

**Criteria for referral for regional anaesthesia
for rib fractures**

Patient label



Location:

Consultant:

Patient weight:

Referrer:

Rib fracture score:

Unilateral or bilateral:

Pain score:

At rest _____

On deep breathing _____

FiO2:

SpO2:

Platelets:

Coagulation:

PTr _____

APTr _____

Anticoagulants (drug and time of last dose):

Potential contra-indications:

None Vertebral body fracture Systemic infection Raised ICP Anticoagulants

Rib fracture score = (breaks x sides) + age factor

Breaks: number of fractures (not number of ribs that are broken)

Sides: unilateral = 1, bilateral = 2

Age factor:

- 0 = <50 years
- 1 = 51 – 60 years
- 2 = 61 – 70 years
- 3 = 71 – 80 years
- 4 = >80 years

Please contact duty anaesthetist (via switchboard) Mon – Fri 08.00 – 18.00 or resident anaesthetist (bleep 5000) out of hours.