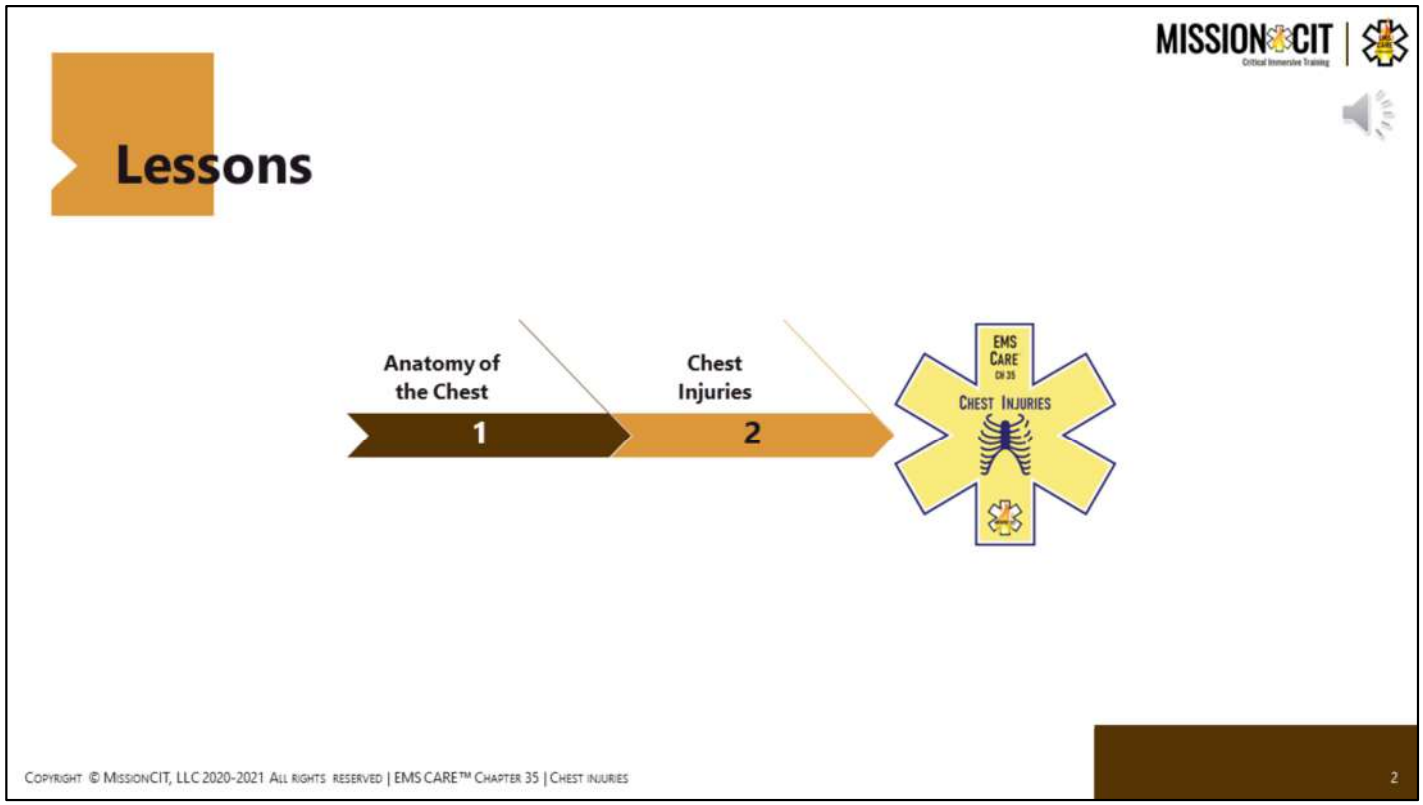


Hello and welcome to this MissionCIT course where we learn about chest injuries, their types and causes, and the prehospital care you can give for patients with these injuries.

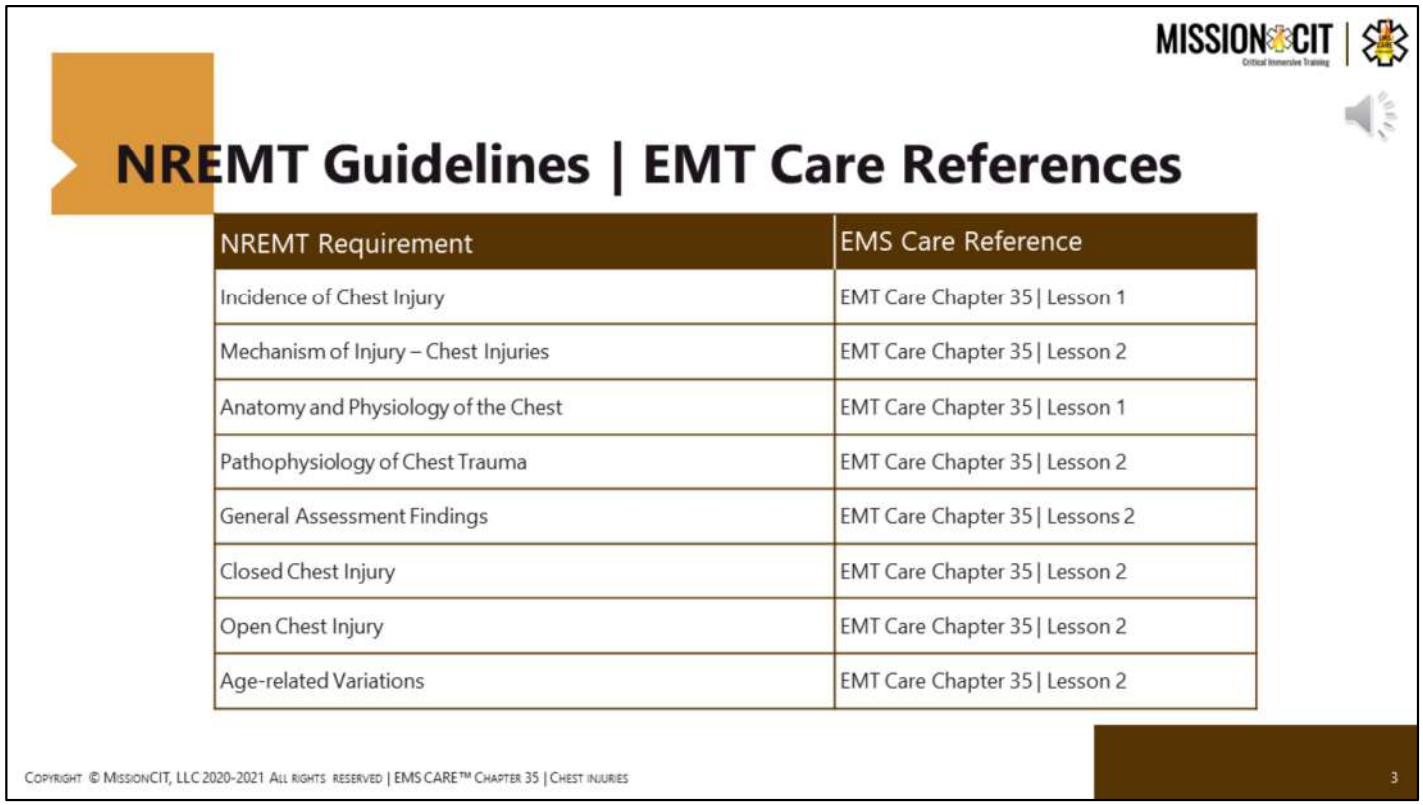
Each year in the United States, chest trauma causes a large percentage of emergency department visits and deaths. Since this is so prevalent, knowing all about these injuries and the appropriate care can be helpful in your job.



We will review the following lessons in this chapter:

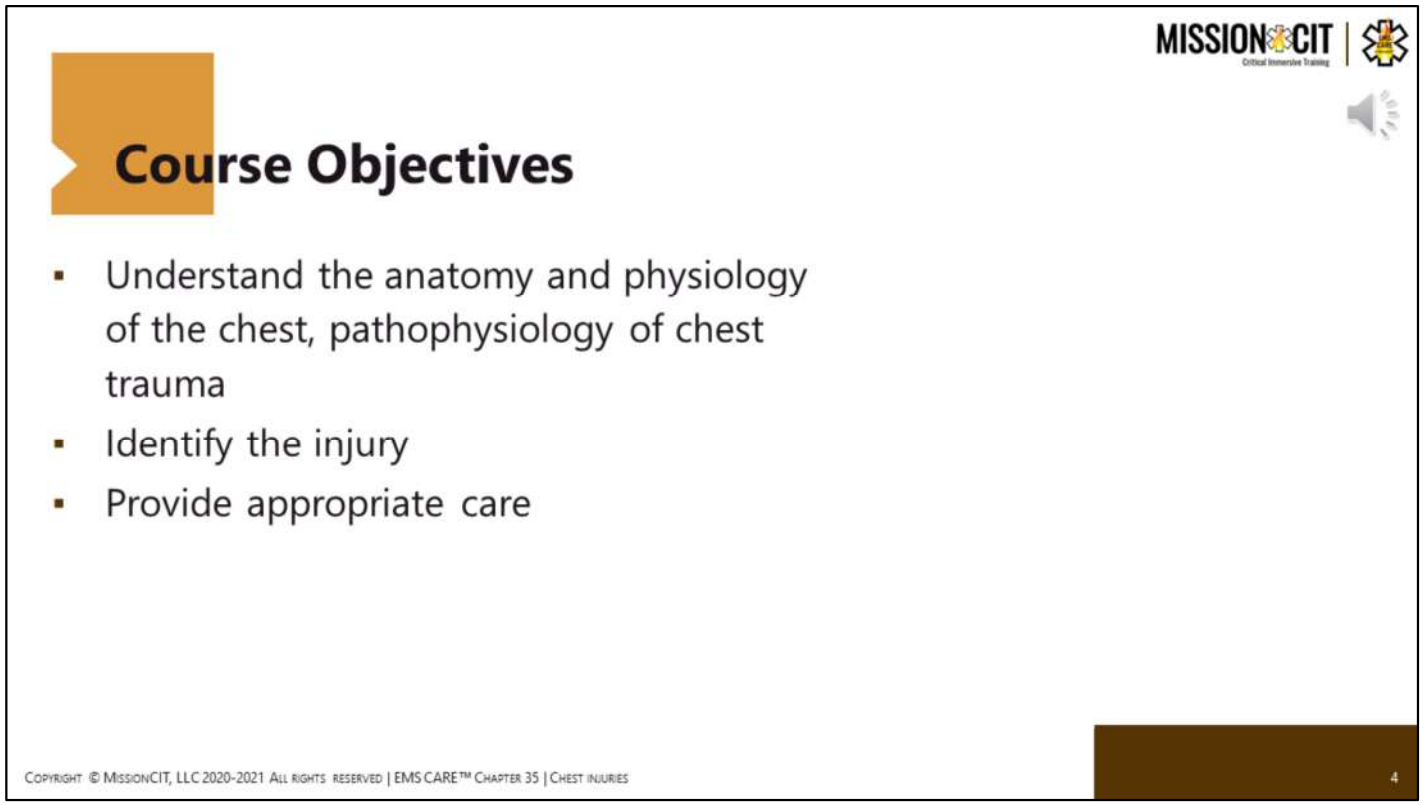
- Lesson 1: Anatomy of the Chest
- Lesson 2: Chest Injuries

We complete our studies with a Chapter Review followed by a quiz. You will need to watch all the lessons, answer the interactive questions; and finally score a 75% grade or higher on the quiz, to get credit for this chapter.



This course fulfills all the NREMT guidelines:

- Incidence of Chest Trauma
- Mechanism of Injury – Chest Injuries
- Anatomy and Physiology of the Chest
- Pathophysiology of Chest Trauma
- General Assessment Findings
- Closed Chest Injury
- Open Chest Injury
- Age-related Variations



The objectives of this course are to,

- Understand the anatomy and physiology of the chest, and the pathophysiology of chest trauma
- Identify the injury
- Provide appropriate care for patients suffering from chest trauma

Now that you have an idea of what to expect from this course, let's get started.