



Guiding Principles for Major Trauma inter hospital transfer

Vital Signs (major trauma if any one of the following present)

	Adult ≥ 14 yrs	Child < 14 yrs
Respiratory Rate	<10 or >29	Vital signs are age-dependent, monitor trends, discuss early with paediatric major trauma service
SaO₂	< 94%	
Hypotension	<100mmHg	
Conscious State	GCS<14	
Heart Rate	<50 Or >120	

or

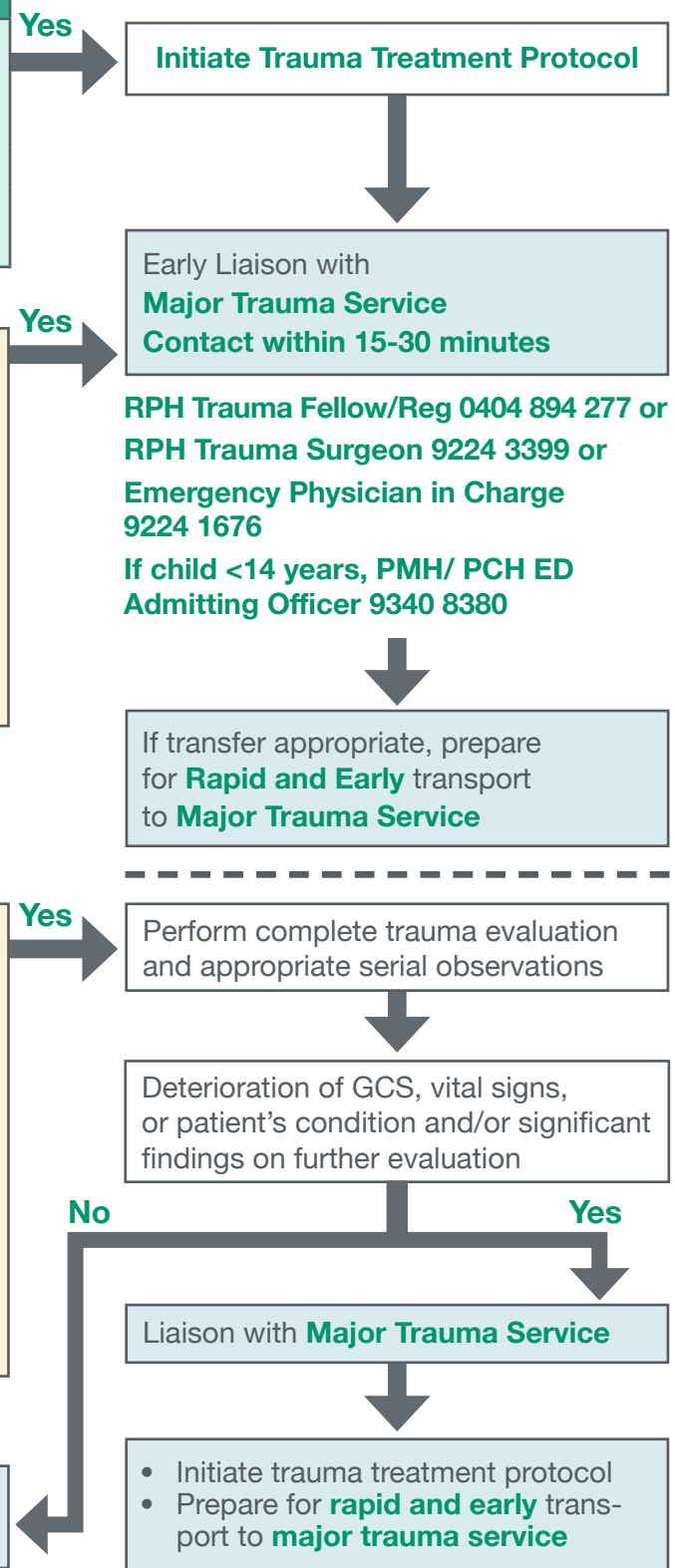
Injuries

- Flail chest
- Multiple body regions injured
- 2 or more proximal long bone fractures
- Amputation/crush injury (proximal to wrist or ankle)
- Degloved or mangled extremity
- Suspected spinal injury
- Open or depressed skull #
- Pelvic fractures
- Penetrating injury head/neck/torso (proximal to elbows/knees)

High Risk Patients / Mechanism

- MVC > 60kph
- MBC > 30kph
- Pedestrian/Cyclist
- Ejection
- Fatality within same vehicle
- Fall > 3m
- Cabin intrusion (>30 cm occupants side) (>45 cm any side)
- Explosion
- Age >65 or <14
- Pregnancy
- Anticoagulation

Consider discharge or admission after appropriate evaluation and observation



Please liaise with Major Trauma Service early if Pt meets criteria regardless of your local ability to treat