

Criteria for Transfer to Trauma Center from ED at HMC:

1. Multisystem trauma (serious injury to more than 1 body system)
2. Flail chest
3. Blunt aortic injury (BAI)
4. Unstable vital signs post blunt chest trauma
5. Hemothorax with:
 - a. Immediate bloody drainage of ≥ 20 mL/kg (approximately 1500 mL) by Chest tube thoracostomy
 - b. Shock and persistent, substantial bleeding (generally >3 mL/kg/hour)
 - c. Patient on any of the following anticoagulants (Coumadin, Dabigatran, Eliquis, Xarelto).

*Small collections may be treated with needle aspiration or thoracostomy drainage and admitted to HMC for further management

6. Hemoptysis
7. Symptomatic or large pericardial effusion
8. Rib fractures with:
 - a. Morbid obesity
 - b. Alcoholism with impending DTs
 - c. Significant underlying lung disease
 - d. Frail and/or elderly with 3 or more ribs