

NURSING 202 – ADVANCED CONCEPTS OF NURSING FACIAL & OCULAR TRAUMA

Facial:

- ANY injury that causes facial trauma is significant enough to have caused a cervical spine injury
- ABC's- Always maintain c-spine precautions
- >50% of injuries need management between trauma and specialty surgeons
- Most common cause in developed countries is assault, underdeveloped MVC

Common Diagnostics:

- CT Facial Bones

Common Treatments:

- Surgical
- Pain control
- Maintain Airway
- C-Spine Precautions

Ocular:

Common Causes:

- Blunt, penetration. Chemical, Thermal , FB

Common S/Sx:

- Pain, Photophobia, Redness, Ecchymosis, Tearing, Blood in anterior chamber, Vision Changes

Common Dx:

- Assessment, CT Head/Facial Bones

Common Treatment:

A,B,C's
Chemical exposure → immediate irrigation (Morgan Lenses)
Visual Acuity
Stabilize FB
Elevate HOB 45 degree
Do Not Blow Nose
Analgesics
Surgical
Patch unaffected eye for pain control