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<b>Subject:</b>	Guidelines for the clinical management of chest related injuries
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**Requested:**

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?
2. Which clinical team(s) are patients with isolated rib fractures, chest wall trauma or blunt chest wall trauma admitted under?
3. 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.
4. Where more than one team has produced guidelines, please provide copies of all the relevant guidelines.
5. In your organisation, is there a dedicated service/ team providing chest wall nerve blocks for rib fracture patients?

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) holds three written control documents that relate to your request.

- 711 - Inpatient Rib Fracture Management Guideline
- 899 - Major Trauma Policy
- 900 - RTF and Prehospital Procedure (Major Trauma)

Copies of these documents are provided at Attachments 1- 3, within which you will be able to identify the information to answer the questions detailed above.