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TRAUMA 1

Basics of trauma management

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Pre hospital care :

Information from driver/responder :

M : mechanism.

I : Injuries.

S : Signs & symptoms.

T : treatment given.

Information from Patient :

A : Allergies.

M : medications.

P : Past history.

L : Last meal.

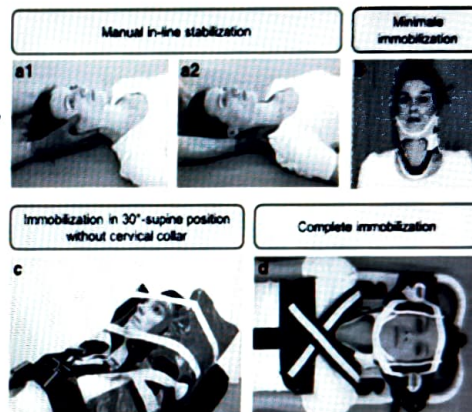
E : Events leading to trauma.

Helmet removal :

- 2 people required.
- One person stabilizes the cervical spine.

Transportation of patient :

- Supine position.
- Prone position.
- Never transported in lateral position (cannot maintain cervical spine).



Cervical spine immobilization.

Trimodal distribution of mortality in trauma :

1st spike (At impact) : Severe head injury.

and peak (within 1 hour) d/t :

1. Airway obstruction.
2. Tracheobronchial injury.
3. Open pneumothorax.
4. Tension pneumothorax.
5. Acute circulatory arrest.
6. Haemothorax.
7. Cardiac tamponade.

First hour following trauma : Golden hour.

Delayed causes (days/weeks) : Delayed head injury and sepsis.

Triage :

means "to sort out".

Internationally accepted 4 color coded system :

- Red : Highest priority.
- Yellow : medium priority (Fractures).
- Green : Walking wounded.
- Black : Dead/moribund.

Priority group			Description
Number	Name	Color	
P1	Emergency/ immediate	Red	Patients who have life-threatening injuries that are treatable with a minimum amount of time, personnel, and supplies. These patients also have a good chance of recovery.
P2	Urgent	Yellow	Indicates that treatment may be delayed for a limited period of time without significant mortality or in the ICU setting patients for whom life support may or may not change their outcome given the severity of their illness.
P3	Delayed	Green	Patients with minor injuries whose treatment may be delayed until the patients in the other categories have been dealt with or patients who do not require ICU admission for the provision of life support.
P4	Expectant	Blue	Patients who have injuries requiring extensive treatment that exceeds the medical resources available in the situation or for whom life support is considered futile.
-	Dead	Black	Patients who are in cardiac arrest and for which resuscitation efforts are not going to be provided.

Advanced trauma life support

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Primary survey : ABCD + life threatening injuries.

Secondary survey : Detailed survey to look for all the other injuries.

Note : In basic life support, CAB sequence is followed.

Primary survey :

Airway :

- Cervical spine f/b airway.
- Assessment of cervical spine : **Nexus criteria**.
- Any 1 criteria present → imaging and cervical spine stabilisation using **philadelphia collar**.
- Life threatening injuries ruled out.

Airway

- Airway Obstruction
- Tracheobronchial Tree Injury

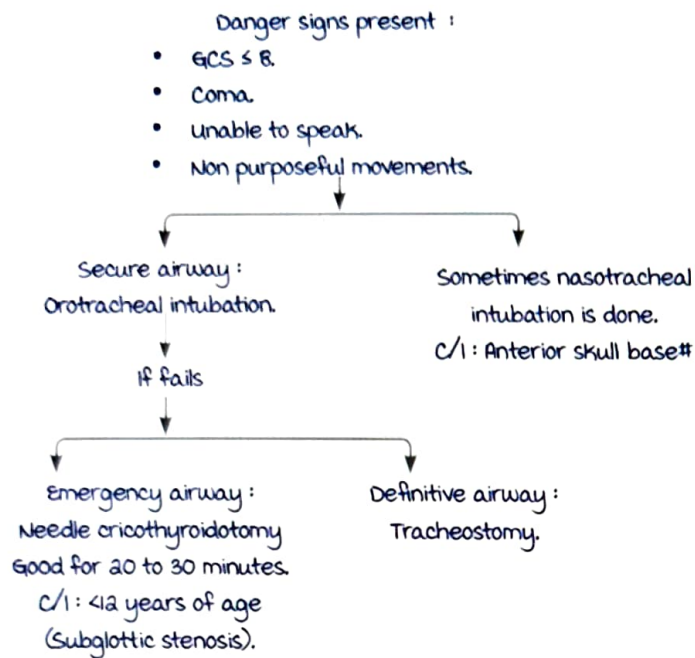
Breathing

- Tension Pneumothorax
- Open Pneumothorax

Circulation

- Massive Hemothorax
- Cardiac Tamponade
- Traumatic Circulatory Arrest

Life threatening injuries.



National Emergency X-Radiography Utilization Study (NEXUS) Criteria

- Meets ALL low-risk criteria?**
1. No posterior midline cervical-spine tenderness **and**
 2. No evidence of intoxication **and**
 3. A normal level of alertness **and**
 4. No focal neurologic deficit **and**
 5. No painful distracting injuries

Yes

No

No Radiography

Radiography

NEXUS Mnemonic

- N** - Neuro deficit
- E** - EtOH (alcohol)/intoxication
- X** - eXtreme distracting injury(ies)
- U** - Unable to provide history (altered level of consciousness)
- S** - Spinal tenderness (midline)

Fracture	Description	Typical management
C1 Jefferson #	Disruption of C1 ring. (blow out #)	Stable : Hard collar. unstable : Surgery/ traction.
Odontoid #	Type I : Tip of odontoid. Type II : Through base. Type III : Involves C2 body.	Hard collar. Halo vest/surgery. Halo vest.
C2 hangman #	B/I C2 pedicles with spondylolisthesis.	Halo vest/surgery.
Cervical v.body #	Compression/burst of vertebral body (v.body) with/without retropulsion into canal.	Hard collar/surgical stabilisation.
Thoracic v.body #		Anterior column only : TLSO.
Lumbar v.body #		Anterior and posterior columns : Surgical stabilisation.
Chance #	Avulsion of posterior elements of lumbar vertebrae (high seat belt use)	Surgical stabilisation.

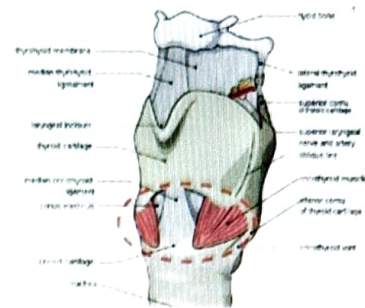
: Fracture.



video laryngoscope.



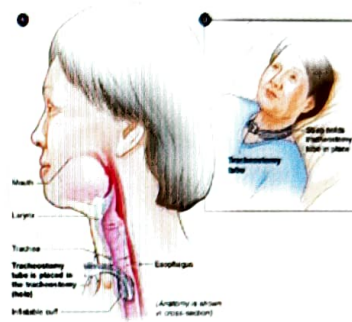
Laryngeal mask airway :
Technically easier.



Cricothyroidectomy area.

Breathing :

- Chest examination .
- Pulse oximetry.
- Chest x ray, pelvic x ray & cervical x ray.
- eFAST scan



Tracheostomy.

Circulation :

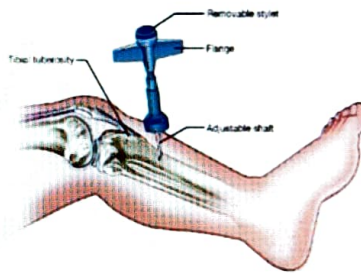
minimum 2 18 G (green) i/v lines

1 litre of fast fluid :

- Responders.
- Non responders.
- Transient responders.

If i/v line is not possible :
venous cut down in great
saphenous vein/
intraosseous infusion.

Definitive intervention :
Central venous line in
internal jugular vein.



Interosseous infusion.

ATLS 10th edition update :

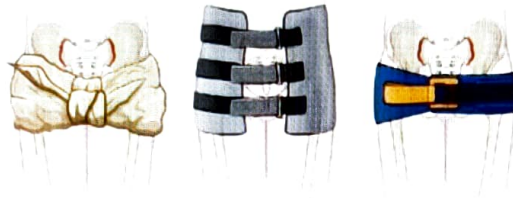
- A bolus of **isotonic solution** 1 L in adults and 20 mL/kg in pediatrics < 40 kg is administered : **Judicious fluid therapy.**
- Aggressive resuscitation before control of bleeding has been demonstrated to increase mortality and morbidity.

CRASH 2 trial : Role of tranexamic acid

- If SBP < 90 mm Hg and/or HR > 110/min,
- Give tranexamic acid : 1 g over 10 min, 1 g over 8 hours.
- mortality is reduced.

REBOA :

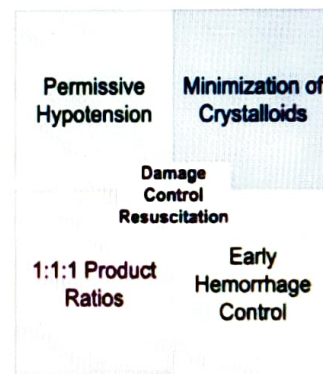
- Resuscitative endovascular balloon occlusion of aorta (REBOA).
- Temporary hemorrhage control in decompensated trauma patients
- Introduced through common femoral artery, advanced proximal to level of injury and then inflated.
- Helps in reducing bleeding and shunting the blood to heart and brain.



Pelvic binder in case of suspected pelvic #.

Damage control resuscitation :

- Permissive hypotension : SBP at lower limit of normal.
- minimisation of crytsalloids : to prevent dilutional coagulopathy.
- Blood products PRBCs/platelets/plasma ratio : 1 : 1 : 1.
- Early hemorrhage control.



Glasgow coma scale :

BEHAVIOR	RESPONSE	SCORE
Eye opening response	Spontaneously	4
	To speech	3
	To pain	2
	No response	1
Best verbal response	Oriented to time, place, and person	5
	Confused	4
	Inappropriate words	3
	Incomprehensible sounds	2
	No response	1
Best motor response	Obeys commands	6
	Moves to localized pain	5
	Flexion withdrawal from pain	4
	Abnormal flexion (decorticate)	3
	Abnormal extension (decerebrate)	2
	No response	1

Single best score : motor score.

Always consider the highest response in GCS.

NT : Non testable.

Eye opening

Criterion	Observed	Rating	Score
Open before stimulus	☒	Spontaneous	4
After spoken or shouted request	☒	To sound	3
After finger tip stimulus	☒	To pressure	2
No opening at any time, no interfering factor	☒	None	1
Closed by local factor	☒	Non testable	NT

Verbal response

Criterion	Observed	Rating	Score
Correctly gives name, place and date	☒	Orientated	5
Not orientated but communication coherently	☒	Confused	4
Intelligible single words	☒	Words	3
Only moans / groans	☒	Sounds	2
No audible response, no interfering factor	☒	None	1
Factor interfering with communication	☒	Non testable	NT

Best motor response

Criterion	Observed	Rating	Score
Obeys 2-part request	☒	Obeys commands	6
Brings hand above clavicle to stimulus on head neck	☒	Localising	5
Bends arm at elbow rapidly but features not predominantly abnormal	☒	Normal flexion	4
Bends arm at elbow, features clearly predominantly abnormal	☒	Abnormal flexion	3
Extends arm at elbow	☒	Extension	2
No movement in arms / legs, no interfering factor	☒	None	1
Paralysed or other limiting factor	☒	Non testable	NT

Pupils Unreactive to Light

Pupil Reactivity Score

Both Pupils	2
One Pupil	1
Neither Pupil	0

The GCS-P is calculated by subtracting the Pupil Reactivity Score (PRS) from the Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) total score:

$$\text{GCS-P} = \text{GCS} - \text{PRS}$$

- GCS score :
mild head injury : 13 to 15.
- moderate head injury : 9 to 12.
- Severe head injury : 8 or less, needs intubation.

Log roll :

Technique to examine back of a trauma patient.
minimum 4 people are required.



Revised trauma score

Glasgow coma scale	Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)	Respiratory rate	Coded value
13 - 15	> 89	10 - 29	4
9 - 12	76 - 89	> 29	3
6 - 8	50 - 75	6 - 9	2
4 - 5	1 - 49	1 - 5	1
3	0	0	0

Mangled Extremity Severity Score (MESS)

Type	Characteristics	Injuries	Points
1	Low energy	Stab wound, simple closed fx, small-caliber GSW	1
2	Medium energy	Open/multilevel fx, dislocation, moderate crush	2
3	High energy	shotgun, high-velocity GSW	3
4	Massive crush	Logging, railroad, oil rig accidents	4
Shock group			
1	Normotensive	BP stable	0
2	Transiently hypotensive	BP unstable in field but responsive to fluid	1
3	Prolonged hypotension	SBP <90mmHg in field and responsive to IV fluids in OR	2
Ischemia Group			
1	None	Pulsatile, no signs of ischemia	1
2	Mild	Diminished pulses without signs of ischemia	2
3	Moderate	No dopplerable pulse, sluggish cap refill, paresthesia, diminished motor activity	3
4	Advanced	Pulseless, cool, paralyzed, numb without cap refill	4
Age Group			
1	<30y/o		0
2	> 30 <50		1

MESS score: six or less consistent with a salvageable limb. Seven or greater amputation generally the eventual result.

Abdominal trauma

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m/c organ injured overall : Spleen.

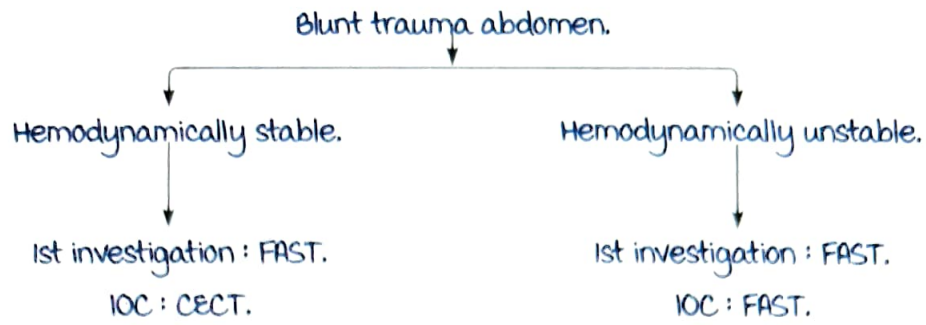
m/c organ injured in blunt trauma : Spleen.

m/c organ injured in penetrating trauma : Liver > small intestine.

m/c organ injured in gun shot wound : Small intestine.

m/c organ injured in seat belt syndrome : mesentery.

Deceleration injury : Duodenojejunal flexure.



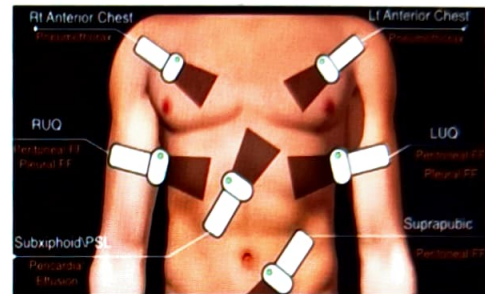
FAST (Focussed Assessment Sonogram in Trauma) :

ultrasound done in emergency.

4 probes :

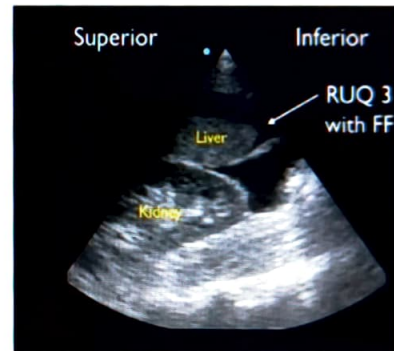
1. Epigastrium : To look for cardiac tamponade.
2. Right hypochondrium.
3. Left hypochondrium.
4. Suprapubic region : To look into pelvis.

eFAST : FAST + Thoracic cavity.



Utilisation of eFAST :

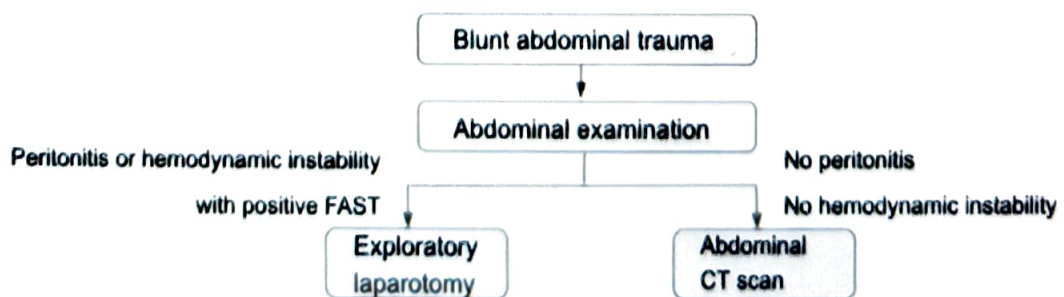
- Detects free fluid in the abdomen or pericardium.
- Not reliable to detect < 100 cc of free blood.
- Does not directly identify injury to hollow viscus.
- Cannot reliably exclude injury in penetrating trauma.
- May need repeating or supplementing with other investigations.
- Unreliable for assessment of retroperitoneum (Obscured by bowel gases).

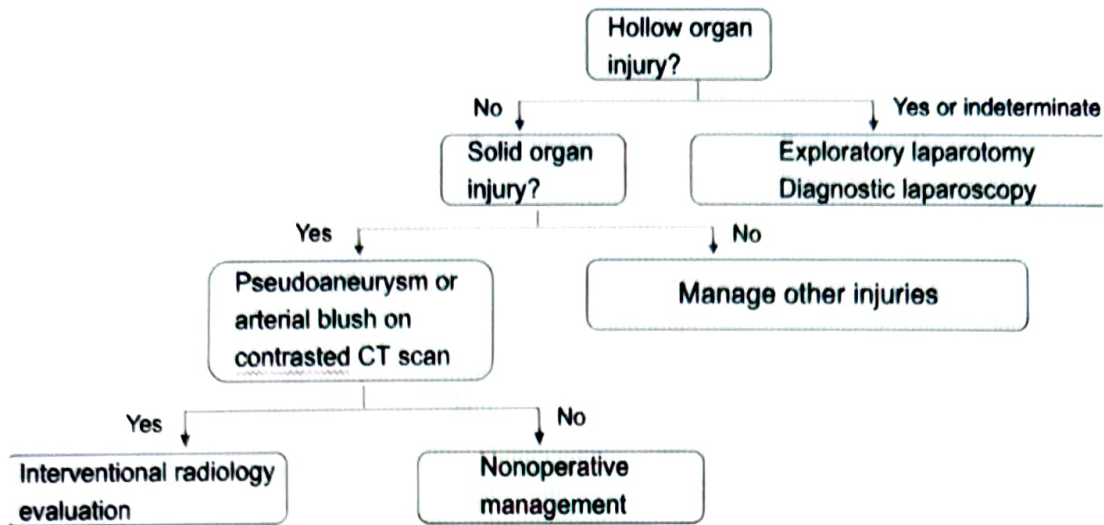


FAST positive : Hypoechoic collection present.

Note : If FAST is positive, do midline laparotomy.

Algorithm for work up of blunt trauma abdomen :





Penetrating abdominal trauma :

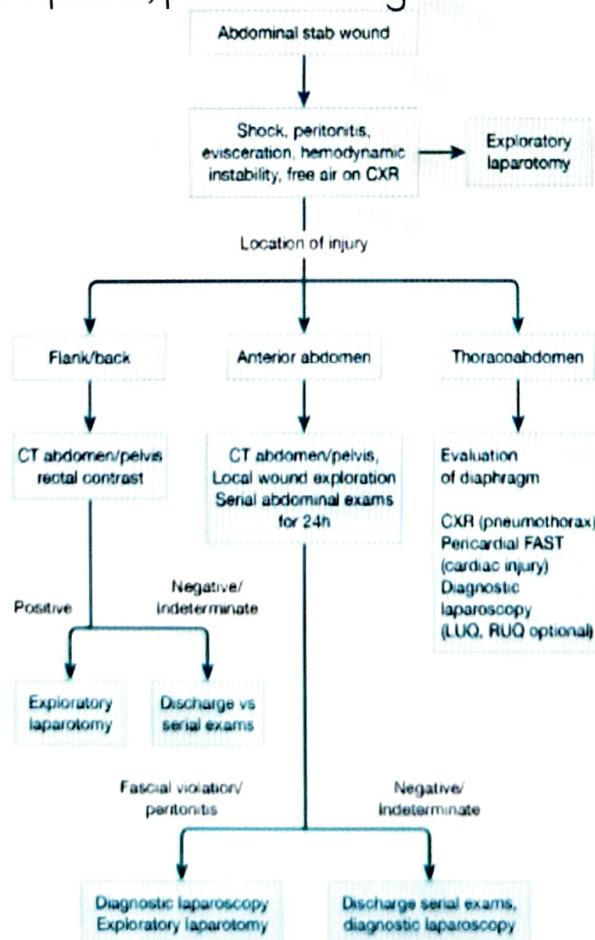
If injury is superior to peritoneum → local exploration and suturing → CECT.

If there is peritoneal breach :

- Peritonitis.
- Omentum hanging out.
- Bile staining of dressing.

Laparotomy even if patient is hemodynamically stable.

Note : If there is a sharp object impaled in the body, **remove** the object in the **OT only** (Provides tamponade, prevents bleeding).



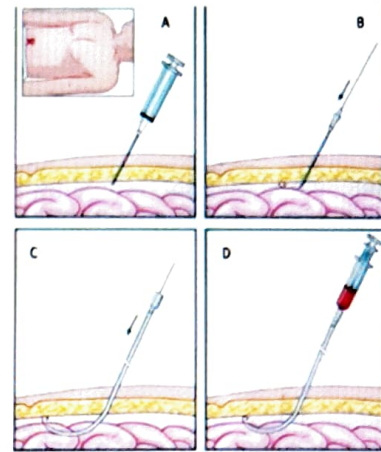
Diagnostic peritoneal lavage (DPL) :

Rarely done now.

Indication : When FAST is not available.

Positive DPL :

- If 10 cc of gross blood is aspirated.
- $> 1,00,000$ RBCs/mm³.
- > 500 WBCs/mm³.
- Amylase > 175 IU/L.
- Presence of rectal content.



DPL.

Splenic trauma :

Should be suspected if :

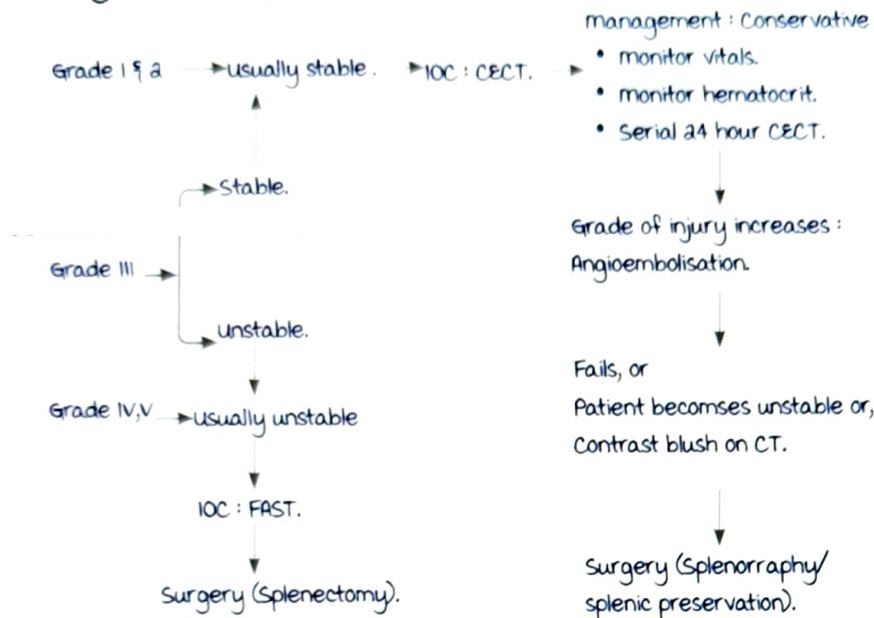
- Bruising in lower chest wall.
- # Left 9th to 11th ribs.

Grading of splenic trauma :

Grade 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subcapsular haematoma $< 10\%$ of surface area• Parenchymal laceration < 1 cm depth• Capsular tear
Grade 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subcapsular haematoma 10-50% of surface area; intraparenchymal haematoma < 5 cm• Parenchymal laceration 1-3 cm
Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subcapsular haematoma $> 50\%$ surface area; ruptured subcapsular or intraparenchymal haematoma ≥ 2.5 cm• Parenchymal laceration > 3 cm depth
Grade 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any injury in the presence of a splenic vascular injury or active bleeding confined within the splenic capsule• Parenchymal laceration involving segmental or hilar vessels producing $> 25\%$ devascularisation
Grade 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any injury in the presence of splenic vascular injury with active bleeding extending beyond the spleen into the peritoneum - shattered spleen

Vascular injury is defined as a pseudoaneurysm or arteriovenous fistula and appears as a focal collection of vascular contrast that decreases in attenuation with delayed imaging. Active bleeding from a vascular injury presents as vascular contrast, focal or diffuse, that increases in size or attenuation in the delayed phase.

management of splenic trauma :



Complications of splenic trauma :

- Hemorrhage.
- Injury to pancreas (Tail of pancreas is close to hilum of spleen).
- Hematological changes :
 - Transient increase in WBCs, RBCs, platelets (uptil 2 weeks).
 - Permanent changes : Basophilic stippling, howell jolly bodies, reticulocytosis, hypersegmented WBCs.
- Left lung atelectasis (m/c complication).
- Opportunistic post splenectomy infections (OPSI) :
 - Caused by encapsulated bacteria : Pneumococcus (m/c), meningococcus, H. influenzae.
 - Children > adults.
 - Within 1st two years of splenectomy.
 - High mortality.
 - Splenectomy done for hematological conditions > trauma conditions.

Prophylactic antibiotics in children :

- For 2 years post splenectomy.
- Ideally given 2 weeks prior to surgery.
- Emergency surgery : Post op day 2.

CDC vaccine recommendations for asplenic patients :

	Pneumococcal vaccination	Meningococcal vaccination	Haemophilus influenzae Type B vaccination
Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immunologically naïve 2-6 years: PCV13 followed by PPSV23 8 weeks later; repeat PPSV23 at 5 years Immunologically naïve 6-18 years: PCV13 followed by PPSV23 8 weeks later; repeat PPSV23 at 5 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MenACWY series AND MenB series 	Hib once if 15 months or older and previously not vaccinated
Adults (age 19 and older)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immunologically naïve: PCV13 followed by PPSV23 8 weeks later; repeat PPSV23 every 5 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MenACWY or MPSV4 2 months apart; repeat MenACWY every 5 years AND MenB series once 	Hib once

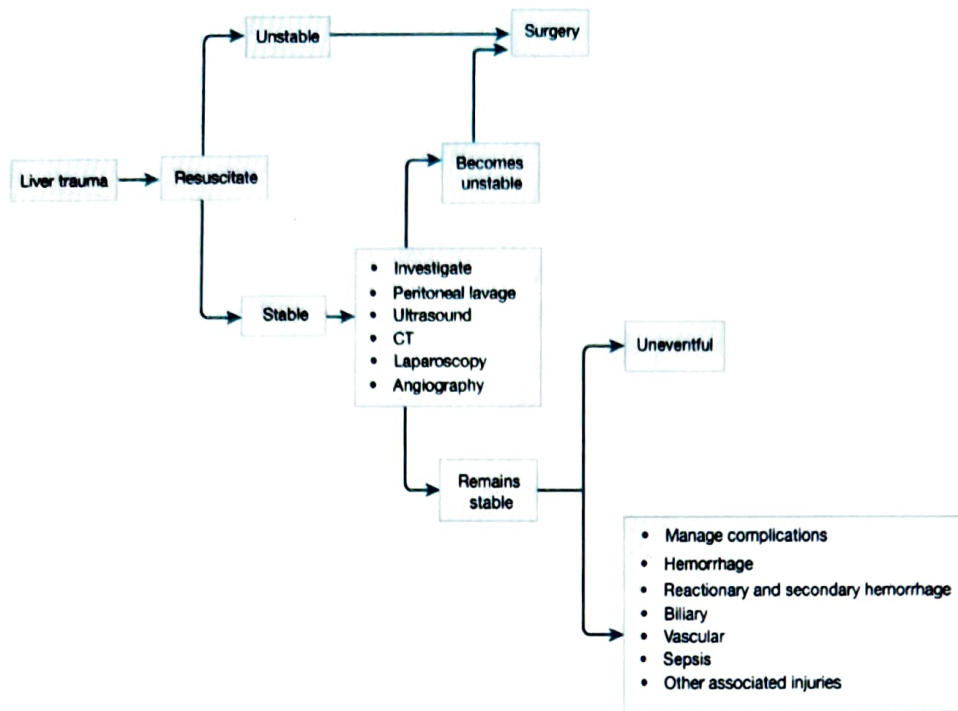
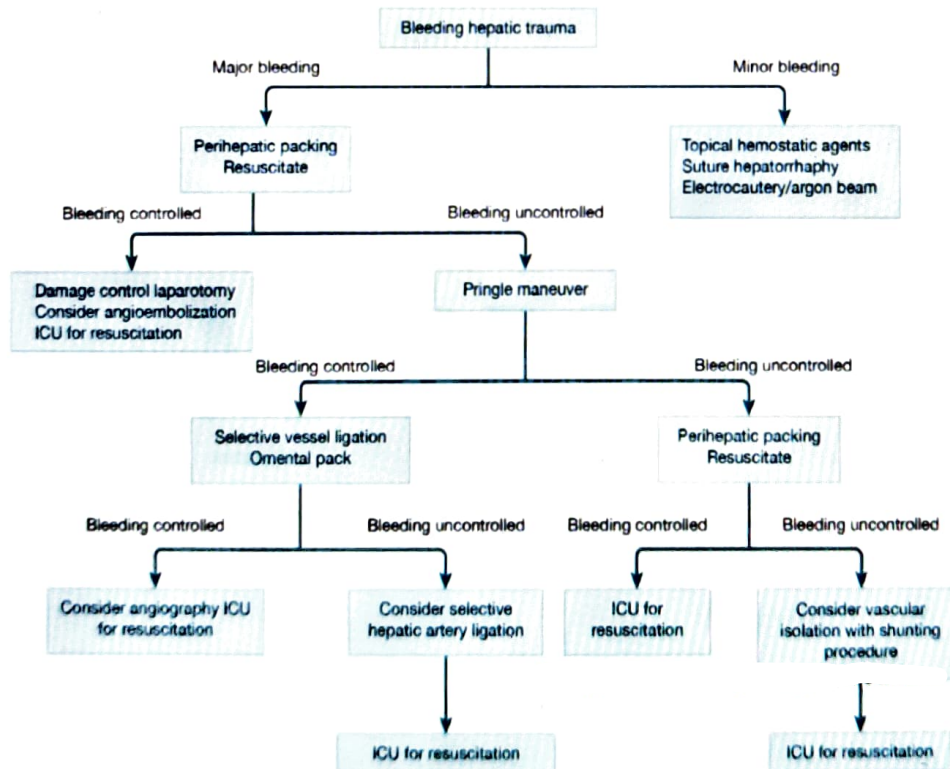
Liver trauma :

Should be suspected if : # Right 9th-11th ribs.

Grade 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Haematoma: subcapsular, <10% surface area Laceration: capsular tear, <1 cm parenchymal depth
Grade 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Haematoma: subcapsular, 10-50% surface area Haematoma: intraparenchymal, <10 cm diameter Laceration: capsular tear 1-3 cm parenchymal depth, <10 cm length
Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Haematoma: subcapsular, >50% surface area of ruptured subcapsular or parenchymal haematoma Haematoma: intraparenchymal, >10 cm Laceration: capsular tear, >3 cm parenchymal depth Vascular injury with active bleeding contained within liver parenchyma
Grade 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laceration: parenchymal disruption involving 25-75% hepatic lobe or involves 1-3 Couinaud segments Vascular injury with active bleeding breaching the liver parenchyma into the peritoneum
Grade 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laceration: parenchymal disruption involving >75% of hepatic lobe Vascular: juxtahepatic venous injuries (retrohepatic vena cava/central major hepatic veins)

- Advance one grade for multiple injuries up to grade III.
- 'Vascular injury' (i.e. pseudoaneurysm or arteriovenous fistula): appears as a focal collection of vascular contrast that decreases in attenuation on delayed images.
- 'Active bleeding': focal or diffuse collection of vascular contrast that increases in size or attenuation on a delayed phase.

Algorithm for operative management of hepatic injuries



Pringle's maneuver :

- Compression of hepatic pedicle at the foramen of Winslow.
- Can be done for 15 minutes.
- Can indicate source of bleeding (If bleeding stops, it is d/t hepatic artery/portal vein).
- Can temporarily stop bleeding.

Packing : Covering of upper and lower surface of liver with mops to provide tamponade effect.

Note : Liver defects should not be packed with omentum (Can lead to adhesions).

mesenteric injury :

Occurs in seatbelt syndrome.

Longitudinal tear :

- No loss of bowel vascularity.
- mx : Repair of tear.

Transverse tear :

- Loss of bowel vascularity.
- mx : Resection & anastomosis.

Duodenal and pancreatic injury :

Can be d/t penetrating and blunt trauma.

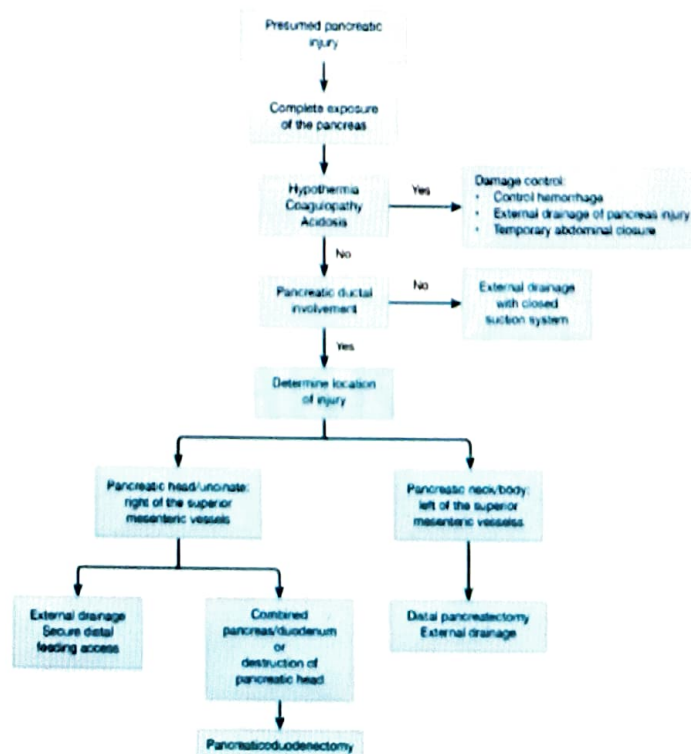
management :

Duodenal hematoma : NPO and ryle's tube.

Perforation : Omental patch repair.

Pancreatic injury :

- most important prognostic factor is the integrity of main pancreatic duct (MPD).
- MPD spared : management is conservative.
- MPD injured : Surgical repair.



Damage control surgery (DCS) & early total care (ETC):

Criteria for DCS	Criteria for ETC
Hypothermia: $< 34^{\circ}\text{C}$	Stable haemodynamics
Acidosis: $\text{pH} < 7.2$	No need for vasoactive/ inotropic stimulation
Serum lactate $> 5 \text{ mmol/L}$	No hypoxaemia, no hypercapnia
Coagulopathy	Serum lactate $< 2 \text{ mmol/L}$
Blood pressure $< 70 \text{ mmHg}$	Normal coagulation
Transfusion approaching 15 units	Normothermia
Injury severity score > 36	Urinary output $> 1 \text{ mL/kg/h}$

- Early total care : Definitive management of a patients injuries within 36 hours of injury after a period of initial resuscitation.
- Damage control surgery :
 - a. Aka abbreviated laparotomy.
 - b. Simultaneous resuscitation with early rapid life and limb saving surgery.
 - c. Time consuming definitive surgery should be deferred until the patient's physiological status allows.

Indications for damage control surgery :

- a. Coagulopathy.
 - b. Hypothermia.
 - c. Acidosis.
- } Lethal triad of trauma.

Phases of DCS :

Phase 0 : Identification of patients.

Phase 1 :

- Emergency laparotomy.
- Aim : To stop bleeding, prevent contamination.
- Temporary closure of abdomen (Bogota bag).



Towels or sponges
(a polyethylene sheet was placed below)

Silicone drain with
negative pressure source

Adhesive drape
for vacuum seal

Bogota bag.

Phase 2 :

- Patient shifted to ICU.
- Aim : Physiology is corrected (Hypothermia, acidosis, coagulopathy).

Phase 3 :

- After 24 to 48 hours, re exploration.
- Aim : Correction of anatomy.

Note : In DCS, correction of physiology is given more importance than correction of anatomy.

Stages of DCS :

1. Patient selection.
2. Control of hemorrhage and contamination.
3. ICU care.
4. Definitive surgery.
5. Abdominal closure.

Abdominal compartment syndrome :

Causes :

- Severe burns.
- Intestinal obstruction.
- massive ascites.

IAH

Grade I

Grade II

Grade III

Grade IV

ACS

Sustained or repeated pathologic elevation of IAP > 12 mm Hg

IAP 12-15 mm Hg

IAP 16-20 mm Hg

IAP 21-25 mm Hg

IAP >25 mm Hg

Sustained elevation of IAP of > 20 mm Hg with new organ dysfunction

IAH : Intra abdominal hypertension.

ACS : Abdominal compartment syndrome.

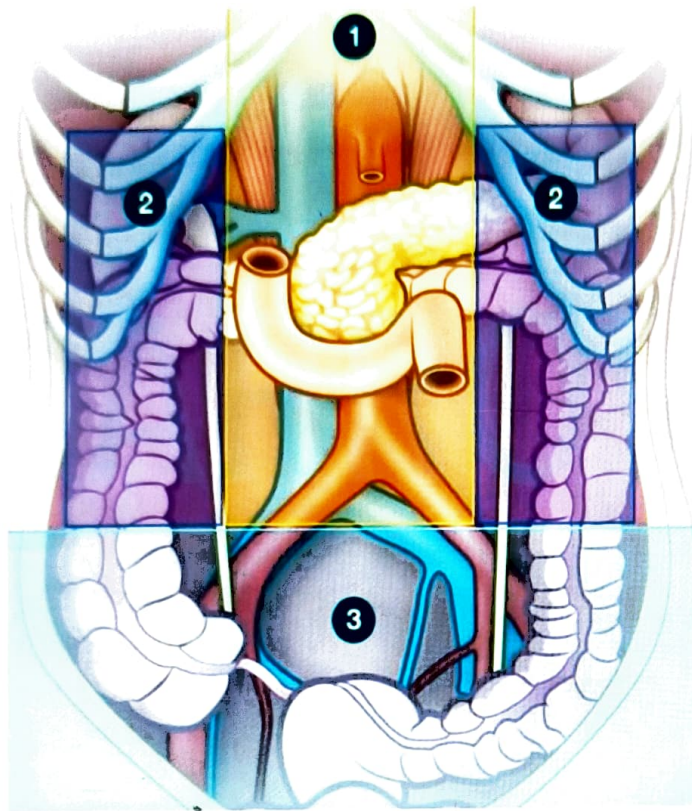
Note : To assess abdominal pressure, bladder pressure is calculated.

Effect of raised intra-abdominal pressure on individual organ function	
Organ	Effect
Renal	Increase in renal vascular resistance leading to a reduction in glomerular filtration rate and impaired renal function
Cardiovascular	Decrease in venous return resulting in decreased cardiac output because of both a reduction in preload and an increase in afterload
Respiratory	Increased ventilation pressures because of splinting of the diaphragm, decreased lung compliance and increased airway pressures
Visceral perfusion	Reduction in visceral perfusion
Intracranial effects	Severe rises in intracranial pressures

management :

- Decompressive laparotomy.
- Correction of acidosis.
- Intravenous fluids.

Retroperitoneal trauma :



Zones of retroperitoneal trauma :

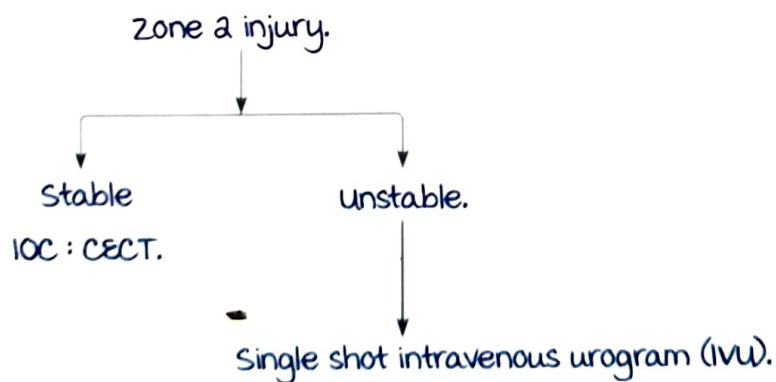
- Zone 1 : major vessels.
- Zone 2 : Kidney, ureter and renal vessels.
- Zone 3 : Pelvic structures.
- Zone 4 : Above superior mesenteric artery.

management :

FAST is not useful in assessing retroperitoneal injury.

Zone associated with maximum mortality : Zone 1 → managed conservatively.

m/c injured zone : Zone 3.

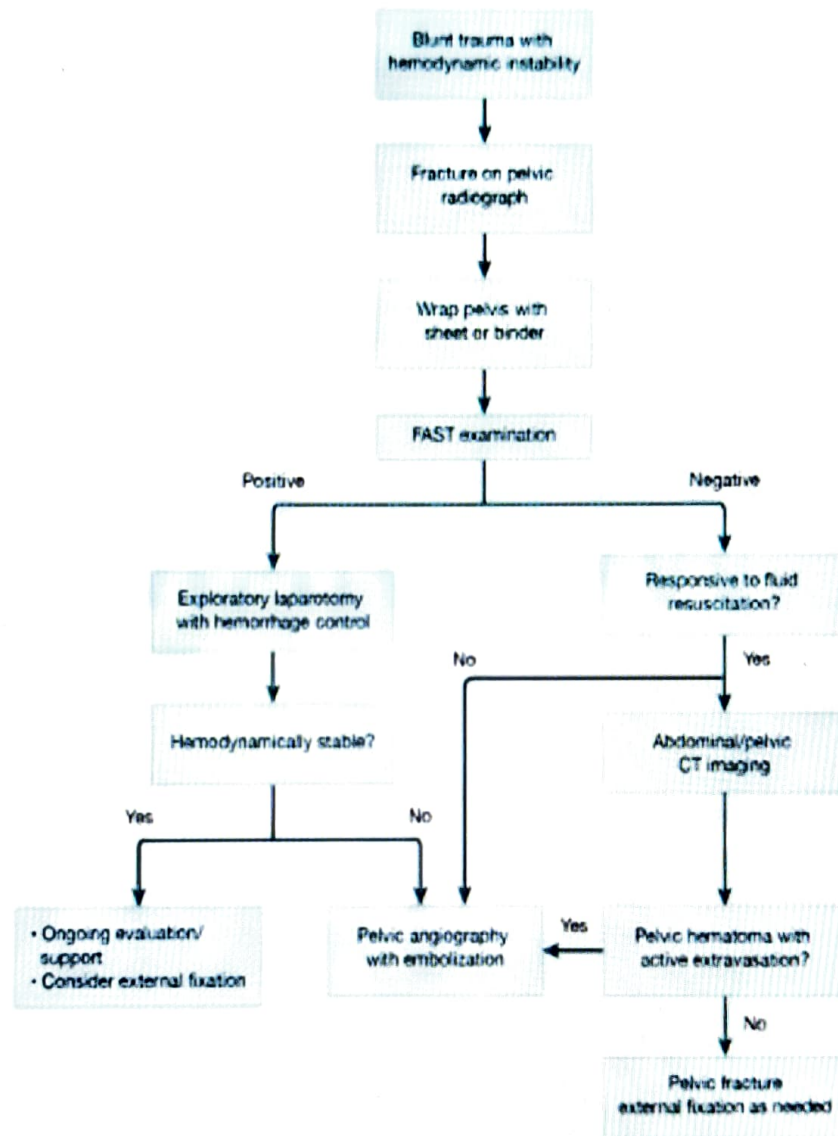


urinoma :

- Sterile → double J stenting.
- Infected → pigtail catheter.

Vascular injury → Exploration.

Algorithm for evaluation and management of pelvic fractures with associated hemorrhage :



CT - Computed tomography
FAST - Focused abdominal sonography in trauma

TRAUMA PART 2

Thoracic Trauma

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Common in polytrauma patients.

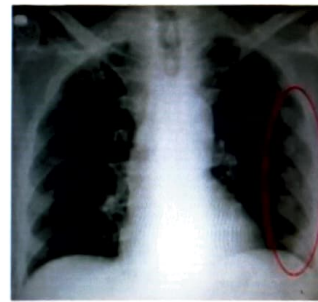
majority can be managed conservatively.

m/c cause of death in **blunt** thoracic trauma : **Tracheobronchial injury.**

m/c cause of death in **penetrating** thoracic trauma : **Hemothorax.**

Rib fractures :

- most common type of thoracic trauma.
- mx : **Analgesia.**
- most common ribs fractured during CPR : 3rd to 5th ribs.
- 1st rib fracture : subclavian vessels, brachial plexus & apex of lung can be injured.
- 10-12th rib fracture :
On Left : Spleen injured & Right : Liver injured.



Rib fractures.

management :

