

Taser Barb Removal

Introduction:

EMS personnel may be called by law enforcement personnel after a TASER has been deployed on an individual to remove the TASER barbs/probes from the individuals skin.

1. **Full assessment** of the patient will be performed and documented:
 - a. ABC's
 - b. PMS all extremities
 - c. Check for C-spine injury mechanisms
 - d. ECG Monitoring

2. At the discretion of EMS personnel you may remove the barbs when called upon to do so unless there is an indication that would prevent the safe removal; such as impaled into a bone or joint, eye or nerve involvement or deeply imbedded into the soft tissue.
 - a. Gently pull upward on the barb with one hand while holding down the skin with two fingers on either side of the barb and it should come out of the skin.

3. Should any doubt arise concerning the Taser barb removal (i.e. Taser barb cannot be removed safely) and/or overall patient condition, then Treat and Transport the patient accordingly.