Patient Scenarios

1. Motor Vehicle Crash with Burn

Description: Patient arrives in the Emergency Department via ambulance post-motor vehicle crash (MVC). He was a restrained driver and was T-boned by another car on the driver's side, the vehicle's airbags were not deployed. During extraction from the vehicle by the firefighters, there was spontaneous combustion of the vehicle and the patient sustained burns on his legs. The patient arrives in the ED with difficulty breathing and severe pain in his upper chest.

2. Broken Hip

Description: A. Jones is a 76-year-old widow who slipped and fell outside her home and broke her left hip. A. Jones was admitted to the hospital three days ago and had hip surgery to repair the break. The surgery was uneventful, but recovery has been slow. A. Jones has a history of high blood pressure, osteoarthritis, and "stomach problems". A. Jones has a history of heavy drinking of alcohol, but states has recently "cut back to 1-2 drinks per day" and currently smokes ½ to1 pack per day