



ADULT CHEST WALL INJURY PATHWAY



EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

ED Doctor


Date

Time

PATIENT STICKER

Mechanism of Injury Fall RTC Assault Other(Specify)

Date of Injury

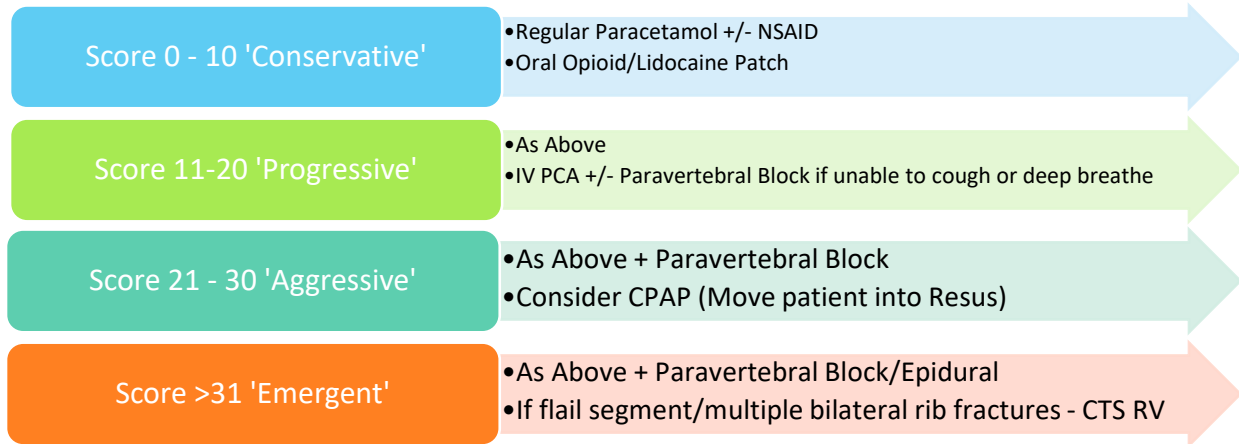
Imaging In ED  CXR Chest CT Trauma CT

Note: maintain low threshold for CT in the elderly

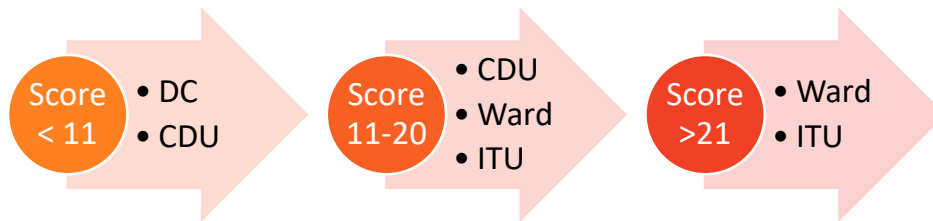
Chest Injury Score  (for calculator – http://emed.ie/Trauma/Chest/Rib_Fractures.php)

• Age: for each 10 years over age 10	+ 1	=
• Rib fractures: for each individual fracture (flail rib = +6)	+ 3	=
• Chronic lung disease	+ 5	=
• Anticoagulant or Antiplatelet (except aspirin)	+ 4	=
• SaO2 at room air: for each 5% fall below 95%	+ 2	=
TOTAL SCORE		=

Analgesia



Destination of Care and Management (Circle)



Referrals (document in notes)

- Cardiothoracic
- Acute Pain Service
 - 8am to 4pm - 7 days of the week to regional anesthesia fellow - 087 1801202
 - All out of hour referrals to on call anesthesia senior registrar VPN - 67638
- Other Teams (Specify)
- Escalate to Consultant on call/Clinical lead if issues
- Physiotherapy
- FITT
- Other Injuries Identified
- Plan at point of review in ED

Admitting Team

- CDU
- Cardiothoracics
- Medicine
- Other (specify)

Discharge Plan

- Analgesia prescribed
- Incentive Spirometry
- Physiotherapy
- Follow-up appointment
- Advice sheet provided (link: http://emed.ie/Patient-Info/Info_Rib_Injury.php)

CTS Referral Criteria



Completed by

Designation

MCN

Signature