**ISS Score Guide**

**Isolated chest injury ISS guidance**

4 fractured ribs with haemothorax

4 fractured ribs with a pneumothorax

ISS 9 =

>5 fractured ribs with unilateral flail

>5 fractured ribs with a pneumothorax

ISS 16 =

Fractured ribs with bilateral flail and fractured sternum

ISS 25 =

**Head injuries**

Any CT positive finding e.g contusion, subarahnoid, subdural, extradural should count as an ISS >9

**Orthopaedic**

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| **Body Region**  **Or**  **Specific Injury** | **ISS > 9** | **ISS < 9** |
| **Spine** | cord injury, fracture, dislocation or nerve root injury | Spinal strain or sprain |
| **Femoral Fracture** | All shaft, distal, head or subtrochanteric fractures, **regardless of age**  Isolated neck of femur or inter/ greater trochanteric fractures **< 65 years old** | Isolated neck of femur or inter/ greater trochanteric fractures **> 65 years old** |
| **Foot or Hand** | Crush or amputation only | Any fractures &/or dislocations, even if open &/or multiple |
| **Finger or Toe** | None | All injuries to digits, even if open fractures, amputation or crush &/or multiple injuries |
| **Limb- Upper**  **(except hands/fingers)** | Any open injury.  Any 2 limb fractures &/or dislocations | Any closed unilateral injury  (including multiple closed fractures &/or dislocations or the same limb) |
| **Limb- Below Knee**  **(except feet/toes)** | Any open injury.  Any 2 limb fractures &/or dislocations | Any closed unilateral injury  (including multiple closed fractures &/or dislocations or the same limb) |
| **Pelvis** | All isolated fractures to ischium, sacrum, coccyx, ileum, acetabulum.  Multiple pubic rami fractures.  Single pubic rami fracture **<65 years old**  Any fracture involving SIJ or symphysis pubis | Single pubic rami fracture **> 65years old** |