

# A HELPING HAND



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## HISTORY

### Step 1: Determine what happened

#### Questions to ask

- Details of incident
  - Time
  - Mechanism
  - When patient last ate or drank
- Co-morbidities and past medical history
- Amputation?
  - Level
  - Number of digits involved
- Preservation of amputated part *(See detailed instructions below)*
- X-ray and photography of amputated part/injured limb
- Tetanus and antibiotics

## ASSESS

### Step 2: Check & treat the injury

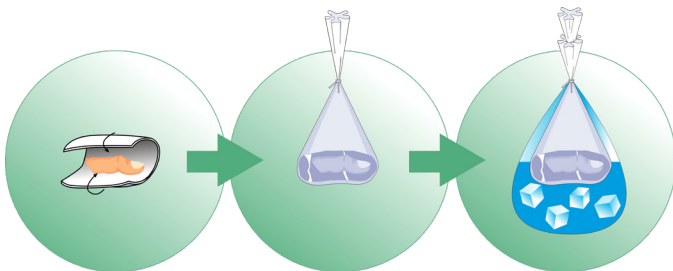
#### Is replantation an option?

- Reasons to consider
  - Multiple digits involved
  - Thumb amputation
  - Bilateral or Zone 1 injury
  - Pediatric patient
- Things that may prohibit
  - Other life-threatening injuries
  - Severe crush or avulsion
  - Amputation at multiple levels
  - Prolonged warm ischemia (>12 h)

## NOTIFICATION DISPOSITION

### Step 3: Call the experts (833) 672-8767

### Step 4: Prep for transport



1. Wash with cold water.
2. Remove visible contaminants, debris and dirt
3. Wrap part in a saline-soaked gauze
4. Place wrapped part in dry, sealed plastic bag
5. Place sealed bag in another container with crushed ice

#### The DON'Ts of transport prep

- DO NOT expose amputated part directly to ice
  - This could lead to further damage to the tissue
- DO NOT place the amputated part in a solution
- DO NOT explore or debride the amputated part in A&E



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