



Minor trauma or ED trauma (see guideline) for imaging and/or analgesia

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

ABSOLUTE	RELATIVE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma CALL and ALERT patients are UNLIKELY to be SSU candidates -> refer • Major head / chest / abdominal / pelvic trauma suspected or detected e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Intracranial haemorrhage ○ Haemo/pneumothorax ○ Intra-abdominal bleeding ○ Complex pelvic fractures (excluding simple pubic ramus fracture) • Compartment syndrome suspected • Neurological deficit • Unlikely to cope on discharge even if only simple injuries found 	

KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR SSU ADMISSION

- Repeat secondary and tertiary (head to toe) assessment for new symptoms / areas of concern and imaging as indicated
 - Low threshold for CT chest in chest trauma e.g. elderly / increasing analgesic requirement
- Allied health input, flag for higher age groups and lower baseline mobility
- Ensure imaging reviewed appropriately
 - CT C-spine must have finalized consultant or senior radiology registrar report
 - CTB – interim registrar report suitable
 - Correlate clinical findings and discuss plain films with radiology registrar if any concerns
- Analgesia + antiemetic
 - Paracetamol 1 g QID oral regular/ NSAID 400 mg TDS oral, age considerations/ Oxycodone 5mg QID oral prn
 - Ondansetron 4-8 mg TDS oral/ Metoclopramide 10 mg QID oral
- Limb immobilisation as indicated e.g. plaster/sling

REFERRAL CRITERIA

- Unstable vital signs
- Pathology identified that requires admission
- Intractable pain in spite of maximal therapy
- Failed mobility assessment with ACE

DISCHARGE CRITERIA

- Tolerating oral intake
- Adequate social support
- Return to baseline function, mentation and mobilising safely

DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

- Follow up plan; LMO
- Outpatient clinic requests as clinically indicated e.g. VFRAC, plastics
- VTE risk assessment and handout given to patient if lower limb immobilised
- Re-attendance advice
- Medical certificate
- Prescription for discharge medications where indicated