

P-P1 TASER PROBE REMOVAL



Indications

- Patient with TASER® probe(s) embedded in skin.

Contraindications

- TASER® probe embedded in the eye or genitals. In such cases, transport patient to an emergency department for removal.

Procedure

1. Confirm the TASER® has been shut off and the barb cartridge has been disconnected. .
2. Using a pair of shears cut the TASER® wires at the base of the probe.
3. Place one hand on the patient in the area where the probe is embedded and stabilize the skin surrounding the puncture site. Using the other hand (or pliers) firmly grasp the probe.
4. In one uninterrupted motion, pull the probe out of the puncture site maintaining a 90° angle to the skin. *Avoid twisting or bending the probe.*
5. Repeat the process for any additional probes.
6. Once the probes are removed, inspect and assure they have been removed intact. In the event the probe is not removed intact or there is suspicion of a retained probe, the patient must be transported to the emergency department for evaluation.
7. Cleanse the probe site and surrounding skin with betadine and apply sterile dressing.
8. Advise patients to watch for signs of infection including increased pain at the site, redness swelling or fever.