

Diamond Peak Ski Patrol Medical Treatment Protocol

Unconscious patient

The causes for a patient to be unconscious can be numerous and sometimes difficult to determine.

All unconscious patients should be treated as having a traumatic origin unless it is obvious otherwise (e.g. a patient who collapses in the base area, etc.) This means backboard with full spinal precautions must be instituted.

Because of the extreme potential for cardiac involvement in patients who are unconscious an AED must be present. Therefore, all calls for unconscious patients should be responded to with a backboard sled, trauma pack (O₂) and an AED.

Treatment

- Primary and secondary patient assessment
- ABC's as required
- Oxygen
- AED
- Request Paramedics initially
- Backboard as appropriate

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