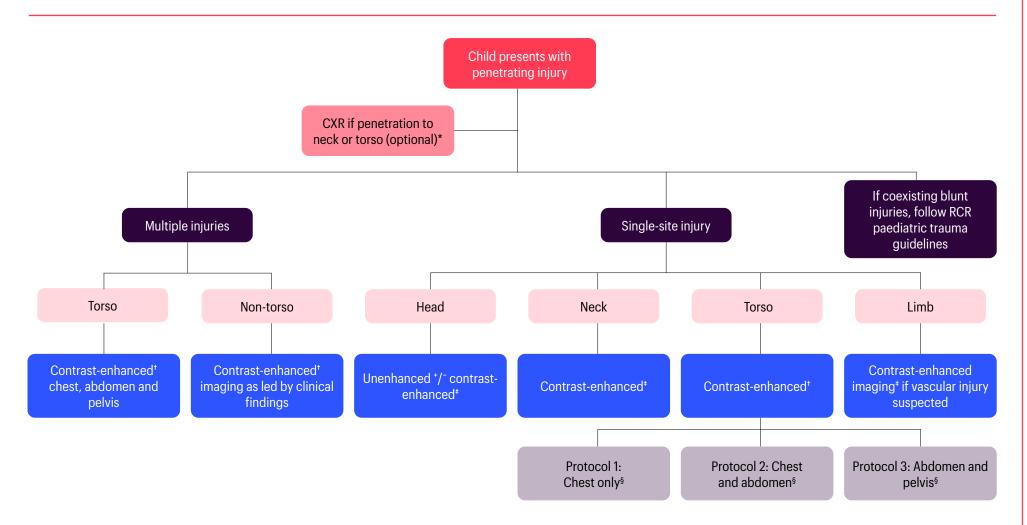


Suggested algorithm for the imaging of penetrating trauma in paediatric patients



^{*}The need for CXR is a clinician-led decision, based on factors such as history and examination findings, patient stability, need for intervention, availability of cross-sectional imaging, etc

Source: Low SBL, Tan Y, Patel H, Johnson K. Four-year experience of paediatric penetrating injuries: findings from a paediatric major trauma centre in the UK. *Clin Radiol* 2022; **77**: 244–254.

[†] Bastion or modified Bastion protocol is considered the standard for contrast administration, although the choice between the two protocols would be based on local practice

^{*}Consider CT angiogram in place of Bastion or modified Bastion protocol if arterial injury is suspected

[§] A wider CT coverage rather than a single body part should be considered if the entry wound occurs at the junction of two body parts or if there was a possibility of a wound depth or trajectory crossing between two body parts