

21st April 2009

Dear Colleagues,

Re: Pelvic Trauma—new guidance

The Joint Royal Colleges Ambulance Liaison Committee Guideline Development Group has developed new guidance for the assessment and management of major pelvic trauma.

The recommendations, based on current best evidence and expert consensus, are:

- Fracture of the pelvis should be considered based upon mechanism of injury.
- Springing or distraction of the pelvis must not be undertaken.
- Pelvic stabilisation should be implemented as soon as is practicable.
- Any patient with hypotension and potentially relevant mechanism of injury must be considered to have a time critical pelvic injury.

Appropriate pain management strategies should be considered.

This guideline together with a brief overview is available at:

http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/med/research/hsri/emergencycare/prehospitalcare/jrcalcstakeholderwebsite/clinicalpracticeupdates/pelvic_trauma_-_final_published_version_issued_21apr2009.pdf and a copy is attached for your information.

Best wishes,



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