Rib Fracture Protocol

Patient in ED/ SRU

Patient with ≥ 2 rib fractures or sternal fracture + 1 rib fracture?

ICE admission and when extubated initiate Rib Fracture Clinical Pathway

Intubated?

YES

Incentive spirometer volume <50% of goal?

Pain score ≥ 8?

Oxygen requirement ≥ 2 liters?

Age ≥ 65?

Yes to 2 or more

ICU admission + Rib Fracture Clinical Pathway

Yes to 1

Floor admission + Rib Fracture Clinical Pathway

No to all of above

Consider Discharge

Incentive spirometer, pain score, and oxygen requirement to be assessed daily until patient passes all 3 criteria

Rib Fracture Clinical Pathway

1. Consider APS consult if incentive spirometer is <25% of goal or oxygen requirement >5L.
3. PT/OT early if able.
4. Assess and record incentive spirometer, pain, and oxygen requirement daily.
5. Initiate trauma pain protocol (age appropriate).

End

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