

Chest Injury Pathway - Analgesia

Non-invasive analgesia

Simple Analgesia

Consider hydration, laxatives and prevention of delirium in vulnerable groups

Opiates

With regular simple analgesia

PO/IV/IM/SC routes

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Patient Controlled Analgesia (PCA)

With regular simple analgesia

Consider hydration, laxatives and prevention of delirium in vulnerable groups

Invasive analgesia options

Intercostal/Serratus Anterior blocks*

Consider environment – Critical Care review

Paravertebral/Epidural blocks*

Consider environment – Critical Care review

*refer to local policy