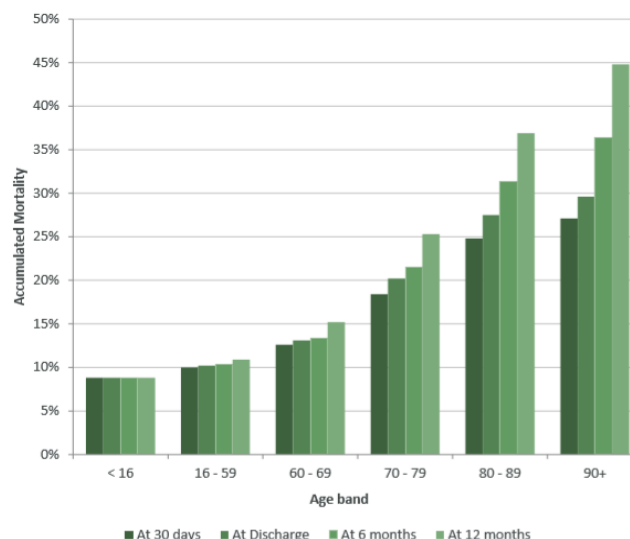


Silver Trauma

Mortality at 30 days and six months from discharge



Major Trauma in Older People (ISS > 15)

- Fall <2m is commonest mechanism of injury e.g. a **fall from standing** (TARN 2017)
- Poor pre-hospital or ED identification of injuries as major trauma = **less specialist care**
- Higher mortality and morbidity than younger patients — **search for more than one injury**
- Traumatic brain and chest injuries are the **most common cause of death**
- Traumatic brain injury present with a **higher GCS than younger patients**, those who survive often do well
- A systolic BP < **110mmHg gives same mortality** as systolic < 90mmHg in a younger person

Points to remember:

- **Early trauma scanning**
- **Anticoagulation reversal**
- **Pain relief and hydration (helps prevent delirium)**
- **Know your local pathways for referral to specialist services**
- **Patient's and relative's wishes need to be considered**