Patient with >2 acute rib fractures

A (-) >65 years

B (+) Admit ICU

Resp compromise or severe rib fractures

C (-) Pain control adequate

D (+) Candidate for regional block

E (-) Severe rib fractures

F (+) Consider early rib fixation

1 or frail, or with underlying pulmonary dysfunction. If minimally displaced/painful, or pt without comorbidities, may consider admission to non-monitored setting.

2 CT required to adequately characterize severity, although may not be clinically necessary.

3 or other monitored setting such as a stepdown unit

4 Pain control with narcotic, non-narcotic IV/oral meds/rib blocks

Repeat CXR prior to d/c

IS, cough, deep breathe
Out of bed if able

Admit

Admit

Consider d/c