

Fractured Neck of Femur Pathway – SECamb and Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust

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Inclusion Criteria (ALL of the following):

- Patient age 60 years or over and
- Unilateral shortening and outward rotation of leg and
- History of fall from standing or other similar mechanism



Exclusion Criteria (ANY of the following):

- Major Trauma mechanism (i.e. vehicle trauma, fall from height)
- Bilateral hip injuries
- Serious secondary illness/injury (i.e. FAST +ve, MI)
- GI bleeding (any haematemesis or malaena)
- Acutely abnormal ECG (except asymptomatic AF / bradyarrhythmia)
- Patient receiving renal dialysis
- Any Code Yellow Sepsis patient
- Hypotensive (requires volume replacement)
- Clinician concerned about general health complications

Excluded



Royal Sussex
County ED

Suitable for NoF
Pathway



Patient is clinically suitable to be taken to Princess Royal Hospital ED under the BSUH #NoF pathway.

Prior to leaving scene, check the following are in place, or have been considered

- Is the decision to convey to PRH correct? If you are unsure, please contact the PP Desk for advice and support
- Has the patient had sufficient analgesia – consider paramedic for parenteral medicine
- Does the patient need anti-emetic cover for the journey
- Is the patient hydrated? Do they need IV fluids en-route?
- Does the patient have cognitive impairment (i.e. dementia) and is someone available to attend hospital to be with them?



Princess Royal ED – NoF Pathway
Pass pre-alert via EOC “NoF Pathway Alert for PRH”

- Every effort should be made to access the BSUH #NoF pathway for any suitable patient in the catchment area for the pathway. If you have any doubt, please contact the PP Desk to discuss.
- Patients will be assessed for acceptance on the ambulance trolley on arrival. Patients deemed unsuitable on arrival will not be unloaded, and the crew will be asked to take the patient to the Royal Sussex County Hospital ED.
- If you are in any doubt, seek decision support.