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The following pathways should be adhered to for the injuries mentioned below:

Arterial injury in poly trauma/mangled extremity

Proceed directly to the MTC with proximal control of bleeding with tourniquet if necessary. Patients <16 years should go to the Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Knee dislocation / Popliteal dissections

Should proceed to an arterial hub (Heartlands, Russell's Hall, Worcester Royal, Royal Wolverhampton, Queen Elizabeth Hospital– depending on the vascular network decision)

N.B patients from Herefordshire should ideally go to Worcester Royal Hospital with these injuries (unless travelling by air) to minimize delay to revascularisation, as it is over 45 minute travel time by road to the MTC and they can offer definitive management on site.

Other arterial injuries in isolation (or minor concurrent injuries)

May be managed at the closest vascular hub (Heartlands, Russell's Hall, Worcester Royal, Royal Wolverhampton, Queen Elizabeth Hospital)