

Protocol Name	Splinter Removal
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Purpose:

To assess and treat patients who present with splinters

Sign and Symptoms:

- A visible splinter or complaint of a splinter


Assessment:

- Obtain patient's history, including allergies, medication list and recent activity
- Vital Signs – heart rate, respirations, blood pressure, temperature, pain level and O2 sat level

Standing Orders/Intervention:

- Clean area with warm soapy water
- Clean a small needle and tweezers with alcohol
- If you can see the end of the splinter, grip it with the tweezers and gently pull out the entire splinter
- If none of the splinter is sticking out, follow the path of the splinter with the needle and open the skin to expose enough of the splinter to remove it with the tweezers.
- If you have trouble seeing the splinter use a magnifying glass
- Once the splinter is out, clean the skin with an alcohol wipe, apply antibiotic ointment and a bandage.
- Refer to PCP or Urgent care only if splinter is very deep in the skin, under a nail or bleeding profusely

- Splinter Removal - Procedural protocol** is part of Affiliated Physician's **ON-SITE CLINIC PROGRAM**. I, hereby acknowledge, the above has been reviewed and approved. Upon clinical assessment and necessity, these orders are to be activated by an Affiliated Physician's on-site nurse and documentation of each episode is mandatory.

Medical Director – Dr. Avram Nemetz
Signature: 
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