GUN SHOT WOUNDS

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Have a small entry into the part of the body, usually with burns around it. There can be an exit wound and it would be larger than the entry wound. Usually the entry and exit wounds are across from each other.

First aid for gun shot wounds

- Begin ESM and primary survey
- Monitor ABC's.
- Apply direct pressure to wound, bandage and get to medical aid as soon as possible.
- Cover with blanket, to reduce risk of shock.
- If large enough caliber to the front upper torso / chest area, the wound may be a sucking chest wound. If so, apply a square piece of plastic with about ½ to 1 inch border around the wound, tape three sides leaving bottom open. If there is also an associated exit wound you may also have to do the same procedure but in this case tape all four sides of the plastic on the exit side, if on back.