Triage Guide for Trauma Patients with Rib Fractures

2 points
Age ≥ 60yo

1 point
≥ 3 rib fractures
Bilateral rib fractures
Flail segment
IS <500ml
Weak or no cough
Underlying chronic lung disease

If ≥3 points-admit pt to the SICU and consult pain for an epidural
If ≥2 points- consider admission to the OU and early pain consult for an epidural

**Final patient disposition is up to the discretion of the trauma attending**
References


