ATLS Algorithm

ASSESSMENT

A Airway Maintenance and Cervical Spine Protection
- Unconscious

B Breathing and ventilation
- Chest injuries?
  - Ribcage
  - Bruising

C Circulation and hemorrhage control
- Abdominal injury?
  - Retroperitoneum
  - Pelvis

D Disability
- Normal mot./sen. Exam
- Normal Reflexes
- Normal Sphincter tone
- Abnorm. mot./sen. Exam
- Abnorm. Reflexes
- Abnorm. Sphincter tone

E Exposure
- Log-Roll & Spine exam
- Posterior Processus?
- Tenderness?
- Bruising?

Only Withdraw spinal precautions in the alert and conscious patient