



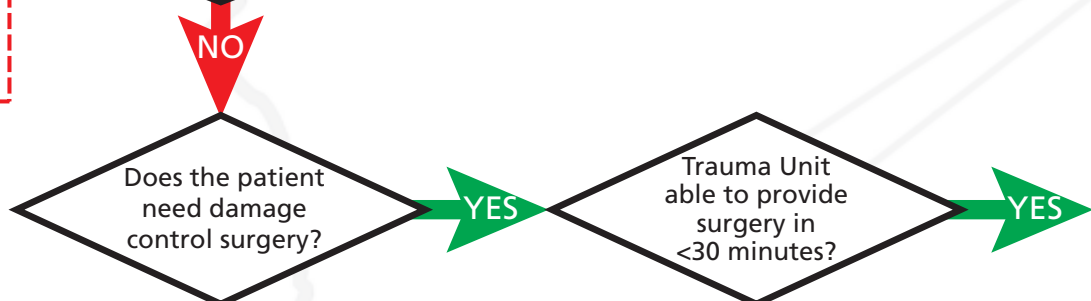
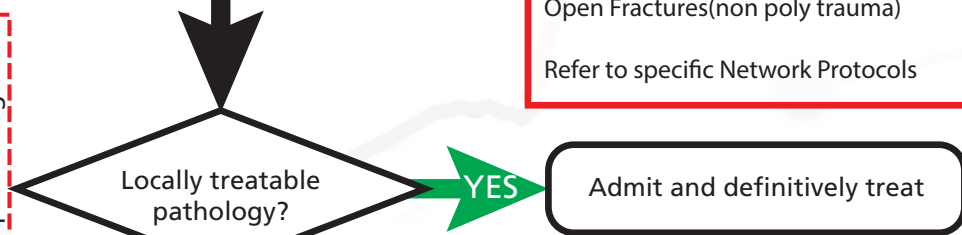
## Secondary Transfer Protocol for Major Trauma—Adult and Paediatric

**Primary Survey**  
± Critical Interventions  
± Further Investigations

**EXCEPTIONS:**  
Isolated Head Injuries  
Isolated Spinal injuries  
Open Fractures(non poly trauma)  
Refer to specific Network Protocols

**Immediate Local Trauma Unit Considerations**  
Local service issues must be considered throughout, e.g. availability of appropriate surgeon, availability of anaesthetist, time for transfer, time to theatre, etc.  
  
Consider transfer to the MTC if immediate sight-saving surgery is required  
  
Trauma patients for transfer may never reach a state of cardiovascular stability.  
  
Do not delay transfer.

Discuss with Major Trauma Centre ED consultant time permitting



Call MTC ED Consultant  
0208 672 1255  
BLEEP 8021  
or  
0208 725 1222  
Call ambulance service for time critical transfer



Patient transferred to MTC  
  
Ensure Pre-alert to St. George's ED when ambulance 10 minutes away to enable Trauma Team assembly for arrival

**Urgent Secondary Transfer**  
(may still need "Time Critical" ambulance transfer by existing mechanisms)  
Determine patient's main reason to transfer and refer to the Network's protocols for—  
  
Isolated Head Injury Pathway  
Spinal Injury Pathway  
Open fracture scoring sheet

