

E - Open Pneumothorax

Features

- Low SpO₂
- Respiratory distress
- “Sucking” and bubbling from the wound
- Shock
- Affected side showing reduced movement, absent breath sounds, reduced mobility (under-expansion), increased resonance

First aid

- Apply Russell Chest Seal and reassess.
- A chest drain may be required if there is a prolonged hold and an appropriate skill set available.
- Ventilate if there is respiratory compromise despite presence of chest drain.

For haemorrhagic shock go to:



Evacuate to definitive care as **T1**