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# Polytrauma and Shock Room Management: Current Status, Challenges and Future Directions

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It is always challenging to treat critically injured patients. Decision making, timing and strategical planning are highly individualised and require long years of experience. In this sense, critical injury means a multi-system involvement and not only orthopaedic trauma. To find the best path in the treatment of such patients, a polypragmatic approach is often necessary, with sometimes unsatisfying results. New efforts and approaches have to be found to improve standards and outcomes in the treatment of multiply-injured patients. Besides the conventional scientific efforts, interprofessional projects could lead to new insights, interpretations, and unexpected conclusions in this dramatic field of medicine.













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