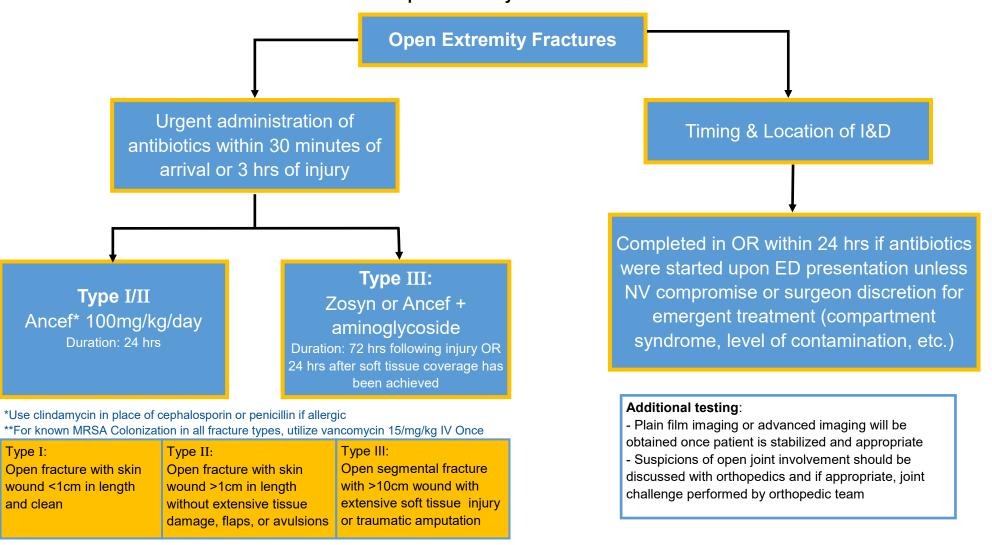


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Practice Management Guideline Open Extremity Fractures



Soft Tissue Management/Coverage:

- If joint challenge is performed by orthopedics, the orthopedic team will be responsible for closure of the laceration. If no joint challenge indicated, trauma/ED will be responsible for appropriate washout and closure of the laceration.

- Soft tissue coverage of open fractures and joints should occur within 7 days. Plastic surgery and reconstructive surgery will be consulted for coverage requiring more extensive transfer of tissue within this time frame.

