Emergency medical team: an entrapped patient

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Motor vehicle collision is one leading cause of morbidity and mortality. Victims may be trapped in the deformed vehicles. Emergency medical team may be summoned to help in the extrication process. The principles of resuscitation in the pre-hospital phase are the same as in the in-hospital phase, but clinicians would face greater impediments to success in the former situation. We present a case of motor vehicle collision in which an emergency medical team was called to assist in the extrication of an entrapped patient. The principles of pre-hospital trauma care are discussed. (Hong Kong J Emerg Med. 2004;11:98-103)

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