FOI 3436

Date 18/11/2024

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

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

Yes

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

Anaesthetic and pain team, general surgery

1. 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.

Please see attached

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

Please see attached

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

No - administered by Anaesthesia

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 Yours sincerely,

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