**Taser® Probe Removal**

**Clinical Indications and Contraindications**

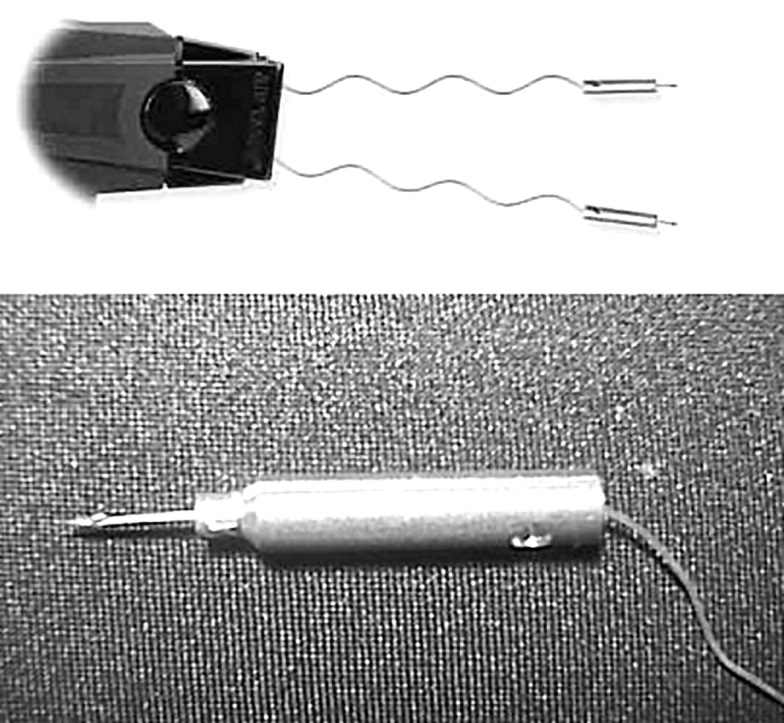
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| * **Clinical Indications:**   Patient with uncomplicated conducted electrical weapon (Taser®) probes embedded subcutaneously in non-sensitive areas of skin.  Taser probes are barbed metal projectiles that may embed themselves up to 13 mm into the skin.   * **Contraindications:**   Patient with conducted electrical weapon (Taser®) probe penetration in vulnerable areas of the body should be transported for further evaluation and probe removal: This includes probes embedded in skin above the level of clavicles, female breasts, or genitalia.  Suspicion that probe might be embedded in bone, blood vessel, or other sensitive structures. |

**PROCEDURE GUIDELINES**

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| **R- EMR** | **E – EMT** | **A-AEMT** | **P-PARAMEDIC** | **\*\*M-Medical Control \*\*** |

**\*\*\*Higher level providers are responsible for lower level treatments\*\*\***

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| * Ensure wires are disconnected from weapon. * Stabilize skin around probe using non-dominant hand. * Grasp probe by metal body using dominant hand. * Remove probe in single quick motion. * Wipe wound with antiseptic wipe and apply dressing. | **P2-4** |



2,EMT, 3AEMT, and 4Paramedic providers may perform these procedures if credentialed with the appropriate OM.