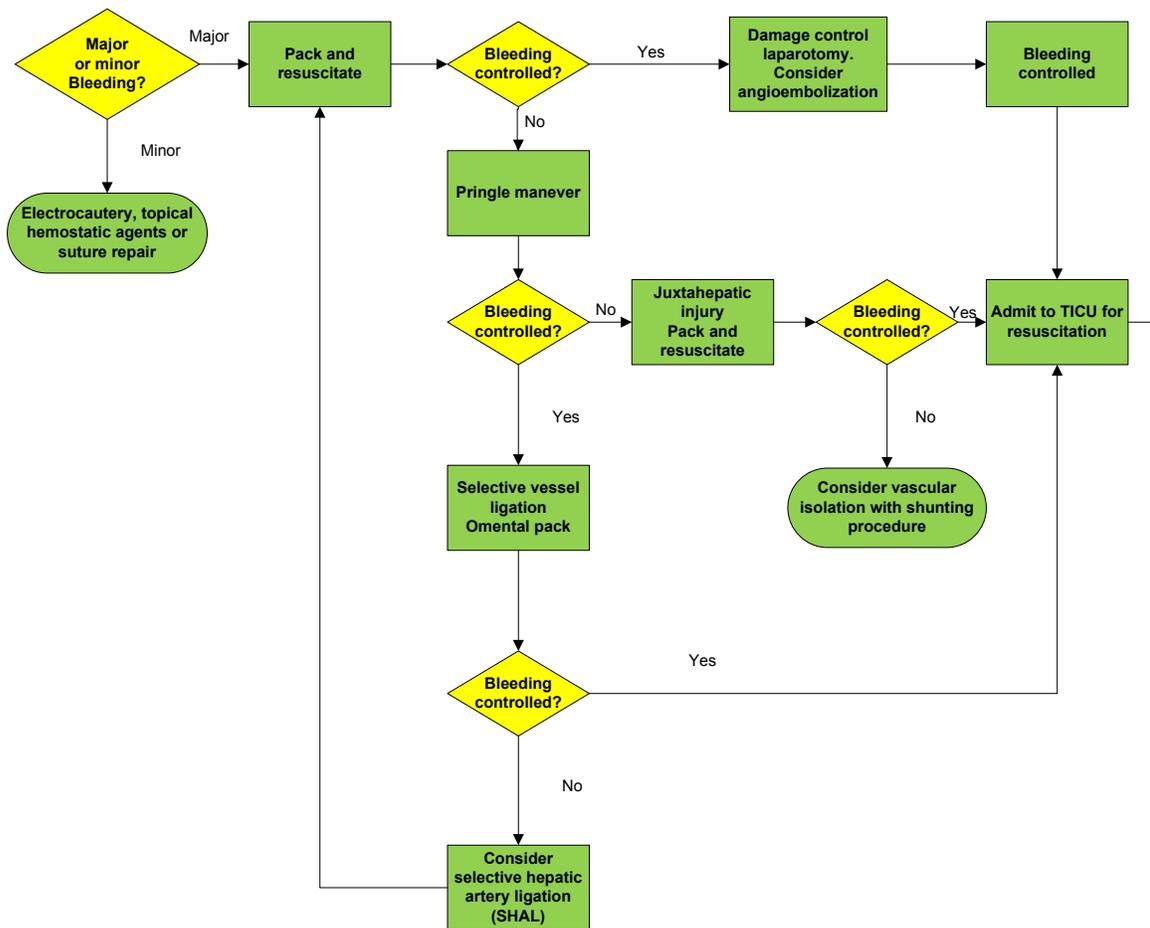


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PURPOSE: To provide a framework for the operative management of blunt hepatic trauma.

GUIDELINE:

Blunt Hepatic Trauma – Operative Management



Delayed laparotomy:

- Remove packing
- Definitive debridement or resection if indicated
- Assess for assoc injuries and liver-related complications
- Consider omental pack
- Consider drainage if evidence of biliary leak

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These guidelines are designed for the general use in most critically ill trauma patients, but may need to be adapted to meet the special needs of a specific patient as determined by the patient's healthcare provider.

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