# TRAUMA IN SPECIAL PATIENTS

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## INTRODUCTION

During the management of major trauma patients several conditions pose unique challenges. These are represented by **pregnancy and the age extremes**.

These special patients show peculiar aspects due to difference in their pathophysiology, anatomy and metabolic reserve, which have to be taken into account when dealing with suffered traumatic injuries and related resuscitation strategies.

Trauma is the leading non-obstetrical cause of maternal morbidity and mortality, and maternal injury severity correlates to trauma-related fetal demise. Preterm labor can complicate up to 25% of trauma patients with a viable fetus, and caesarean section may be necessary in emergency setting.

In paediatric trauma patients, the knowledge of anatomic and physiologic peculiarities is mandatory to optimally give care, since differences between children and adults can have potential clinical consequences. Furthermore, since most paediatric trauma care occurs outside the setting of designated paediatric trauma centres, it is imperative that any treating hospital transfer severely injured patients to a higher level of care when conditions exceed capabilities. At the same time criteria for centralization to a referral trauma centre from the scene must be well established in advance.

The older individual's response to injury may be affected by age-related anatomy and physiology as well as the presence of chronic medical conditions and medications. In particular, when compared with younger cohorts, trauma in the elderly results in sicker patients with lower ISS, increased hospital length of stay, and mortality. The magnitude of the patient's injuries should be reassessed after aggressive initial resuscitation and diagnostic work-up, while the appropriateness of care, or ethical aspects, should be discussed with patient (if competent) and family members.

The purpose of the "Trauma Update - Trauma in Special Patients" Conference is to provide, through the participation of **national and international faculty** with recognized experience in the addressed topics, the most up-to-date knowledge and tools for a multidisciplinary and systematic approach to the traumatic injuries in pregnancy and in the age extremes.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM	
8.15-8.45 Registration	
8.45	Welcome
9.00-11.00 SESSION 1 - TRAUMA IN PREGNANT PATIENT	
09.00 09.15 09.35	Case Presentation Diagnostic work-up: minor versus major trauma Discussion
09.50 10.10	Resuscitation Strategies Discussion
10.25 10.45	Damage Control and Caesarean Section Discussion
11.00-13.00 SESSION 2 - TRAUMA IN PEDIATRIC PATIENT	
11.00 11.15 11.35	Case Presentation Centralization criteria Discussion
11.50 12.10 12.25 12.45	Diagnostic work-up: minor versus major trauma Discussion Resuscitation strategies Discussion
13.00-14.00 Lunch Break	
14.00-16.00 SESSION 3 - TRAUMA IN THE ELDERLY	
14.00	Case Presentation
14.15	Low energy falls
14.35	Discussion
14.50	Brain trauma in anticoagulated patient
15.10 15.25	Discussion
15.45	Ethical aspects in the oldest Discussion
16.00	Closing Remarks

