



Open Fracture (Limb) Pathway

Regardless of Mechanism of Injury, apply this pathway to all potential open fractures to limbs proximal to mid-foot and wrist.

Bypass exclusions: Severe frailty, Advanced directives, Palliative/end of life care. A pre-alert may still be appropriate.

*Refer to JRCALC Guidelines

SUSPECTED OPEN FRACTURE

Control bleeding, align the limb and splint. Administer IV antibiotics* and consider administration of TXA.

Suspected open fracture of the LOWER limb ANY open lower limb fracture proximal of mid-foot regardless

LOWER LIMB

of any neurovascular injury

MTC

Suspected open fracture of the UPPER limb WITH suspected neurovascular injury, significant wound / skin loss or other injury requiring MTC input YES NO Nearest trauma receiving hospital

UPPER LIMB



Pre-alert all cases via EOC Critical Care Desk on 0191 2296393.