Penetrating Neck Injury

Initial assessment

- ABCs
- Assess: V/S, LOC, O_2 sat
- Assess: platysmal penetrating
- Assess: bleeding wound, subcutaneous emphysema
- Incident history; Mechanism of injury

Notify Trauma physical/General physician

Hemodynamic stable

- Airway management
- Control hemorrhage
- Wound care
- Keep warm
- Prepare for: contrast radiology, endoscopy, angiography
- Prepare for: surgical exploration
- Mental support
- Record

Hemodynamic unstable

- Airway management
- Position and protect c-spine
- Hold mask with reservoir bag 10-12 LPM
- Prepare for: definite airway, surgical treatment
- Control hemorrhage
- Initiate 2 large-bore with warm IV fluid
- Keep warm
- Trauma lab, G/M
- Monitor: V/S, N/S, O_2 sat, LOC
- Mental support
- Record

Reassessment

Definite Care
to OR/ICU/Unit/transfer