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# *GESTIONE DEL TRAUMA “INTERMEDIO” IN PRONTO SOCCORSO*

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# Workshop: il trauma intermedio

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PURE LA  
**CONTORSIONISTA**  
**STAMANI?!?!?**

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FACCIO  
ORA?

COME LO  
CLASSIFICO?





# DEFINIZIONE



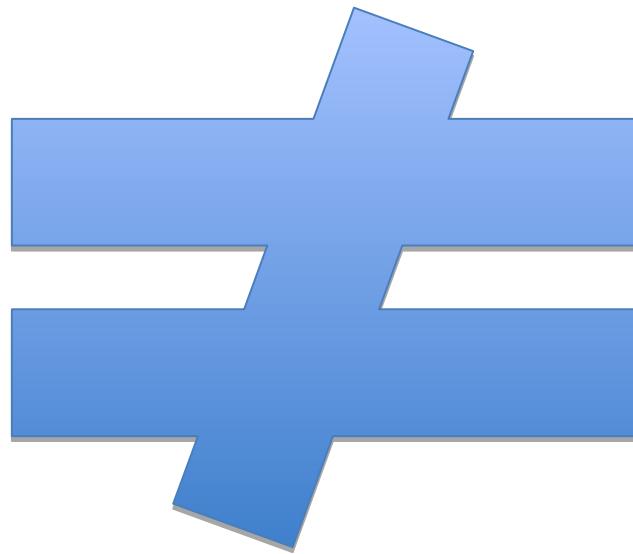
## The definition of polytrauma revisited: An international consensus process and proposal of the new 'Berlin definition'

2014

**Two injuries** that are greater or equal to 3 on the AIS **and one** or more additional diagnoses (pathologic condition), that is, **hypotension** (systolic blood pressure < 90 mm Hg,), **unconsciousness** (GCS score < 8), **acidosis** (base deficit > 6.0), **coagulopathy** (PTT > 40 seconds or INR > 1.4), and **age** (> 70 years).



# **TRAUMA INTERMEDIO o MINORE**



# **POLITRAUMA**

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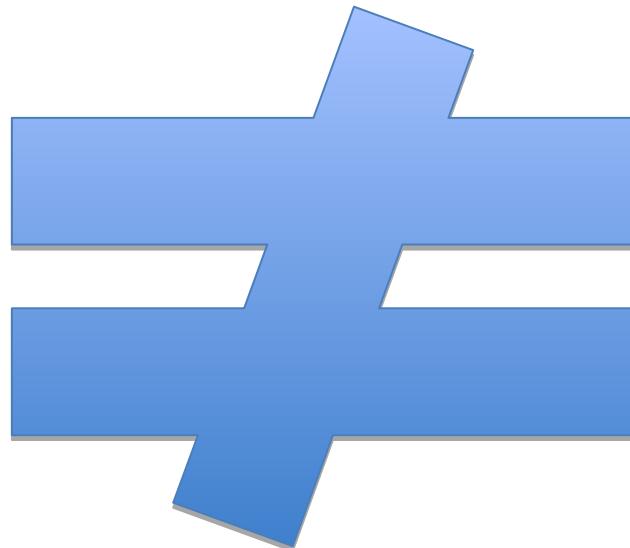


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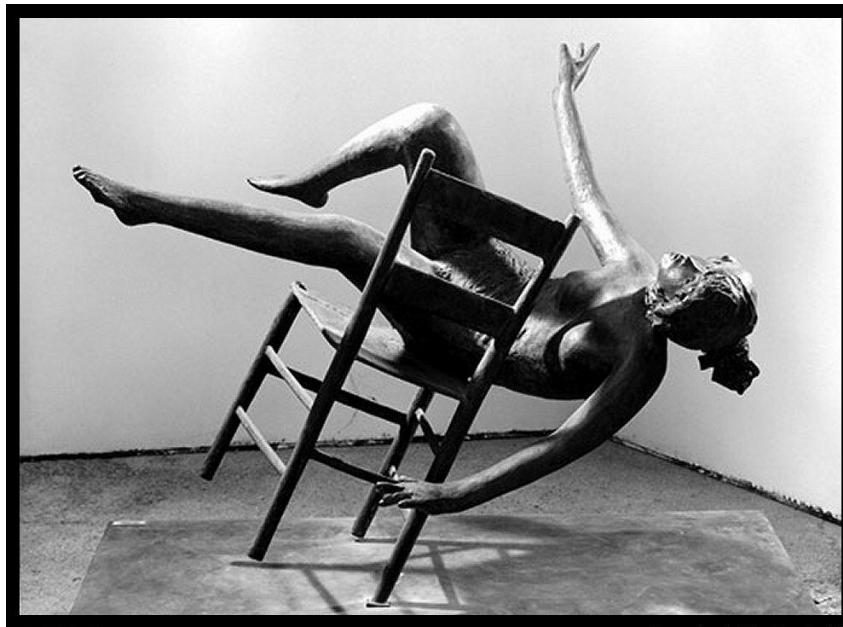
# POLITRAUMA



DEFINIZIONE



TRAUMA INTERMEDIO o  
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DEA I



DEA II

# TRAUMA SCORES...

## PREOSPEDALIERO

### Revised Trauma Score

Trauma center se <4

Glasgow coma score	Systolic blood pressure	Respiratory rate	Coded value
13–15	>89	10–29	4
9–12	76–89	>29	3
6–8	50–75	6–9	2
4–5	1–49	1–5	1
3	0	0	0

Score Component	GAP Score (Point Range, 3–24)	MGAP Score (Point Range, 3–29)
Age < 60 y	+3	+5
SBP > 120 mm Hg	+6	+5
SBP of 60–120 mm Hg	+4	+3
GCS score	GCS value	GCS value
Blunt trauma (vs. penetrating)	—	+4

GCS score ranges from 3 points to 15 points.



Mechanism-GCS-Age-Blood pressure  
23-29 basso rischio  
18-22 rischio intermedio  
<18 alto rischio

# TRAUMA SCORES...

## INTRAOSPEDALIERO

Region	AIS Score	Injury
Head & Neck	1	Minor
Face	2	Moderate
Chest	3	Serious
Abdomen	4	Severe
Extremity	5	Critical
External	6	Survivable

ISS	
1-8	Minor
9-15	Moderate
16-24	Serious
25-49	Severe
50-74	Critical
75	Maximum



**TRISS**  
Correlazione RTS/ISS

# TRAUMA SCORES...

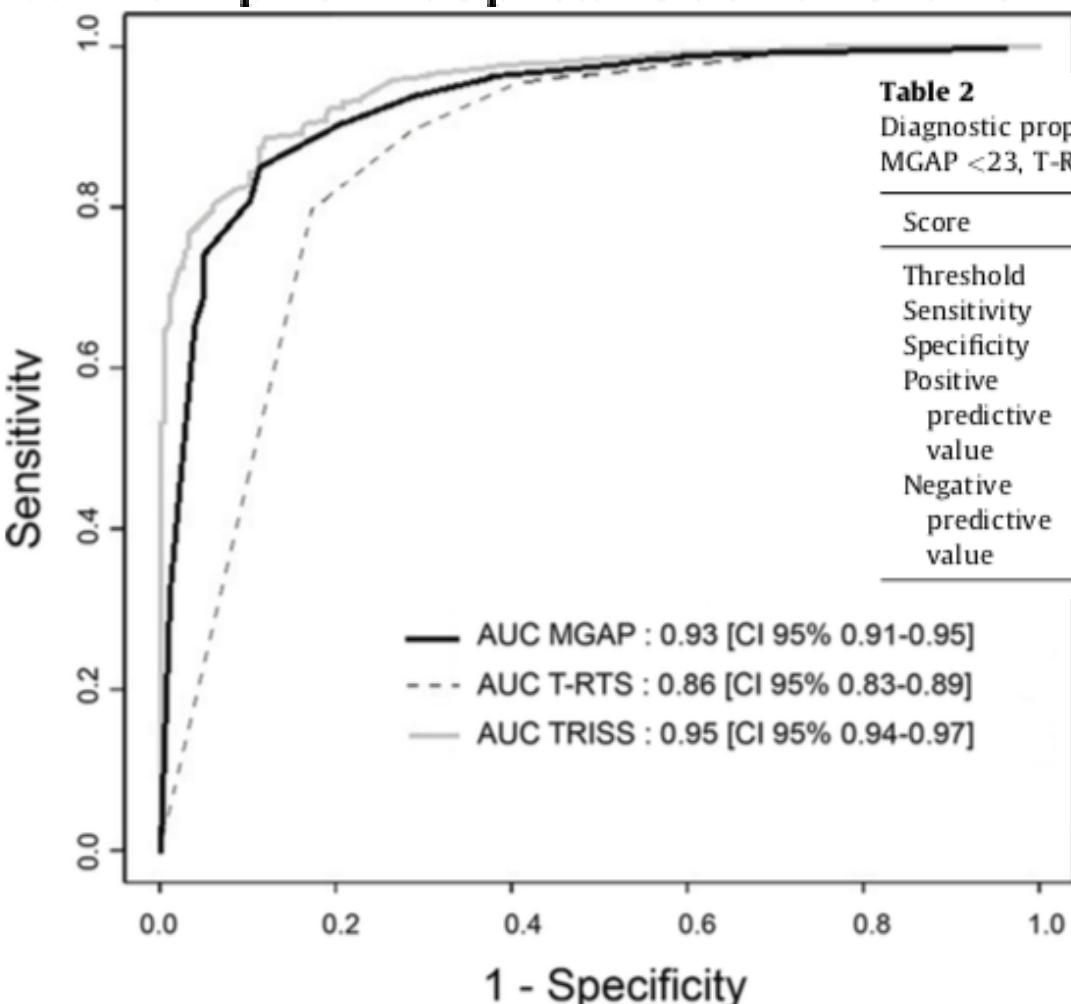
## Correlation Between the Revised Trauma Score and Injury Severity Score: Implications for Prehospital Trauma Triage

Physiological	Anatomical
Revised Trauma Score (RTS)	Injury Severity Score (ISS)
Triage-Revised Trauma Score (T-RTS)	New Injury Severity Score (NISS)
Glasgow, Age, and Arterial Pressure Score (GAP)	Abbreviated Injury Score (AIS)
Mechanism, Glasgow, Age, and Arterial Pressure Score (MGAP)	Trauma-Related Injury Severity Score (TRISS)*

Measure	AUROC	95% CI	Odds ratio (OR)
ISS	0.921	(0.915–0.927)	1.12
RTS Scene	0.884	(0.872–0.896)	2.07
RTS Admission	0.927	(0.919–0.936)	3.24
MGAP Scene	0.934	(0.927–0.942)	1.48
MGAP Admission	0.958	(0.953–0.963)	1.55

# TRAUMA SCORES...

Prediction of intra-hospital mortality after severe trauma:  
which pre-hospital score is the most accurate?

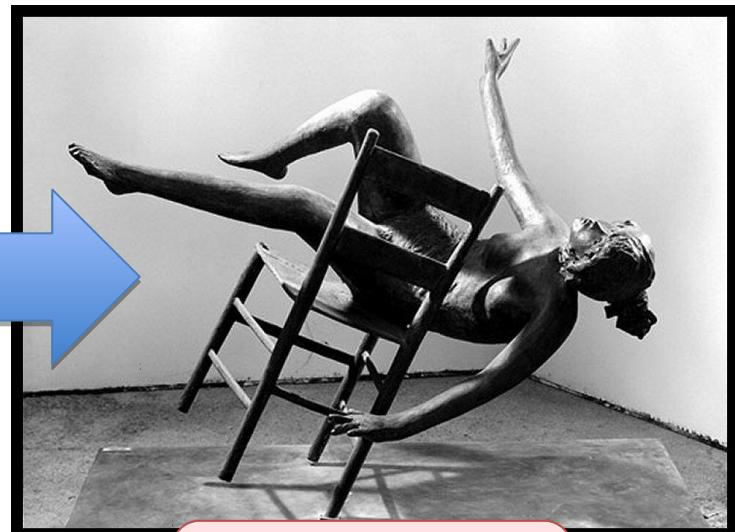


**Table 2**

Diagnostic properties of each score (MGAP, T-RTS and TRISS) at usual thresholds:  
MGAP <23, T-RTS <12 and TRISS <0.91.

Score	MGAP	T-RTS	TRISS
Threshold	< 23	< 12	< 0.91
Sensitivity	0.88 [0.87– 0.89]	0.79 [0.78– 0.80]	0.87 [0.86– 0.88]
Specificity	0.82 [0.81– 0.83]	0.88 [0.87– 0.89]	0.85 [0.84 –0.86]
Positive predictive value	0.26 [0.24– 0.28]	0.19 [0.18– 0.20]	0.29 [0.27– 0.31]
Negative predictive value	0.99 [0.99– 0.99]	0.98 [0.98–0.98]	0.99 [0.99– 0.99]





DEA I

DEA II

# TRAUMA CENTER



## Step 1 (Physiological signs)

GCS < 13 &/or  
SAP < 90 &/or  
SpO<sub>2</sub> < 90%

no



### Step One

Glasgow Coma Scale	<14
Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)	<90 mmHg
Respiratory rate	<10 or >29 breaths per minute (<20 in infant aged <1 year*)

Yes

Take to a trauma center.<sup>†</sup> Steps One and Two attempt to identify the most seriously injured patients. These patients should be transported preferentially to the highest level of care within the trauma system.

No

Assess anatomy of injury.

### Step 1

#### Assess vital signs and level of consciousness

- 1A Glasgow Coma Score of 13 or below
- 1B Sustained systolic blood pressure less than 90mmHg
- 1C Respiratory rate less than 10 or greater than 29bpm



Yes to any one

# TRAUMA CENTER



## Step 2 (Global assessment of speed and mechanism)

Ejection from vehicle

Death in same passenger compartment

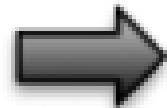
Fall > 6m

Victim thrown or projected

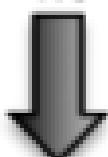
Global assessment of speed and potential injuries :

Vehicle deformation, estimated vehicle speed, no helmet, no seat belt

Blast



no



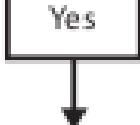
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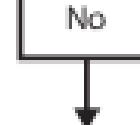
## Step Two<sup>5</sup>



- All penetrating injuries to head, neck, torso and extremities proximal to elbow and knee
- Flail chest
- Two or more proximal long-bone fractures
- Crushed, degloved, or mangled extremity
- Amputation proximal to wrist and ankle
- Pelvic fractures
- Open or depressed skull fracture
- Paralysis



Take to a trauma center. Steps One and Two attempt to identify the most seriously injured patients. These patients should be transported preferentially to the highest level of care within the trauma system.



Assess mechanism of injury and evidence of high-energy impact.

## Step 2

### Assess anatomy of injury

- 2A** Chest injury with altered physiology
- 2B** Traumatic amputation/mangled extremity proximal to wrist/ankle
- 2C** Penetrating trauma below the head above the knees (not arms)
- 2D** Suspected open and/or depressed skull fracture
- 2E** Suspected pelvic fracture
- 2F** Spinal trauma suggested by abnormal neurology
- 2G** Open fracture of the lower limb proximal to the ankle
- 2H** Burns/scald greater than 30 percent
- 2I** Facial burns with complete skin loss to lower half of face
- 2J** Circumferential burns from a flame injury

Yes to  
any one



# TRAUMA CENTER



## Step 3 (Anatomical injuries)

**Penetrating trauma of head, neck, thorax, abdomen, arms or legs)**

**Flail chest**

**Severe burn**

**Pelvic fracture**

**Suspicion of medullary**

**Amputation at or above the knee**

**Acute limb ischemia**



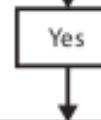
### Step Three<sup>5</sup>

- Falls
  - Adults: >20 feet (one story is equal to 10 feet)
  - Children<sup>6</sup>: >10 feet or two to three times the height of the child
- High-risk auto crash
  - Intrusion<sup>\*\*</sup>: >12 inches occupant site; >18 inches any site
  - Ejection (partial or complete) from automobile
  - Death in same passenger compartment
  - Vehicle telemetry data consistent with high risk of injury
- Auto vs. pedestrian/bicyclist thrown, run over, or with significant (>20 mph) impact<sup>††</sup>
- Motorcycle crash >20 mph

no  
↓



Transport to closest trauma center, which, depending on the trauma system, need not be the highest level trauma center.<sup>§§</sup>



No

Assess special patient or system considerations.

### Step 3

#### Assess mechanism of injury

**3A** Traumatic death in same passenger compartment

**3B** Falls >20 ft (two storeys)

**3C** Person trapped under vehicle or large object (including 'one unders')

**3D** Bullseye to the windscreens and/or damage to the 'A' post of the vehicle caused by impact of individual outside of the vehicle



# TRAUMA CENTER



## Step Four



- Age
  - Older adults<sup>\*\*</sup>: Risk of injury/death increases after age 55 years
  - Children: Should be triaged preferentially to pediatric-capable trauma center
- Anticoagulation and bleeding disorders
- Burns
  - Without other trauma mechanism: triage to burn facility\*\*\*
  - With trauma mechanism: triage to trauma center\*\*\*
- Time-sensitive extremity injury††
- End-stage renal disease requiring dialysis
- Pregnancy > 20 weeks
- EMS<sup>§§</sup> provider judgment

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## Step 4

Assess special patient consideration. Patients who have sustained trauma but do not fit any of the above criteria but are:

- 4A** Older patients (>55years)
- 4B** Pregnant (>20 weeks)
- 4C** Known to have bleeding disorder or receiving current anti-coagulation therapy  
e.g. warfarin or novel oral anticoagulant agent
- 4D** Morbidly obese

Yes to  
any one



# TRAUMA CENTER



## Step 5 (medical history)

Age > 65 y/o

Cardiac insufficiency, respiratory failure, or ischemic heart disease

Pregnancy (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester)

Coagulation problems

no



### Step 5

Assess system consideration. Patients who have sustained trauma but do not fit any of the above criteria but there is:

5A Significant crew concern only when discussed with a Trauma Paramedic within EOC

Yes to  
any one



# Tornando a Luisa...

## Step 1

- PA:110/70
- FC 90bpmR
- GCS 15/15
- Sat O<sub>2</sub>: 98%inaa

## Step 2

- Caduta accidentale da sedia con trauma fianco sx, no trauma cranico.

## Step 3

- ESAME OBIETTIVO
- Torace: MV ridotto base sx
- Cuore toni validi, ritmici
- Addome: trattabile dolorabile ipocondrio e fianco sx con ematoma, non ferite aperte
- EN nei limiti

## Step 4

- ANAMNESI: Donna, 68 anni, assume Xarelto e Bisoprololo x FAC. Non allergie





Devo fare ESAMI  
EMATICI? Quali?  
accesso venoso?

Indagini  
strumentali?  
E-FAST? RX? O  
TC?

E se tutto è  
negativo...la  
dimetto?



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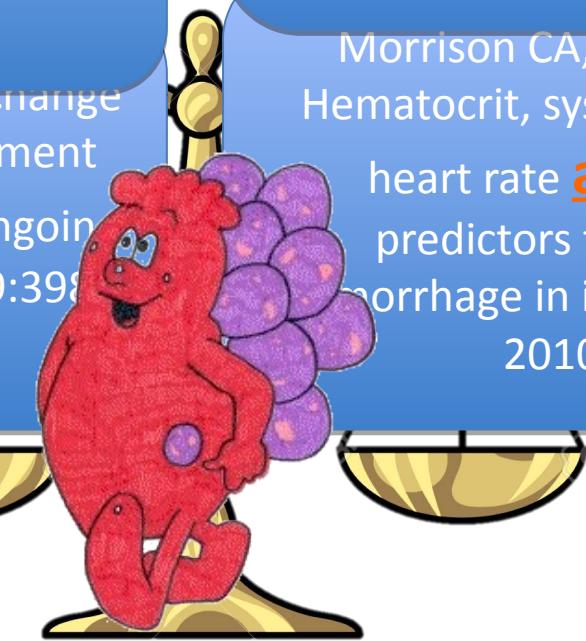
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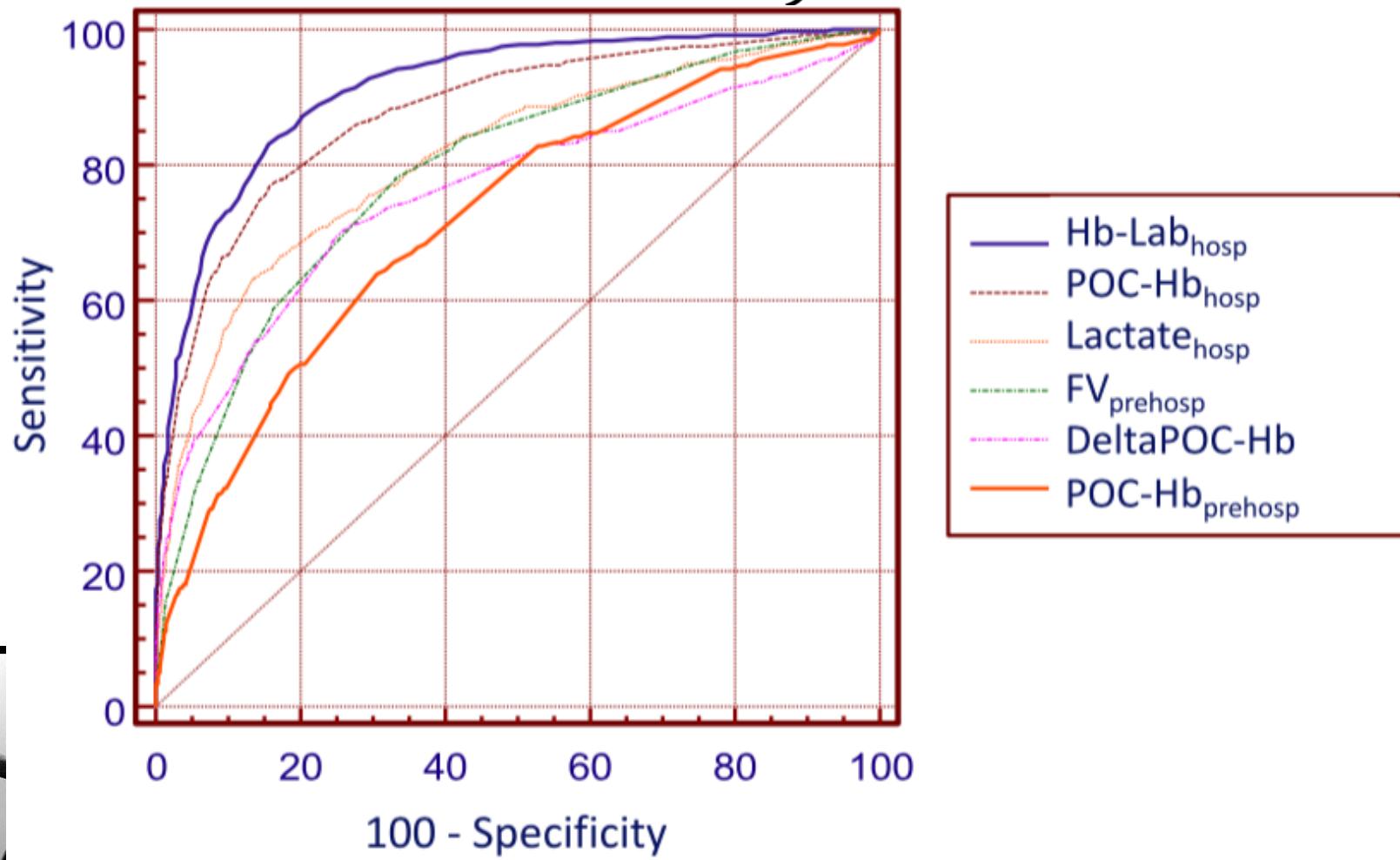
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Acker SN, Petrun B, Partrick DA, Roosevelt GE, Bensard DD. **Lack of utility** of repeat monitoring of hemoglobin and hematocrit following blunt solid organ injury in children. J Trauma Acute Care Surg. 2015;79:991–4 (**discussion 994**)

Morrison CA, Mosher BD, Kepros JP. Hematocrit, systolic blood pressure and heart rate **are not accurate** predictors for surgery to control hemorrhage in injured patients. Am Surg. 2010;76:296–301.



# How useful are hemoglobin concentration and its variations to predict significant hemorrhage in the early phase of trauma? A multicentric cohort study



# Do lactate levels in the emergency department predict outcome in adult trauma patients? A systematic review



Severity of  
injury

ICU admission

Multi organ  
failure

Mechanical  
ventilation

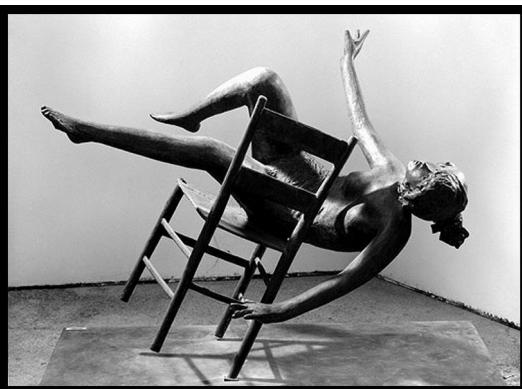
CLEAR  
RELATIONSHIP  
LACTATE and  
MORTALITY

Respiratory  
complications

Surgery

Blood  
transfusion

Baxter et al. J Trauma Acute Care Surg 2016; 81(3) 555-566



# Prevalence and Relief of Pain in Trauma Patients in Emergency Medical Services



**TABLE 2.** Prevalence of Pain (n=1407)

No report on pain in run sheets (missing values)	393
Report on presence of pain (n = 1014)	
No pain	34
NRS = 0	23
Narrative report description: no pain	11
Pain	980
1. Assessed with NRS:	288
0 < NRS < 4	55
NRS ≥ 4	233
2. Narrative report:	620
Mild pain	9
Moderate pain	5
Severe pain	113
Unbearable pain	1
Pain	492
3. Pharmacological pain treatment, however, no report on pain:	72
Total	1407

NRS indicates Numeric Rating Scale.

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# E la E-FAST???



## From FAST to E-FAST: an overview of the evolution of ultrasound-based traumatic injury assessment

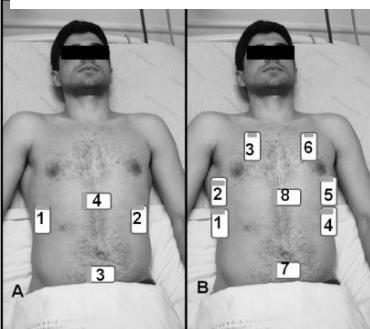
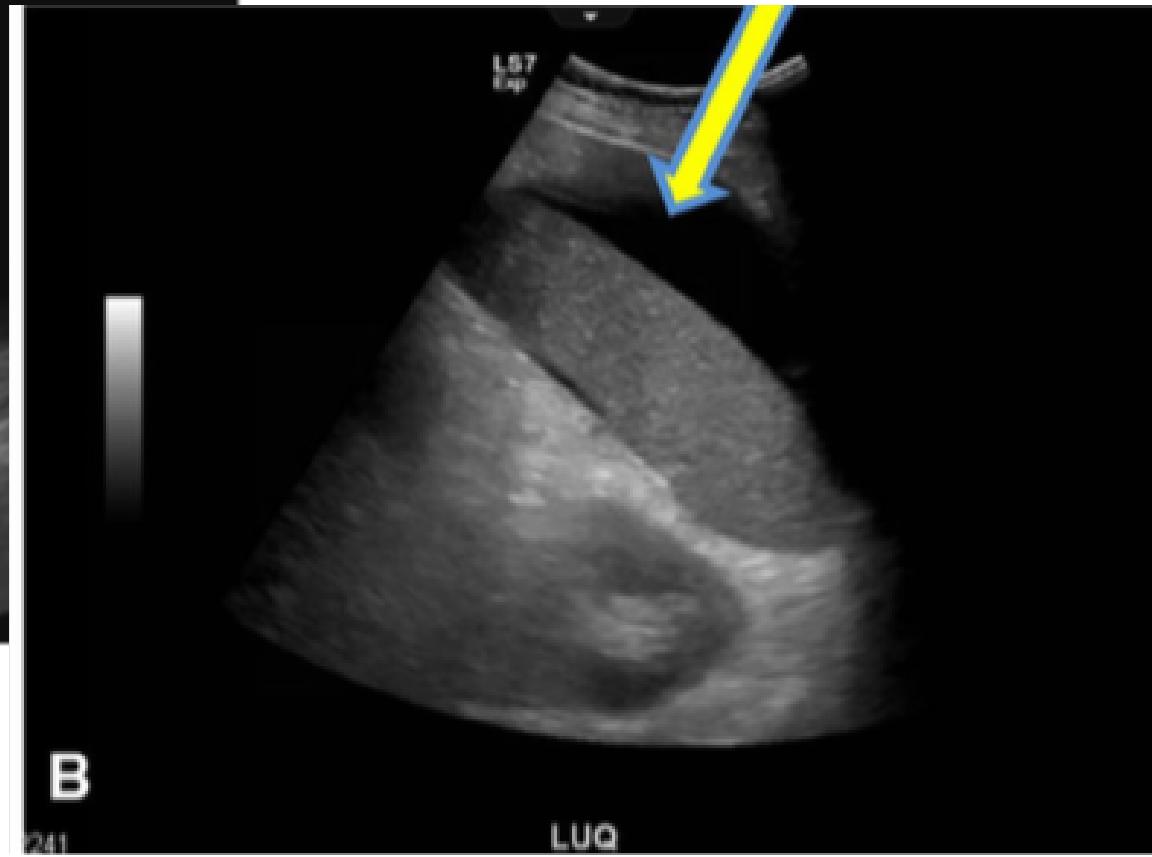
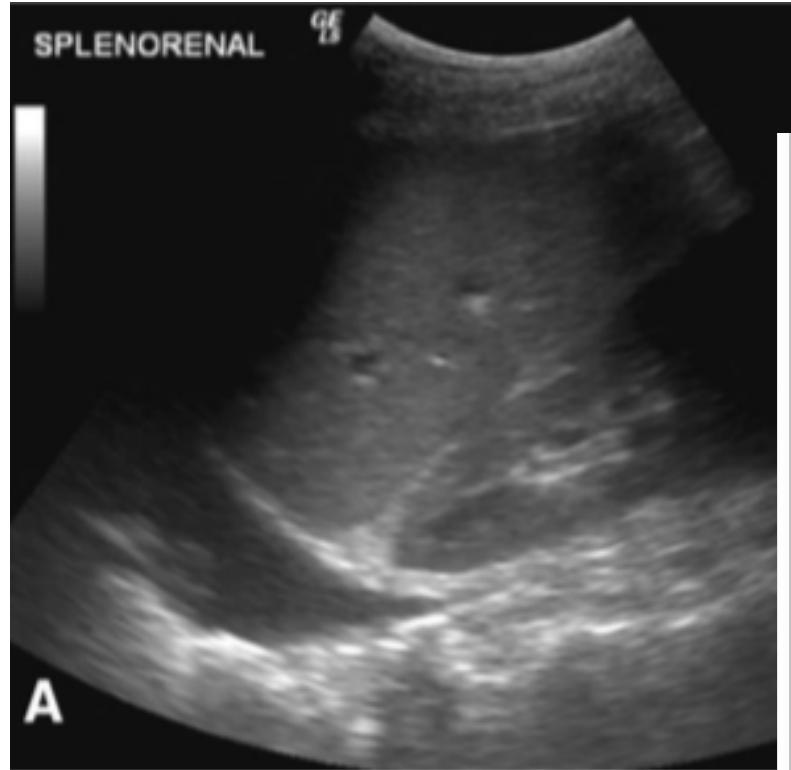


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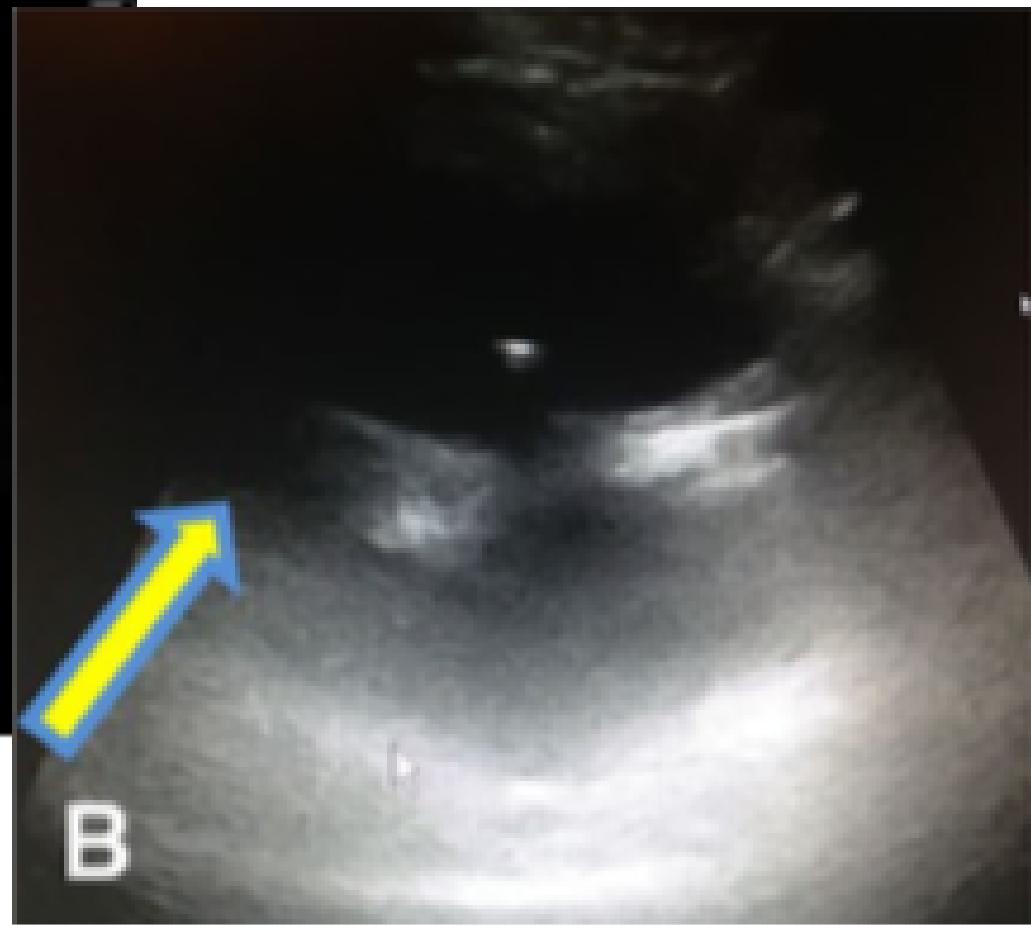


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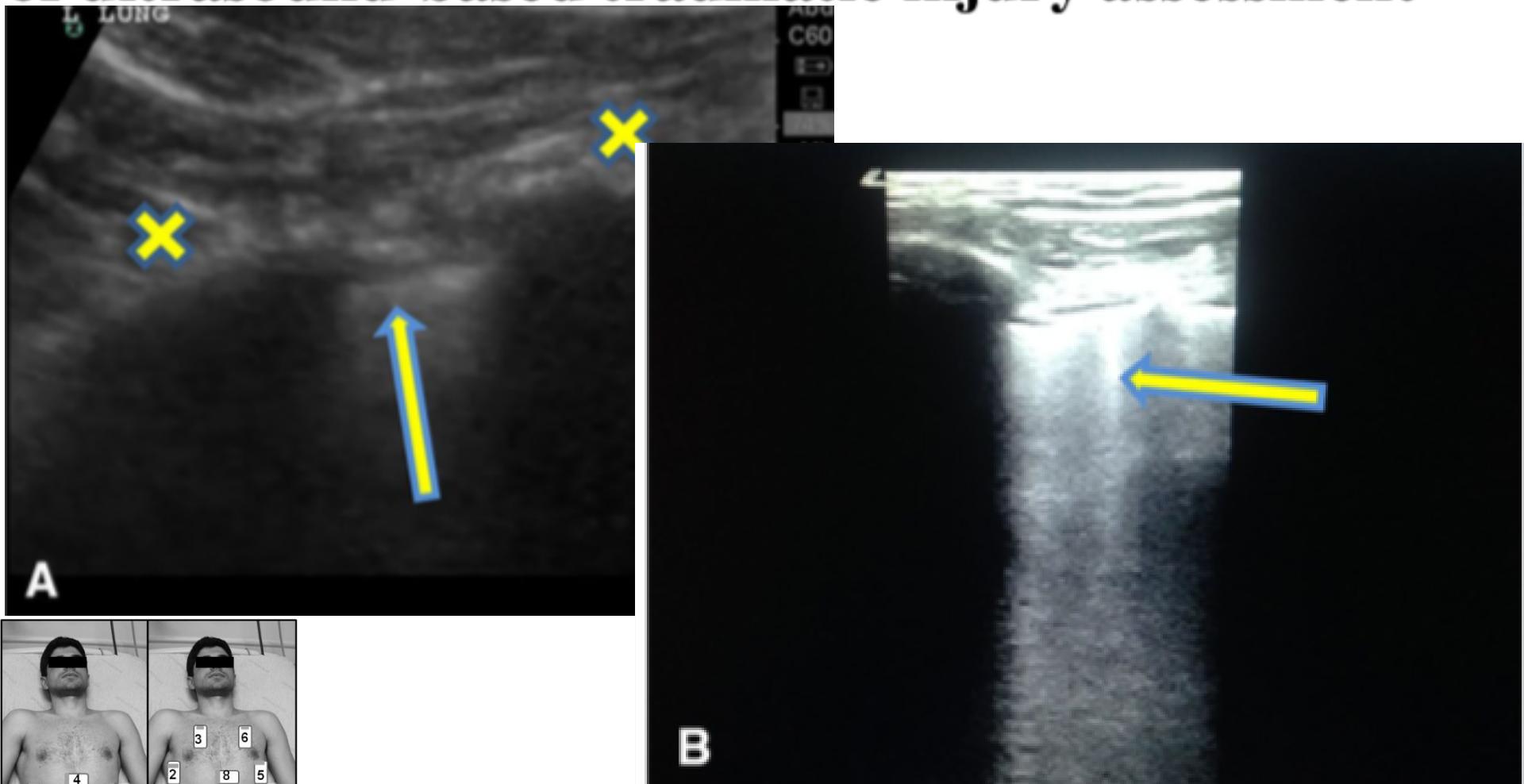


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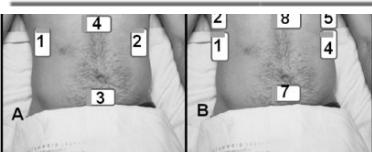
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## From FAST to E-FAST: an overview of the evolution of ultrasound-based traumatic injury assessment

**Table 1** Summary of selected clinical reports focusing on (thoracic) E-FAST, including basic study characteristics, traditional imaging comparator(s), and diagnostic accuracy data for ultrasound

References	Sonographers	Patient characteristics (n, % ptx) <sup>a</sup>	Traditional assessment	E-FAST <sup>b</sup> Sensitivity <sup>c</sup> (%)	E-FAST <sup>b</sup> Specificity <sup>c</sup> (%)	E-FAST <sup>b</sup> PPV <sup>c</sup> (%)	E-FAST <sup>b</sup> NPV <sup>c</sup> (%)
Alrajab et al. [9]	Emergency physicians Intensivists Radiologists Surgeons	Meta-analysis of 13 studies (1514) <sup>d</sup>	Chest X-ray	78.6 (68.1–98.1)	98.4 (97.3–99.5)	Not reported	Not reported
Alrajhi et al. [35]	Emergency physicians Radiologists Surgeons	Meta-analysis of 7 studies <sup>e</sup>	Chest X-ray	90.9 (86.5–93.9)	98.2 (97.0–99.0)	94.4 %	97.0 %
Ianniello et al. [69]	Emergency radiologists	Trauma (736, 11.8 %)	CT scan	77.0 (66.8–85.4)	99.8 (99.2–99.9)	98.5 %	97.0 %
Nandipati et al. [61]	Surgeons	Trauma (204, 10.3 %)	Clinical exam CT scan Chest X-ray	95.3 (76.1–99.2)	99.5 (97.0–99.9)	95.2 %	99.5 %





## Emergency ultrasound-based algorithms for diagnosing blunt abdominal trauma (Review)

4 studies included in previous version

839 records identified through previous database searches

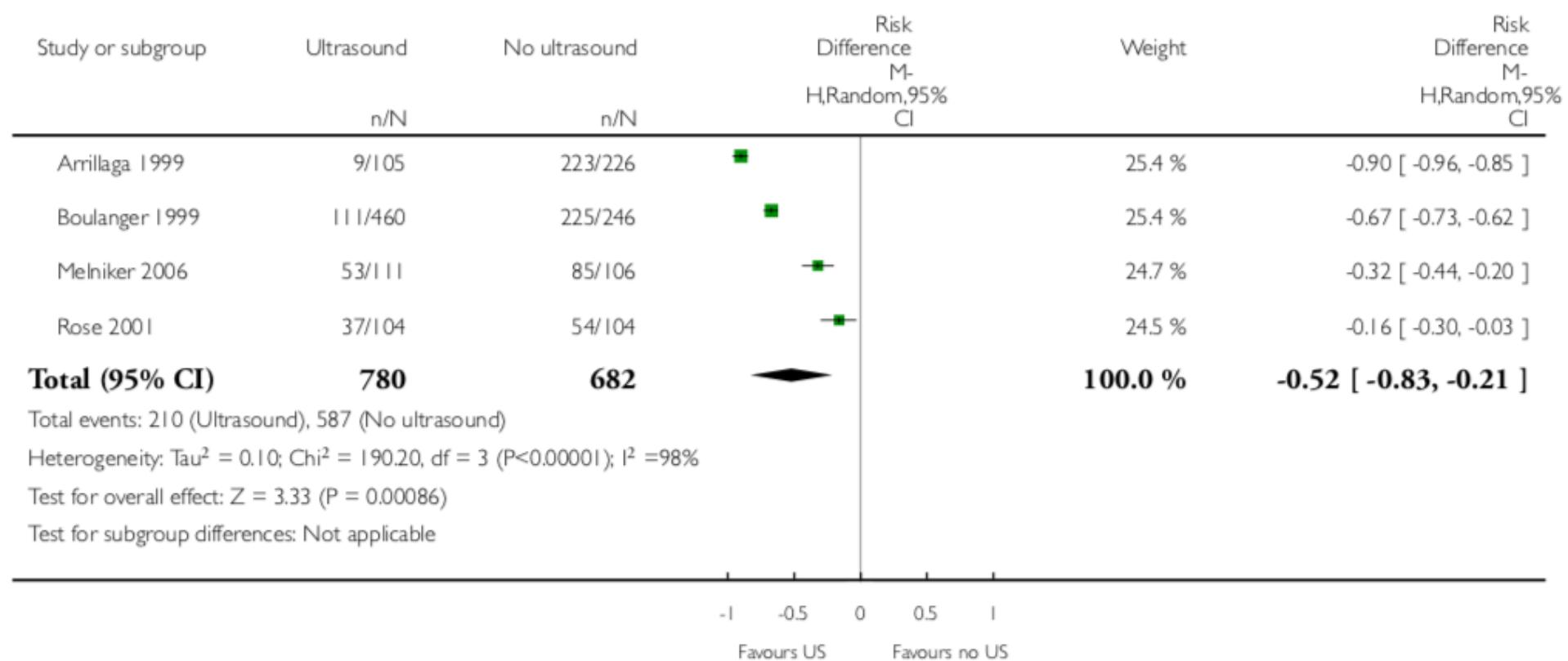
335 records identified through searching other sources



4 studies included in quantitative synthesis (meta-analysis)

## Emergency ultrasound-based algorithms for diagnosing blunt abdominal trauma (Review)

### US/CT CORRELATIONS

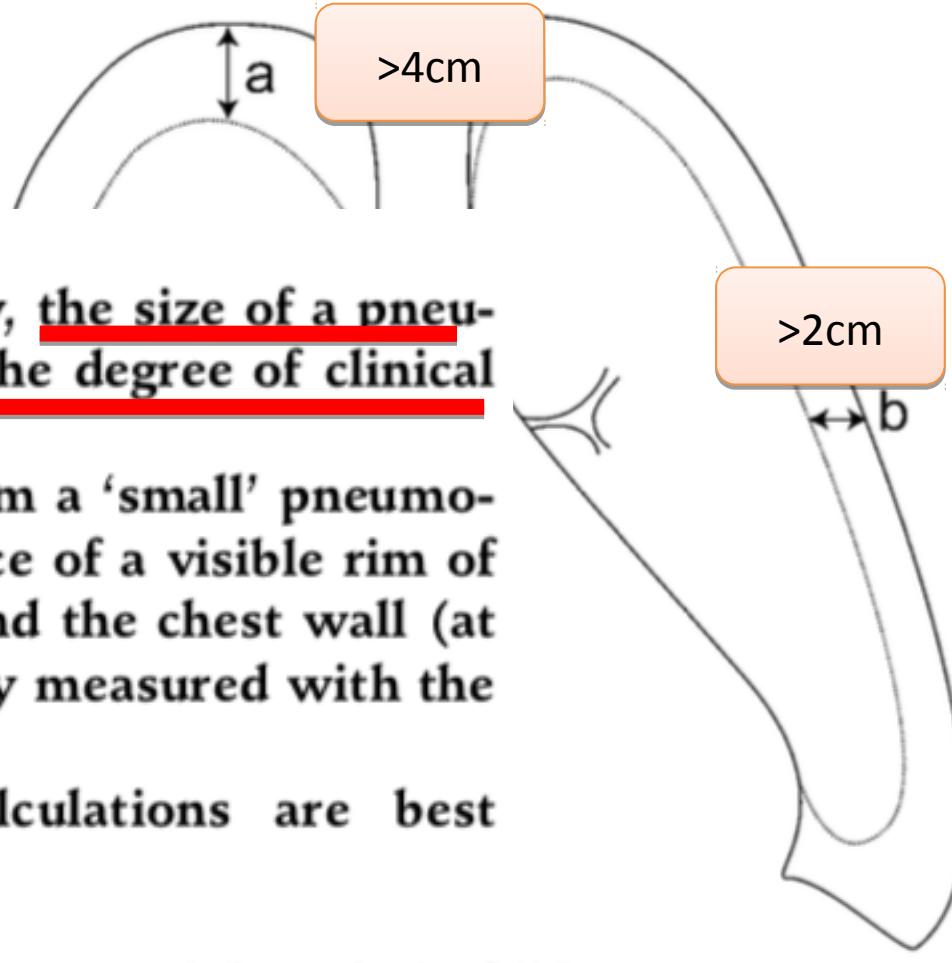


## Emergency ultrasound-based algorithms for diagnosing blunt abdominal trauma (Review)

### US vs Mortality and Outcome

Study or subgroup	Ultrasound	Weight	Risk Ratio M-H,Random,95% CI
Arillaga 1999	9/105	26.9 %	1.49 [ 0.66, 3.38 ]
Boulanger 1999	59/460	36.3 %	1.37 [ 0.87, 2.16 ]
Melniker 2006	23/111	36.8 %	0.55 [ 0.35, 0.85 ]
<b>Total (95% CI)</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>1.00 [ 0.50, 2.00 ]</b>
Total events: 91 (Ultrasound), 76 (No ultrasound)			
Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.29$ ; $\chi^2 = 9.69$ , df = 2			
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.00 ( $P = 1.0$ )			
Test for subgroup differences: Not applicable			

The experimental evidence justifying FAST-based clinical pathways in diagnosing patients with suspected abdominal or multiple blunt trauma remains poor.



a= apex to cupola distance - American Guidelines

b= interpleural distance at level of the hilum - British Guidelines

Figure 1 Depth of pneumothorax.

# FRATTURE COSTALI



10<sup>th</sup> Edition  
Update

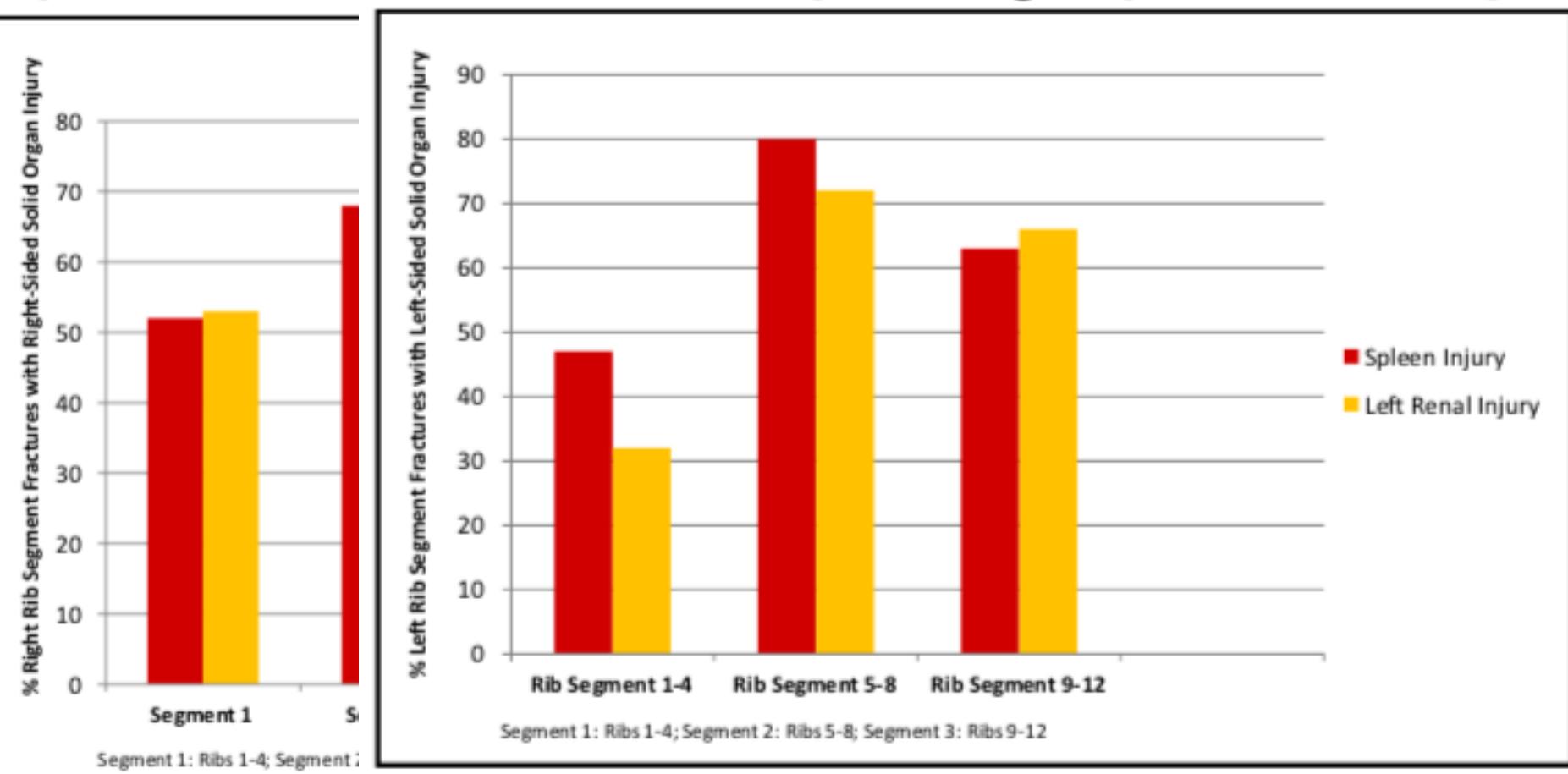


ALTO RISCHIO  
Frattura 1°-2°  
costa → alta energia  
Frattura 9°-12° →  
danni organi  
addominali

# FRATTURE COSTALI



Rib fractures and their association With solid organ injury: higher rib fractures have greater significance for solid organ injury screening



**Figure 2** Right rib fractures and solid organ injuries.

**Figure 4** Left rib fracture segments and left-sided solid organ injuries.

# FRATTURE COSTALI



RibScore: A novel radiographic score based on fracture pattern that predicts pneumonia, respiratory failure, and tracheostomy

**TABLE 2.** Association of Individual RibScore Variables With Outcome Measures

Variable	Pneumonia, n (%)	Respiratory Failure, n (%)	Tracheostomy, n (%)
≥6 ribs fractured			
Present (n = 155)	33 (21.3)	68 (43.9)	39 (25.2)
Absent (n = 230)	19 (8.3)	56 (24.3)	21 (9.1)
Flail chest			
Present (n = 46)	11 (23.9)	29 (63.0)	17 (37.0)
Absent (n = 339)	41 (12.1)	95 (28.0)	43 (12.7)
Bilateral fractures			
Present (n = 120)	23 (19.2)	51 (42.5)	28 (23.3)
Absent (n = 265)	29 (10.9)	73 (27.5)	32 (12.1)
First rib fracture			
Present (n = 91)	21 (23.1)	44 (48.3)	26 (28.6)
Absent (n = 204)	31 (10.5)	80 (27.2)	34 (11.6)
≥3 displaced fractures			
Present (n = 52)	11 (34.4)	22 (68.8)	15 (46.8)
Absent (n = 253)	41 (11.6)	102 (28.9)	45 (12.7)
Fracture in each anatomic area			
Present (n = 58)	14 (24.1)	37 (63.8)	19 (32.8)
Absent (n = 327)	38 (11.6)	87 (26.6)	41 (12.5)

p < 0.05 for all associations tested.

**SCORE ≥ 4**

90% Specificità x  
POLMONITE/IRA/TRACHEO STOMIA

...sensibilità  
**23.1%**

Chapman et al. J Trauma Acute Care Surg (2016); 80(1) : 95-101

# TRAUMA TORACICO

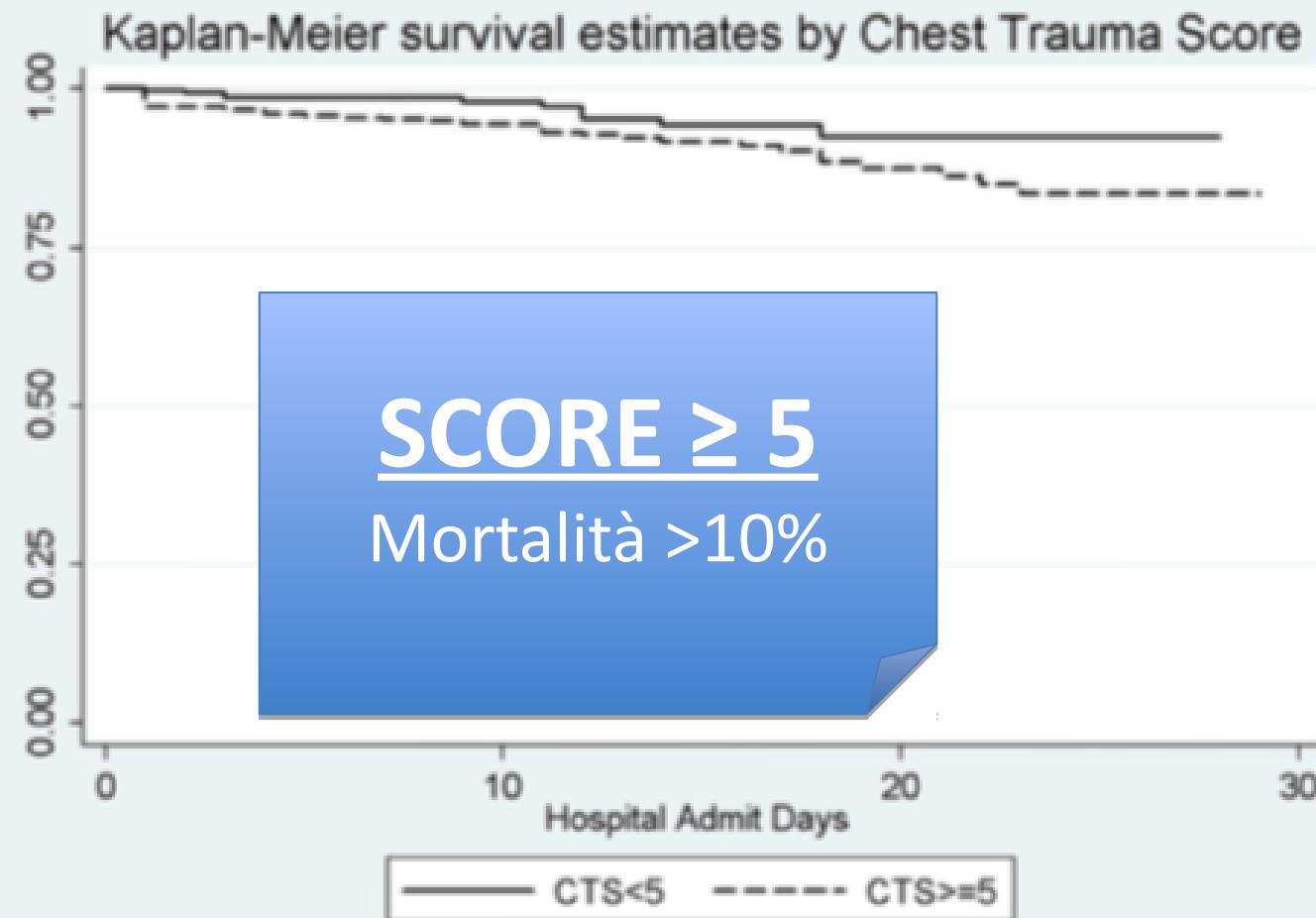


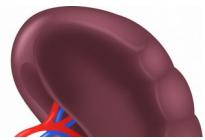
## A chest trauma scoring system to predict outcomes

Table I. Chest scoring system

Age score	
<45 y	
45-65 y	
>65 y	
Pulmonary contusion score	
No	
Unilateral minor	
Bilateral minor	
Unilateral major	
Bilateral major	
Rib score	
<5 RIBFX	
3-5 RIBFX	
>5 RIBFX	
Bilateral RIBFX	
No	
Yes	

RIBFX, Rib fracture.

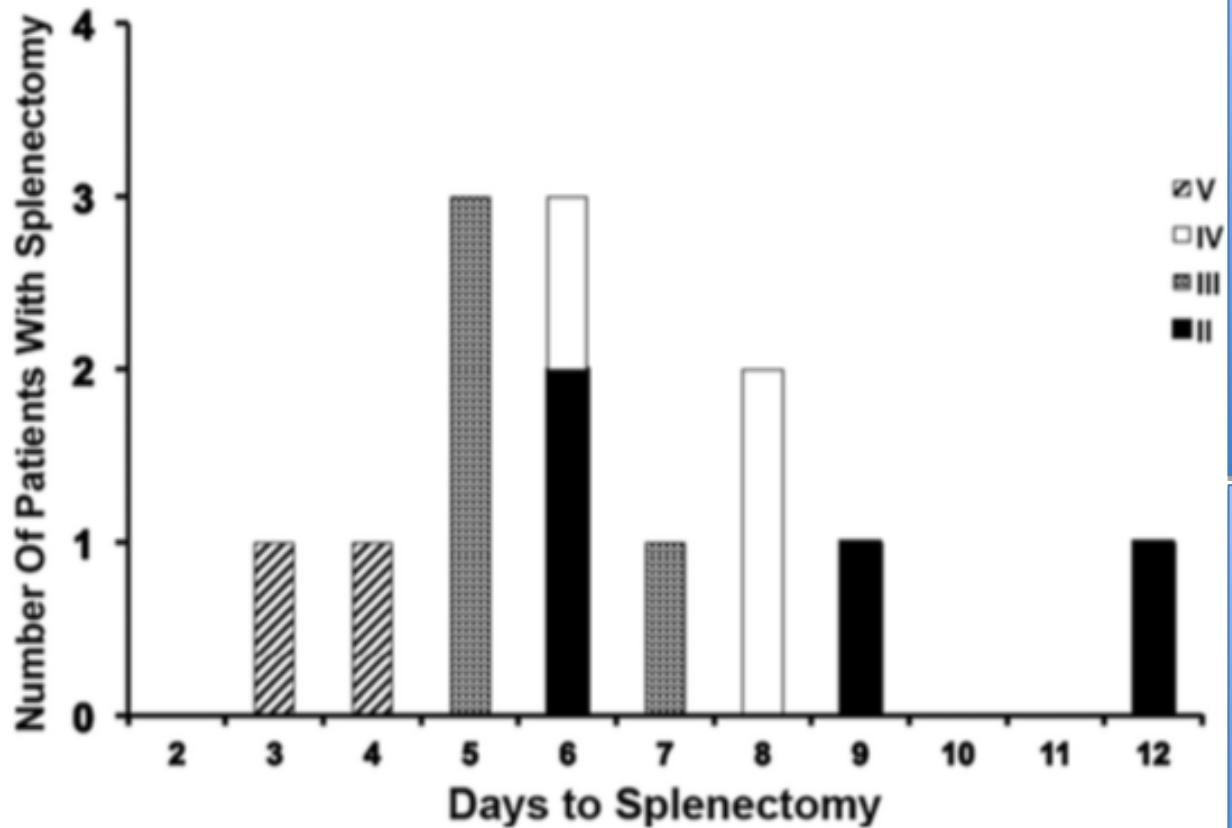




# E la MILZA???



The splenic injury outcomes trial: An American Association for the Surgery of Trauma multi-institutional study



## RESULTS

383 ... enrolled. Of those enrolled, 371 were discharged alive with a spleen.

ANGIO+EMBO 18,7%

Overall Mortality: 1,04%

## CONCLUSIONS

After the initial 24 hours, no additional interventions are warranted for patients with Grade I injuries as long as there are no concerning features on admission CT such as a splenic blush or a subcapsular hematoma.

# TC TOTAL BODY???



## Randomized study of Early Assessment by CT scanning in Trauma patients-2

### CRITERI INCLUSIONE

Compromissione  
emodinamica

Sospetto clinico  
di danno grave

Dinamica  
maggiore

TC TOTAL  
BODY

Atteggiamento  
convenzionale  
(ATLS)

### END-POINTS:

1. In-hospital mortality
2. Mortality 24h, 30days, adverse outcome

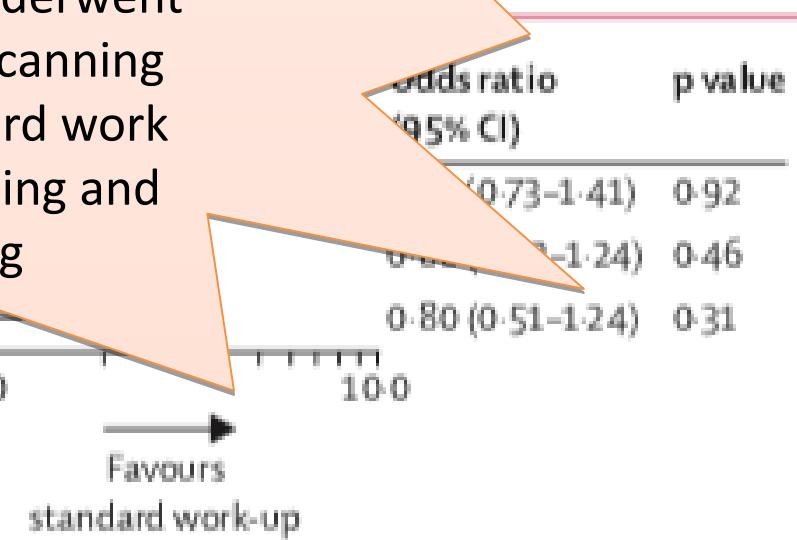
# TC TOTAL BODY???



Immediate total-body CT scanning versus conventional imaging and selective CT scanning in patients with severe trauma (REACT-2): a randomised controlled trial

## CONCLUSIONS

We found **no difference in hospital mortality** in patients with severe trauma who underwent immediate total-body CT scanning compared with the standard work up with conventional imaging and selective CT scanning



Mortality

All patients

Patients

Patients with

Favours  
total-body CT

Favours  
standard work-up



Devo fare ESAMI  
EMATICI? Quali?  
accesso venoso?

Indagini  
strumentali?  
E-FAST? RX? O  
TC?

E se tutto è  
negativo...la  
dimetto?





Sono un  
politrauma o  
no???



PIU DI DUE  
DISTRETTI  
INTERESSATI



ACIDOSI

IPOTENSIONE



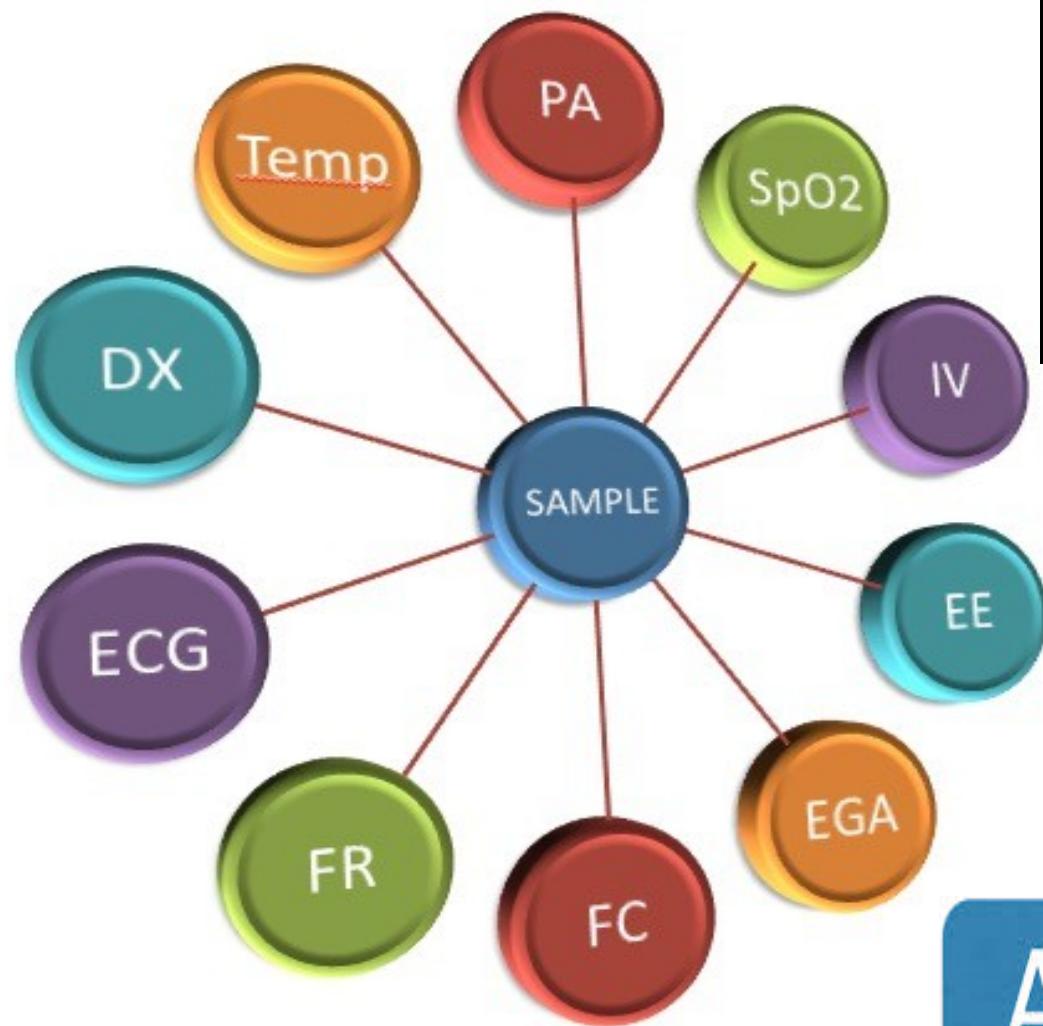
COAGULOPATIA



INCOSCIENZA



ETA' (68)



A B C D E

Airway Breathing Circulation Disability Exposure



