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## Purpose

This guide provides confirmation of the pathway for hand trauma for the Midlands Trauma Networks.

## Scope of the document

This is to be used by all units and pre-hospital providers who are aligned to the Midlands Trauma Networks to ensure that all staff are aware of the correct pathway for hand trauma.

## Introduction

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 the Major Trauma Centres:  
Birmingham Children's Hospital  
University Hospital Birmingham  
Royal Stoke University Hospital  
University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire

## **Principles**

### **Hand Trauma**

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

### **Recommendations**

The above has been discussed and approved by the Midlands Trauma Performance and Quality Board who sit within the Midlands Trauma Network structure.