Evaluation of Blunt Chest Trauma Guideline

Blunt Chest Trauma Evaluation

Abnormal CXR
- Wide mediastinum
- 1st rib fracture
- Sternal fracture

If:
- Mechanism of high velocity/high energy
- Age >50
- Hypotensive
- Known abd injury
- Any torso injury

CT chest with contrast

CXR

Symptomatic:
- Chest pain
- Dyspnea
- Intubated
- Hemodynamically unstable

Asymptomatic
Observe

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CT without contrast per staff discretion only

Normal CXR


