

NexSplint

NEXSPLINT CERVICAL IMMOBILIZATION SYSTEM FROM EMEGEAR, LLC

Most of the old dogs in EMS can recall some of the original cervical collars, like the single-piece foam collar that wrapped around the neck and fastened with a single piece of Velcro. A neck warmer...yes. A cervical immobilization device...no.

Since that time, cervical immobilization devices have evolved into far more functional tools of the trade; however, virtually all of the CIDs currently on the market are designed to be applied to patients who can be placed in neutral alignment. For those who can't, typically because of pain with movement, it has still been a jury-rig of towels, blankets and tape.

Thankfully, we now have another choice: the NexSplint Cervical Immobilization System from EmeGear, LLC.

The NexSplint is a compact, tactical version of EmeGear's XCollar. It provides excellent immobilization for patients who can be positioned neutrally, as well as for those who are asymmetrical, working almost like a mini-backboard for the cervical spine. With 24 optional adjustments, you can literally "build" the NexSplint around the patient, pretty much irrespective of their position. These sizing/fit options also allow the NexSplint to be sized to fit both pediatric patients and adults, eliminating the need to carry multiple-size c-collars. The NexSplint does take some getting used to, due to its extraordinary versatility. But once you develop some mastery with it (it took me a couple of demos and about 15 minutes of practice time), it is truly a milestone in the evolution of cervical spine care.

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The Cervical Splint
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The XCollar is specifically designed for prehospital care and the only collar that secures the bones above and below the cervical region. The XCollar can be adjusted to custom fit patients, thus eliminating the uncertainty of which size collar to apply, as well as reducing patient manipulation. It provides true immobilization in the neutral position and is truly capable of immobilizing "in position." With its unique 24 symmetrical size adjustments, the XCollar fits small children and extra-large adults.

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