



Chest trauma

1. You receive notification that a 28 year old man is en-route to your tertiary Emergency Department after a high speed MCA. He was trapped at the scene for 45minutes, and has sustained significant blunt chest trauma. GCS 12, HR 120, BP 90/60, RR 30, sats 96% non re-breathing mask.

- a. Outline your preparation to receive this patient
- b. Describe your initial assessment and management

http://www.uptodate.com/contents/initial-evaluation-and-management-of-chest-wall-trauma-in-adults?source=search_result&search=trauma&selectedTitle=4%7E150

2. A 42 year old man is deposited at the front door of your rural Emergency Department after a fight. He has been stabbed in the left side of his chest, mid axillary line.

GCS 14, HR 140, BP 70, RR 40, Sats 89%

- a. Describe you initial assessment and management
- b. Discuss your disposition of this patient

<http://www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au/liverpool/trauma/handbook1.html> (Liverpool hospital trauma manual)

3. A 5 year old girl has rolled out of her bunk bed and fallen to the floor. She is complaining of right sided chest pain when she breathes.

GCS 15, HR 120, BP 80, RR 20, Sats 96%RA

- a. In what way do you need to modify your assessment in a child

http://www.rch.org.au/paed_trauma/manual/17_Chest_Injury/

http://www.uptodate.com/contents/trauma-management-unique-pediatric-considerations?source=search_result&search=trauma&selectedTitle=7%7E150

