



Silver Trauma

Recognising Major Trauma in >65



MECHANISM OF INJURY

- Fall downstairs
- Fall from any height other than standing
- Pedestrian / Cyclist struck by vehicle
- Road Traffic Collision (except simple rear shunt or speed <30mph)
- Penetrating or crush injury to torso



Physiology/Anatomy

- Systolic BP <110mmHg
- HR >90bpm
- GCS <15
- 2 or More Body Regions (i.e. Chest and Pelvis)
- Suspected Head or Spinal Injuries



Medication

- Anticoagulation/Coagulopathies

ANY ▶ Full Trauma Team OR Senior Doctor & Nurse



CLINICAL WARNING

- Occult Shock** - medication and preexisting cardiovascular disease
- Spinal Injury** - CT is recommended in this group & look for 2nd #
- Trauma Vs Collapse?** - coexisting medical cause ? (i.e. MI > RTC)
- Secondary Survey** - don't get distracted by first injury found
- Co-Morbidities** - don't forget Parkinson's Medication