joint
- Numbness and paresthesias
- Stiffness, impaired circulation to the limb or digit

### GENERAL TREATMENT PRINCIPLES

•Call emergency medical care. Until care is received, do the following:

•Leave the joint alone. Attempting to move or jam a dislocated bone back in can damage blood vessels, muscles, ligaments, and nerves.

- •Stop the activity.
- •Survey the injured area.
- •First Aid if qualified.

### GENERAL TREATMENT PRINCIPLES

### •Get help if not.

•Determine if additional medical attention is necessary.

•Apply an ice pack. Ice can ease swelling and pain in and around the joint.

•Use ibuprofen or acetaminophen for pain.



- R Rest
- I Immobilize
- C Cold
- E Elevate

## Emergency Care For Fractures & Dislocations

- Administer O2
- Control any bleeding & dress open wounds
- Check distal pulse



- Apply slight traction—if splinting long bones in arms and legs If injury to a joint
- DO NOT apply traction
- Splint in the position found
- Apply splint above & below the fracture
- Re-check distal pulses after splinting
- Control swelling with ice pack & elevation if distal pulse is present and strong
- Maintain body temperature

# DISLOCATIONS

- Discuss about the name of bones in the different joints.....
- 1. Shoulder.....
- 2. Elbow.....
- 3. Wrist.....
- 4. Hip.....
- 5. Knee.....
- 6. Ankle.....
- 7. Finger.....

