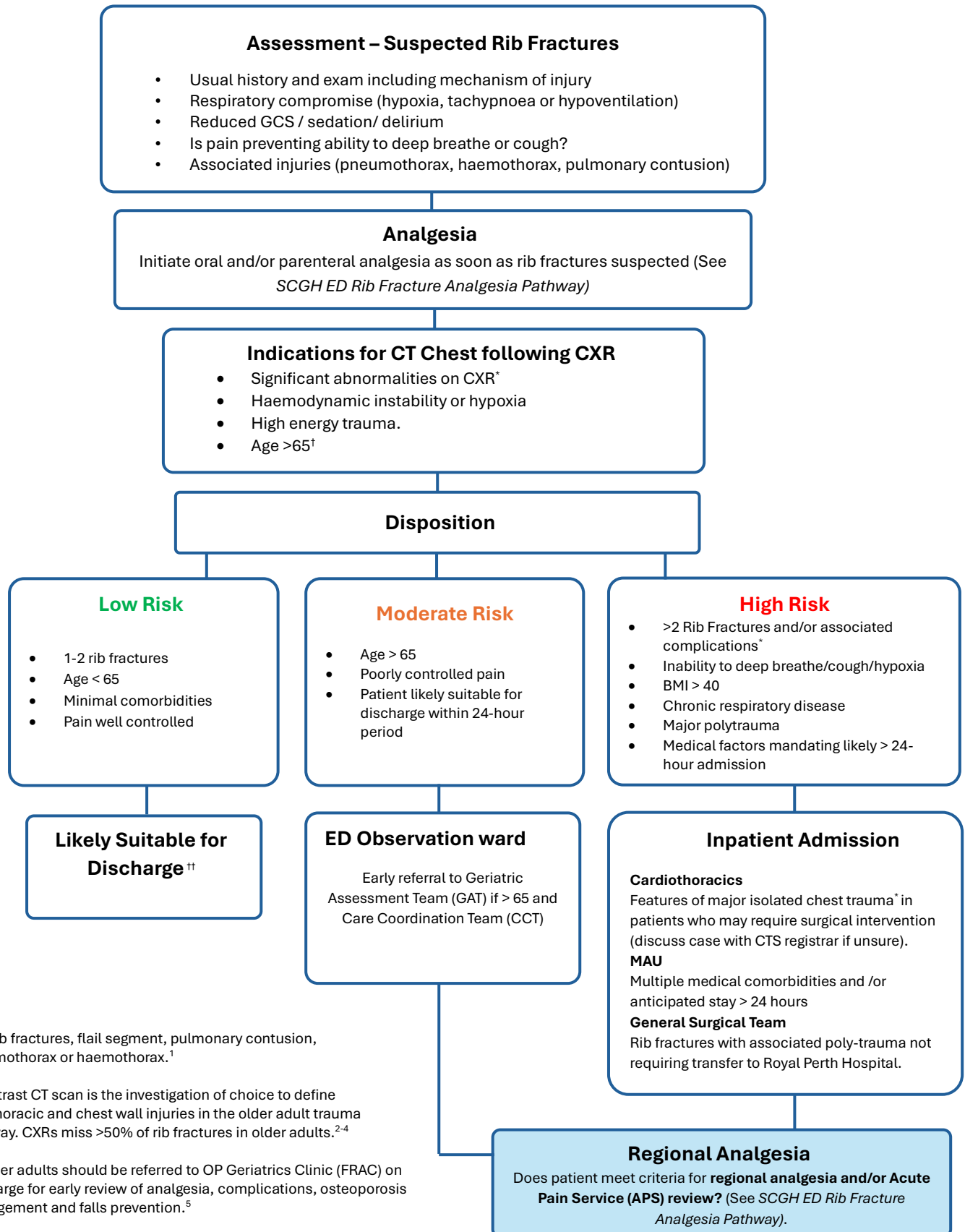




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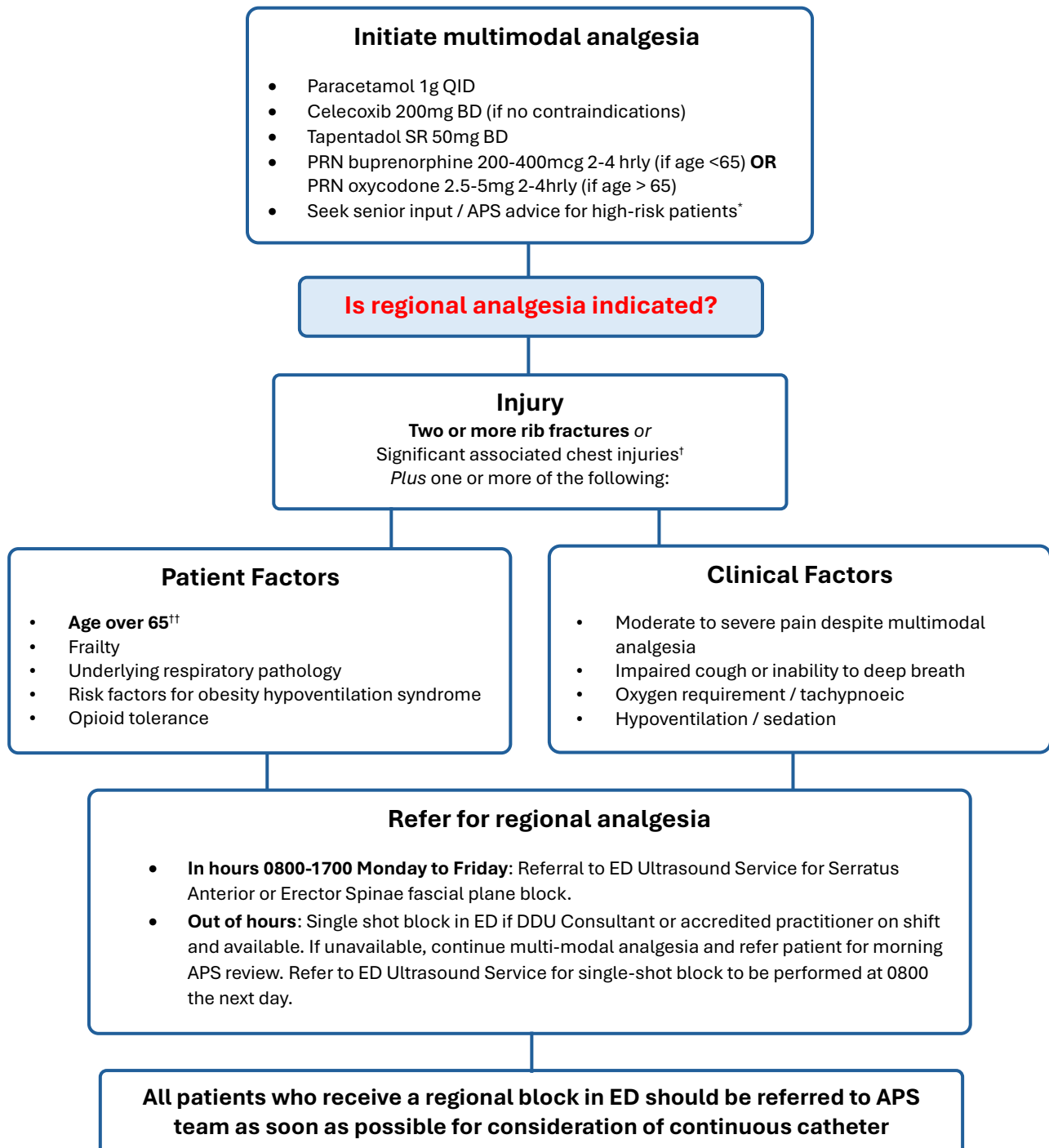




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Analgesia Pathway

Morbidity and mortality associated with rib fractures has previously been under recognised, especially in older adults. Early initiation of oral and regional analgesia in patients at high risk of complications is associated with a marked reduction in morbidity and mortality.⁶



* Patients with pre-existing complex pain conditions or long-term opiate use, patients known to Community Program for Opioid Pharmacotherapy (CPOP), or patients who have significant underlying renal / hepatic dysfunction.

† Pulmonary contusion, pneumothorax, haemothorax, flail segment or ICC requirement.

†† In older adults with multiple rib fractures, regional analgesia use was associated with a 35% lower risk of delirium.⁷

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