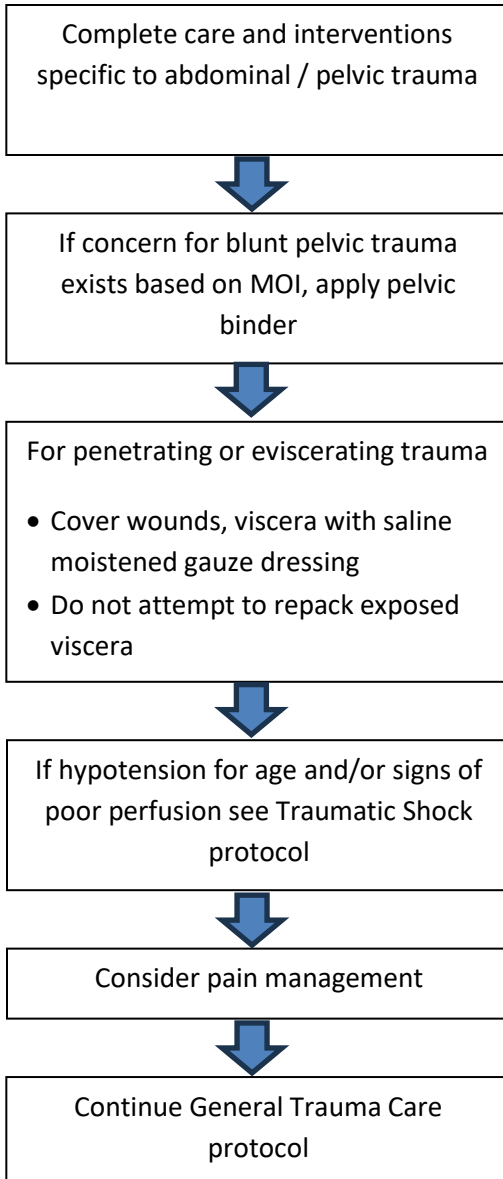


T070 ABDOMINAL AND PELVIC TRAUMA



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Pediatric patients are more vulnerable to blunt abdominal injury due to:

- Relatively compact torsos
- Larger viscera, especially liver and spleen, which extend below the costal margin
- Less overlying fat and weaker abdominal musculature.

Pelvic Trauma Considerations

- Pelvic injuries from high-energy trauma can cause concomitant injuries, such as hemorrhage, intra-abdominal injury, GI/GU injury, and neurologic injury
- Elderly patients may sustain significant pelvic injury from seemingly low-energy trauma.
- Unstable pelvic injuries, such as open book fractures, can be associated with severe retroperitoneal hemorrhage.
- Providers should have a low threshold to apply a pelvic binder.
- Pelvic binders should be appropriately placed and tightened.