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Subject: Clinical management of adults with rib fractures, chest wall trauma or blunt chest

Q1 In your organisation, are there guidelines for the clinical management of adults with either rib fractures, chest wall trauma or blunt chest wall trauma?

A1 No

Q2 Which clinical team(s) are patients with isolated rib fractures, chest wall trauma or blunt chest wall trauma admitted under?

A2 The Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is a specialist cardiothoracic centre and does not have an Accident or Emergency department. These patients are referred and transferred from peripheral hospitals to the thoracic surgical team.

Q3 Can you please attach a copy of your most recent guidelines for the clinical management of adults with rib fractures, chest wall trauma or blunt chest wall trauma.

A3 Information not held - there are no published guidelines.

Q4 Where more than one team has produced guidelines please provide copies of all the relevant guidelines.

A4 Not applicable, as per A3 above

Q5 In your organisation, is there a dedicated service/ team providing chest wall nerve blocks for rib fracture patients?

A5 There is a pain service led by the anaesthetic team.