Is the injury isolated and distal to elbow? YES NO

Local General Orthopedic Surgeon Outpatient evaluation or next-day referral to outpatient hand surgery clinic (as appropriate).


Place the amputated part in a saline soaked gauze sponge. With the part wrapped in gauze, place in a sterile container.

Place sterile container in ice (not dry ice) for transportation. The amputated part should not be put directly in crushed ice, but only in container.

Support the injured extremity by splinting and wrapping with a compressive dressing.

If there is no circulation beyond the wound, pack ice around the injured extremity for transport.

Does or will the patient meet the following criteria?
1. Thumb OR 2. Child (<16) OR 3. Multiple Digits

Consult Hand Surgery Specialist

Protocol is a guideline only and is not a substitute for clinical judgement. Only the hand surgery specialist will make surgical decisions. Dress wound with saline soaked cloth or equivalent.