

## **Powell River First Aid Training**

## **Chest Trauma – Flowchart**

Hazards Environment Mechanism Number of Patients Additional Resources

## Additional Resources **FINDINGS IN THE STABLE PATIENT FINDINGS IN THE UNSTABLE PATIENT** LOC Alert, orientated May have altered LOC No accessory muscle use Difficulty maintaining airway D Strong radial pulse Accessory muscle use Α Weak, rapid, or absent radial pulse Warm, dry skin Minor chest wound Life threatening injuries В Pale, cool, and clammy skin С Major chest wound **NOTES:** RBS Open Chest: use a vented **CRITICAL INTERVENTIONS** occlusive dressing or commercial **SKIN** chest seal Seal open chest wound $O_2$ **MANUALLY** Stabilize flail chest Flail Chest: self splinting, position of comfort, assist with ventilations Position patient ASAP Assist ventilation if necessary as required, continue assessment, Control any bleeding providing pain management can assist in effective ventilation. **DECISION POINT STABLE UNSTABLE Secondary Survey Transport** History **Notify hospital** Vital Signs Head to toe **Secondary Survey** Transport/notify hospital History **Monitor vital signs** Vital Signs Head to toe Monitor vital signs **PATIENT CARE REPORT/HANDOFF**