

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Guideline for the management of MAJOR TRAUMA

The Trauma Team must be called for all patients with major trauma. The most senior ED doctor in the department should lead the Trauma Call, with members of the Paediatric, Orthopaedic, Surgical and Anaesthetic team in attendance.

Prepare for child's arrival with WETFLAG

Weight
Energy
Tube
Fluids
Adrenaline
Glucose

RESPONSIVE? -----NO----- CARDIAC ARREST MANAGEMENT

YES

PRIMARY ASSESSMENT

ABCD looking for life threatening issues

RESUSCITATION

SECONDARY SURVEY

Looking for key features

EMERGENCY TREATMENT

REASSESS focusing on system control

CONTINUE STABILISATION

CONTINUING CARE

HANDOVER

TRANSFER

Control catastrophic external haemorrhage

Airway and cervical spine

Breathing-RR O2 SATS

Circulation-HR BP CRT-IV or IO access

Disability- AVPU

Correct abnormalities as they arise, reassess continually.

Detailed review and definitive care provided

Stabilisation and transfer

See: The structured approach to the seriously injured child, APLS 5th Edition for full details.

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