

Criteria for diverting hand trauma to Major Trauma Centres

This type of trauma case below is considered specialist trauma and will benefit from direct admission to a Major Trauma Centre (MTC) even though they do not trigger the major trauma triage tool.

This applies to Birmingham Children's Hospital, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham, Royal Stoke University Hospital and the University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire Major Trauma Centres.

Hand Trauma

1. Any patient with traumatic amputation of arm, forearm, hand, fingers. Does not include amputations of fingertips (distal to distal interphalangeal joint). Consider cervical spine immobilisation if high amputation/avulsion of upper arm.