Foundations Frameworks
Approach to Pelvic Trauma

Suspected Traumatic Pelvic Fracture

- Portable AP Pelvis XR
- + Fracture
- Place binder to close an open pelvis

Beware of...
- Open book, vertical shear, posterior element disruption -> high propensity for vascular damage
- Foley placement with caution for urethral injury

*** Patients who remain unstable despite resuscitation may have active arterial bleeding ***

Hemodynamically Unstable

- Volume resuscitation with trauma blood, consider TXA/AC reversal
- IR if isolated pelvic bleed
- OR if other operative (intraabdominal) injuries

IR Indications:
- concern for pelvic bleed with no peritonitis, negative FAST, no laparotomy indications

OR Indications:
- +Peritonitis, + FAST, other operative intraabdominal injuries

Hemodynamically Stable

- CT scan to assess for extravasation and other injuries