

This protocol is for trained CIP Paramedics only. If during assessment, procedure, or treatment the patient is found to have a medical emergency in need of hospital treatment, the CIP visit will be suspended, and local MCA protocols utilized.

Purpose: To provide additional guidelines beyond the CIP General Assessment and Care for evaluating, caring for and educating patients with post orthopedic surgical interventions.

- I. Follow **CIP Patient General Assessment and Care protocol**
- II. Obtain additional vital signs, history, and diagnostics pertinent to condition and/or as ordered by physician which may include:
 - a. Vitals/physical examination
 - i. Wound evaluation (redness, unexpected drainage, streaking)
 - ii. Pulse, motor, sensation evaluation
 - iii. Durable Medical Equipment (DME) use
 - b. History:
 - i. DME access and use
 - ii. Activities of Daily Living (ADL) education and compliance
- III. On-scene medication administration may include:
 - a. Use of approved MCA protocols and medications up to the extent of standard paramedic treatment according to protocol.
 - b. Assist with patient's prescribed home medications that are not included in standard EMS treatment protocols
- IV. On-scene interventions and additional care may include:
 - a. Suture Removal **see CIP Suture Removal protocol** (optional)
 - b. Wound Care **see CIP Wound Care protocol** (optional)
- V. On-scene education and suggested support sources may include:
 - a. ADL assistance