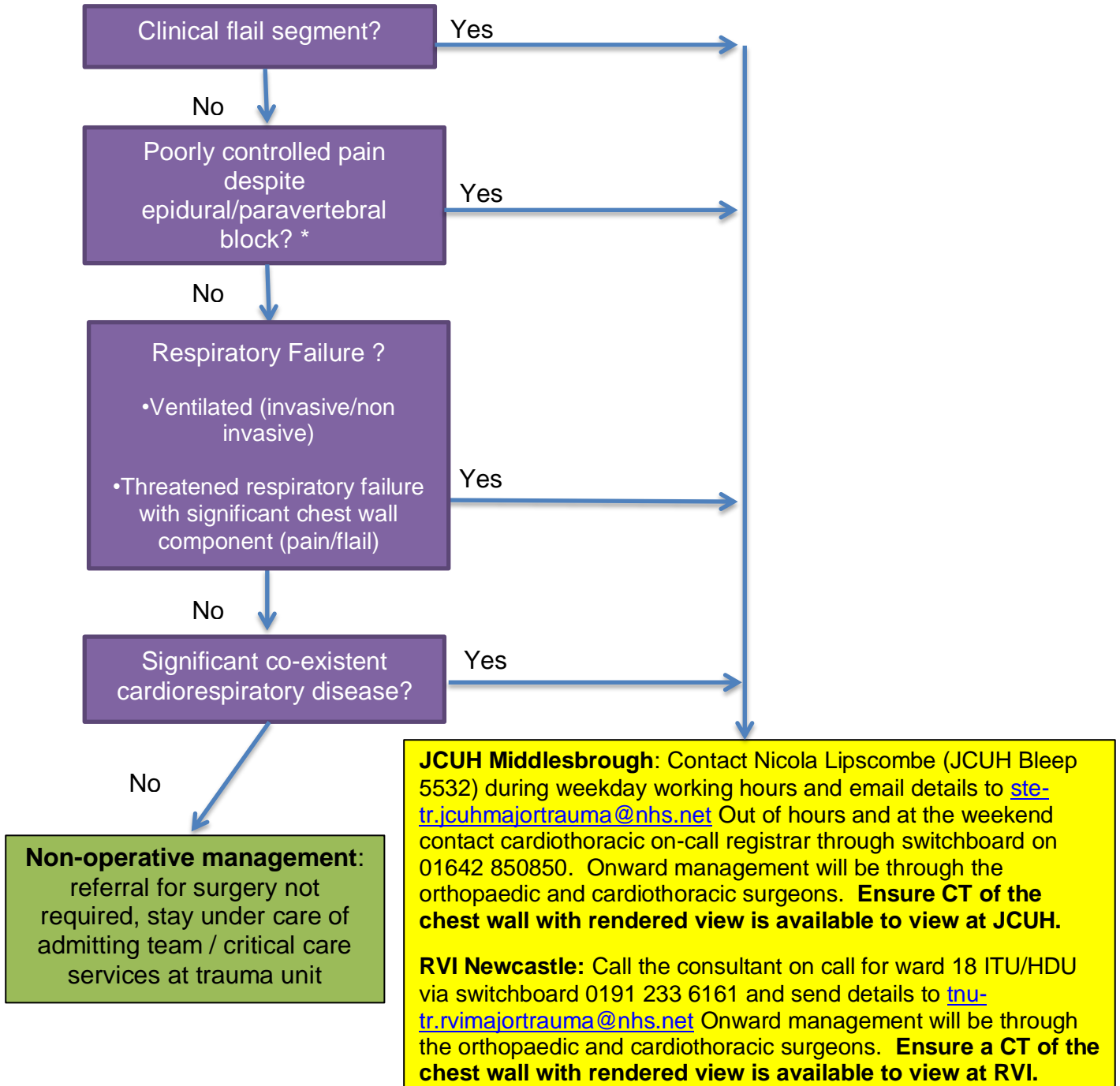


Referral algorithm for surgery in patients with four or more rib fractures



*** Pain**

Pain management is a key feature of chest wall trauma across all injury mechanisms and ages. All patients with chest wall trauma should receive early multimodal analgesia, regular pain scoring and should be reviewed by local pain services with a view to early neuraxial analgesia.