









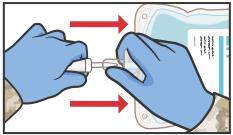




## TIBIA INTRAOSSEOUS (EZ-IO®)



**CONSIDER** body substance isolation. **NOTE:** If a Combat Lifesaver is available, direct them to assist.



**SPIKE** intravenous (IV) bag and properly prepare IV tubing.

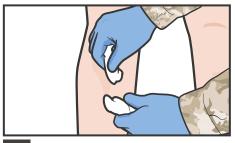


**PRIME** the IO extension tubing with sterile IV solution using aseptic technique.

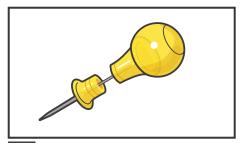




LOCATE the proper site for EZ-IO insertion, one finger width medial to the proximal tibial tuberosity (usually found 3 cm below the patella).

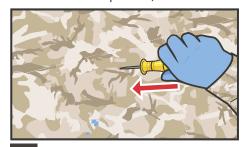


**CLEAN** site with alcohol or povidone-iodine pad.



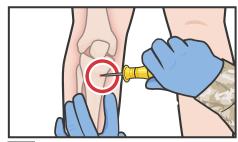
cartridge.lf using a mechanical driver, open the EZ-IO cartridge and attach the needle set to the driver; you should feel a "snap" as the small magnet connects.

**NOTE:** The adult-size EZ-IO cartridge is colored yellow.

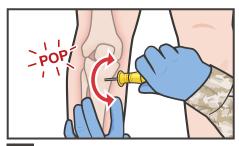


PREPARE the manual EZ-IO needle by removing the needle safety cap. If using the mechanical driver, remove the cap by momentarily powering the driver while holding the cap.

**NOTE:** Keep hands and fingers away from the needle.

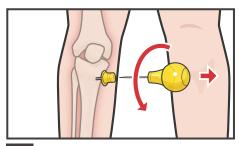


- While holding the driver or the needle set in your dominant hand, **STABILIZE** the leg near the insertion site with your nondominant hand.
- **POSITION** the driver or the needle set at the insertion site with the needle at a 90-degree angle to the surface of the bone.



- PIERCE the skin and advance until the needle tip touches the bone, then
- downward pressure, twist the needle set back and forth (or squeeze the driver's trigger) until you penetrate the bone cortex.

**NOTE:** An obvious give or pop is felt when the desired depth is obtained.



12 UNSCREW the stylet counterclockwise and remove stylet from catheter. If using a mechanical driver, gently remove the drill from the needle.

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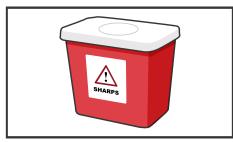








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PLACE the stylet in a sharps container.



SECURE the site with an EZ-IO stabilizer, if available.

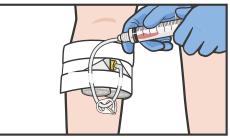
NOTE: If a stabilizer is upavailable, secure with bulley dre



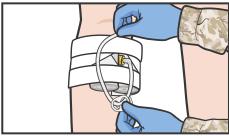
**NOTE:** If a stabilizer is unavailable, secure with bulky dressing and tape to prevent elevated extension tubing from becoming dislodged during casualty care or movement.



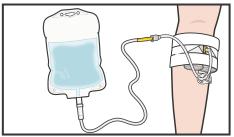
**CONNECT** primed extension set through the 90-degree IO tubing to the Luer lock EZ-IO hub.



aspirate to confirm needle is in the marrow (should see flash of blood-tinged material) and flush catheter with 10 ml flush using a rapid infusion.



**ASSESS** for signs of infiltration or complications.



PREPARE for fluid or medication administration.



19 **DOCUMENT** all findings and treatments on a DD Form 1380 TCCC Casualty Card and attach it to the casualty.