

# What is trauma?

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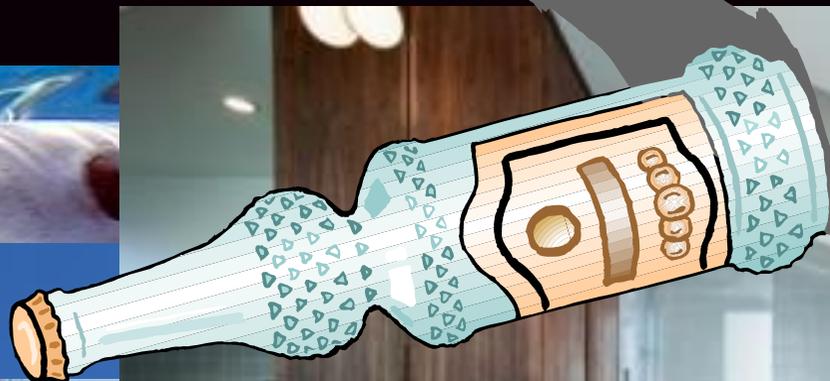
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Trauma commonest cause  
of death for all young  
people

Young everyone  
age < 45

# Trauma causes



# WHO Global burden of disease 2010-2021

□ 1 DALY =  
 □ represents the loss of the equivalent of one year of full health.

□ disability-adjusted life years

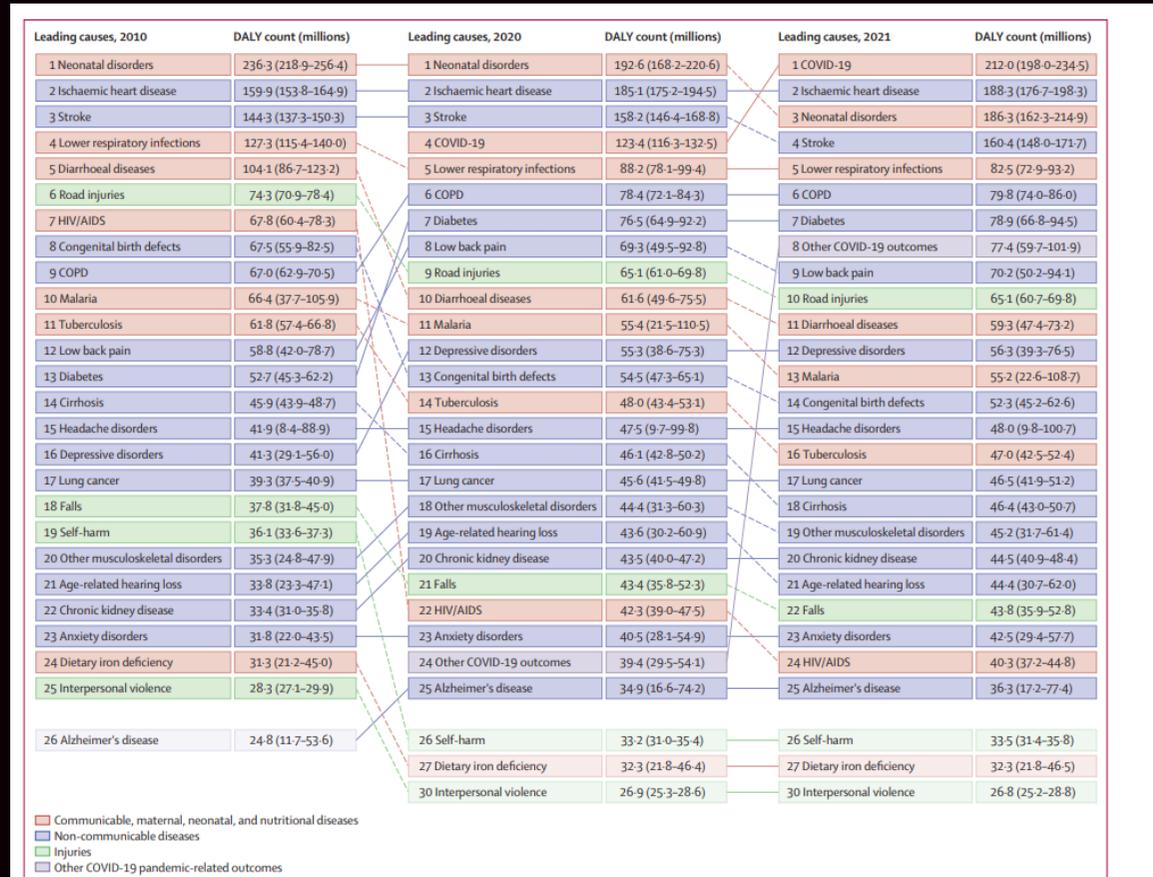


Figure 1: Leading 25 Level 3 causes of global DALYs in 2010, 2020, and 2021, for both sexes combined, and all ages. Causes are connected by lines between time periods, where solid lines represent an increase or no change in rank and dashed lines represent a decrease in rank. Faded colours indicate that the cause is not within the top 25 causes of DALYs for that year. Data in parentheses are 95% uncertainty intervals. COPD=chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. DALY=disability-adjusted life-year.

# Million DALY's

- Covid 213
- Heart 188
- Road 65
- Falls 43
- Self harm 33
- Interpersonal 26
- Sum Trauma 167

Leading causes, 2021	DALY count (millions)
1 COVID-19	213.0 (198.0-234.0)
2 Ischaemic heart disease	188.3 (176.7-198.0)
3 Neonatal disorders	186.3 (162.3-214.0)
4 Stroke	166.6 (148.0-179.7)
5 Lower respiratory infections	81.3 (72.9-91.7)
6 COPD	79.8 (74.0-86.0)
7 Diabetes	78.9 (74.8-94.0)
8 Other COVID-19 outcomes	77.4 (59.7-101.0)
9 Low back pain	76.7 (59.2-94.1)
10 Road injuries	65.1 (50.2-80.0)
11 Neonatal disorders	59.3 (47.4-71.2)
12 Depression disorders	58.3 (49.3-70.0)

# WHO REPORT traffic

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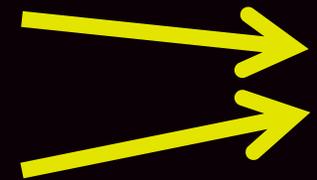
- India 1998
- 217 000 dead
- 7,2 Million! wounded
  
- Globally 1,19 million traffic deaths 2020
  
- 1,813,188 COVID-19 deaths were reported in 2020

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- Trauma is an ongoing global pandemic!
  - Hits the young and the frail.

# Global trauma

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- Road traffic crashes cost most countries 3% of their gross domestic product/ WHO 2023
- 2022
- Sweden 227 deaths = 23/M Trend
- US 42795 deaths =130/M Trend

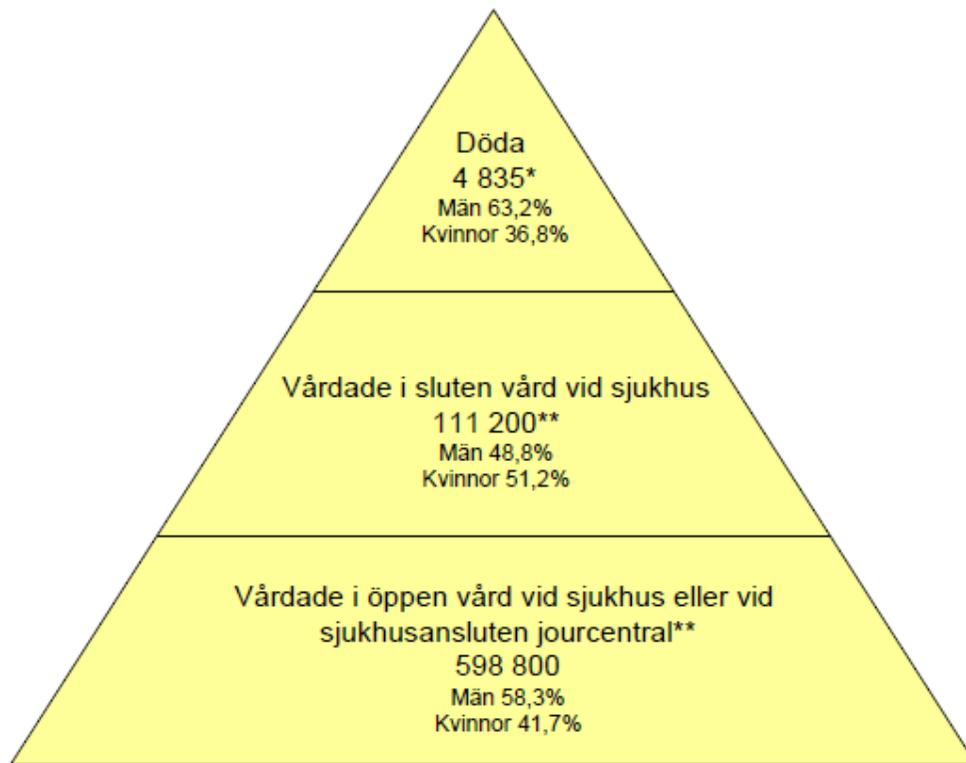


# Stockholm



# Sweden, the safest country?

Alla skador



\*Dödsorsaksregistret 2007, \*\*IDB 2008

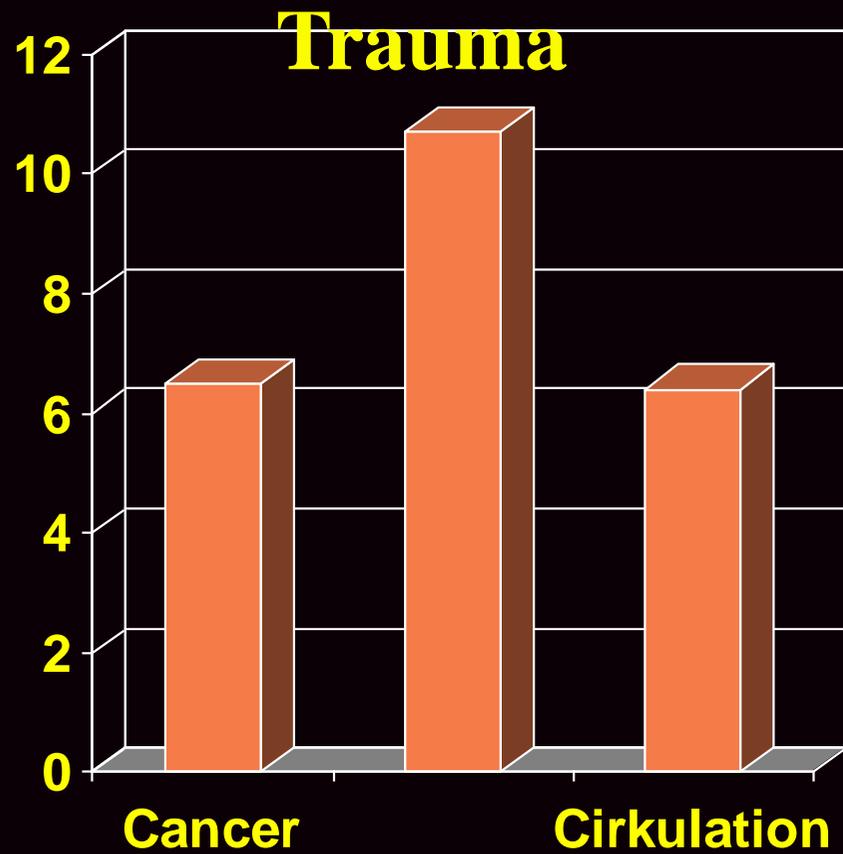
- Deaths 483/ M
- Hospital >11 000/ M
- Out patient care  
» 60 000/ M

# Tourism...

- Yearly ca 100 Swedes die in Thailand
- > 50% traffic accidents....

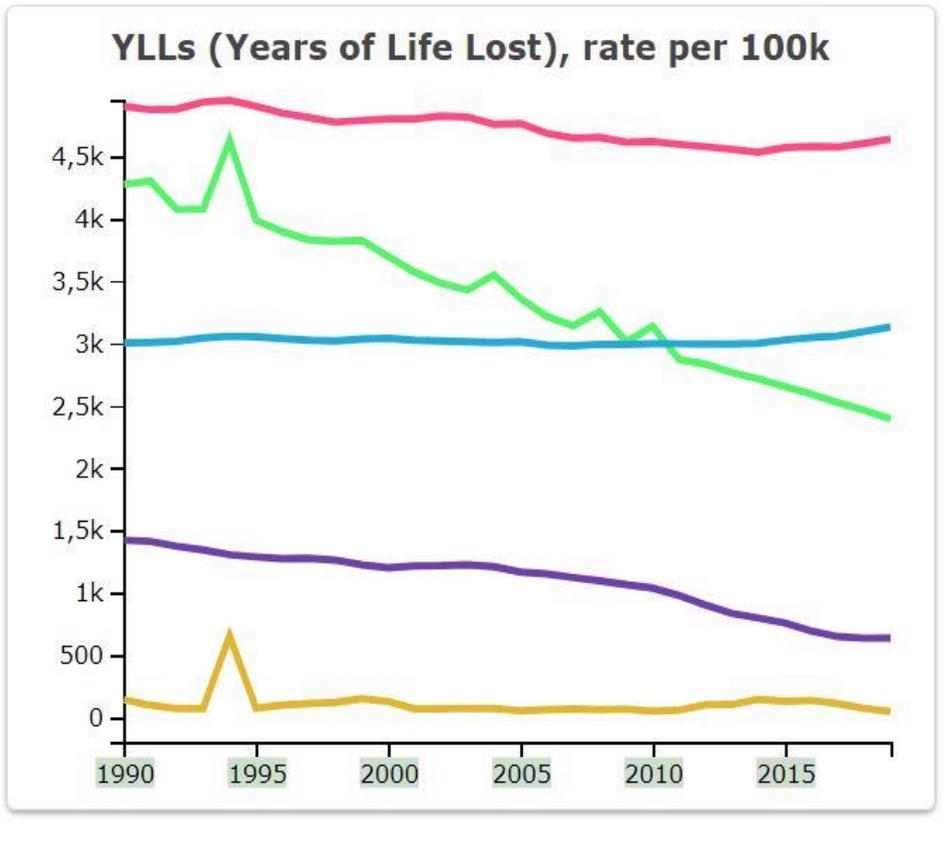


# Lost young life years



□ <65

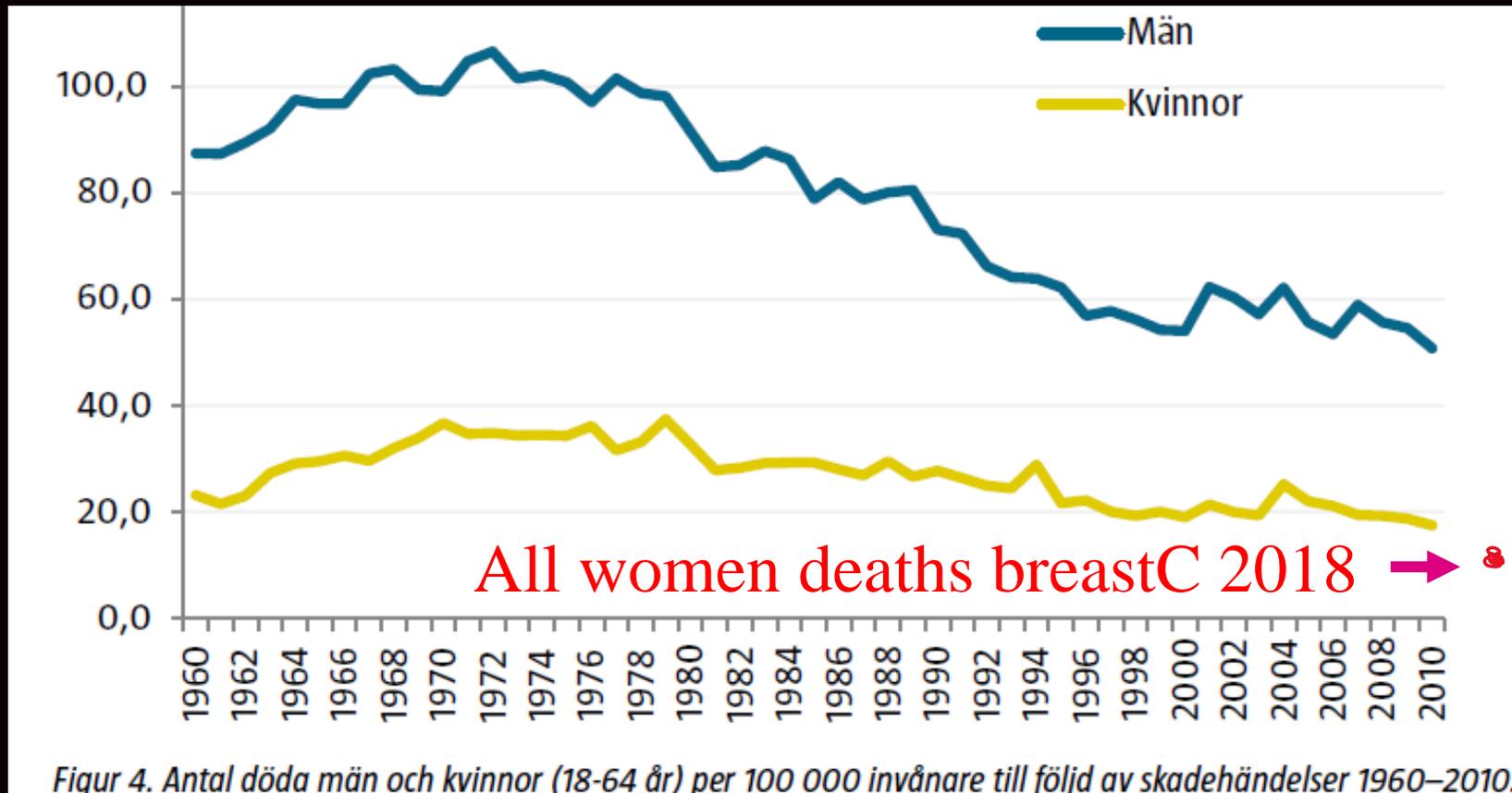
# Global burden of disease



- Global, Both sexes, All ages, Neglected tropical diseases and malaria
- Global, Both sexes, All ages, Cardiovascular diseases
- Global, Both sexes, All ages, Conflict and terrorism
- Global, Both sexes, All ages, Injuries
- Global, Both sexes, All ages, Total cancers



# Trauma deaths 18-64 yo Sweden 1960-



Figur 4. Antal döda män och kvinnor (18-64 år) per 100 000 invånare till följd av skadehändelser 1960–2010.

# Trauma 1 definitions Sweden

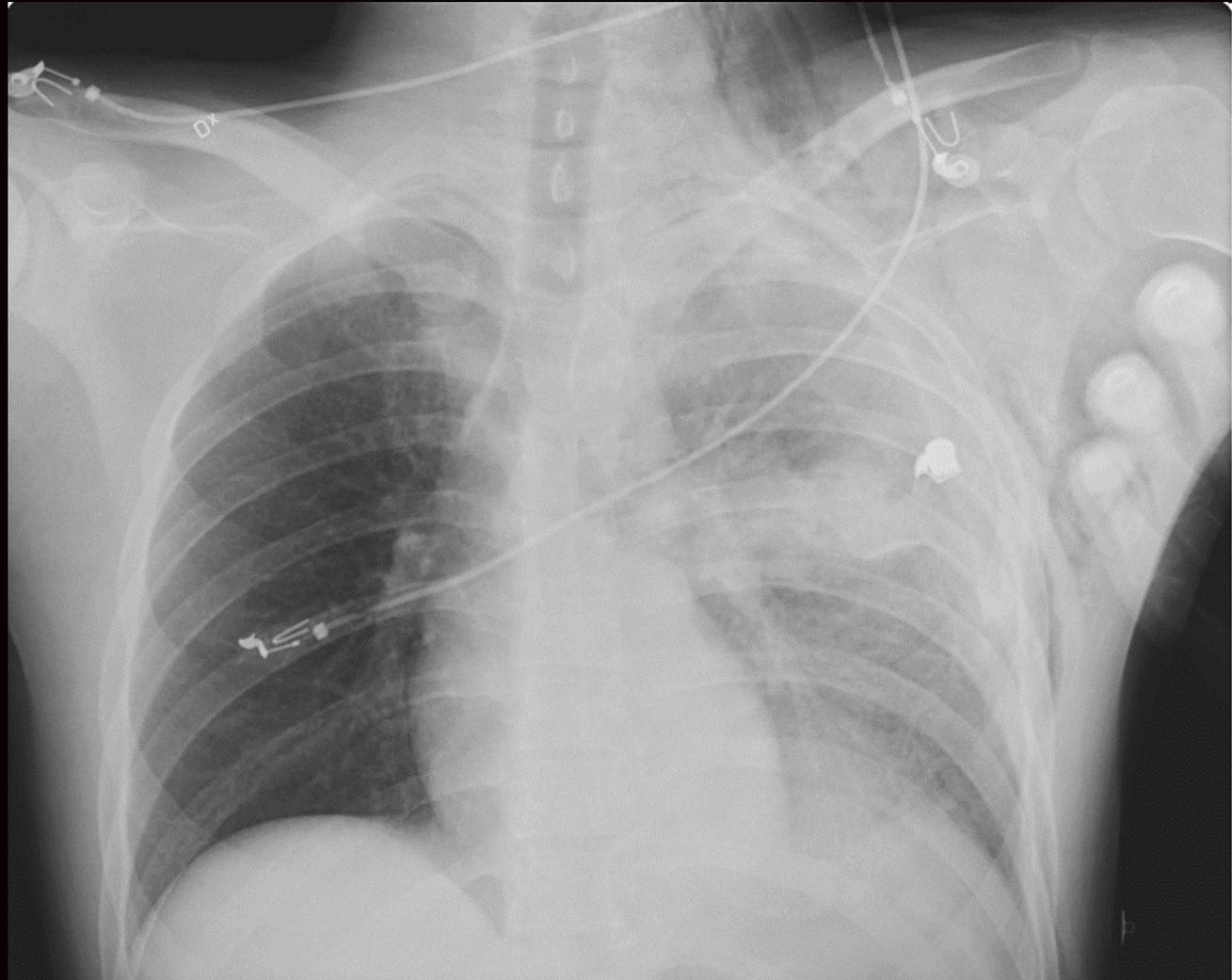
## A Physiology

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- » Breathing support needed
- » Breath freq  $<10$  or  $>29$
- » BP  $<90$ 
  - Or no radial pulse
  - Children :
    - Capillary refill  $>2s$
    - Pulse 0-1 yo  $<90$  or  $>190$
    - 1-5 yo  $<70$  or  $>160$
- » GCS  $\leq 13$  ( RLS  $\geq 3$ )

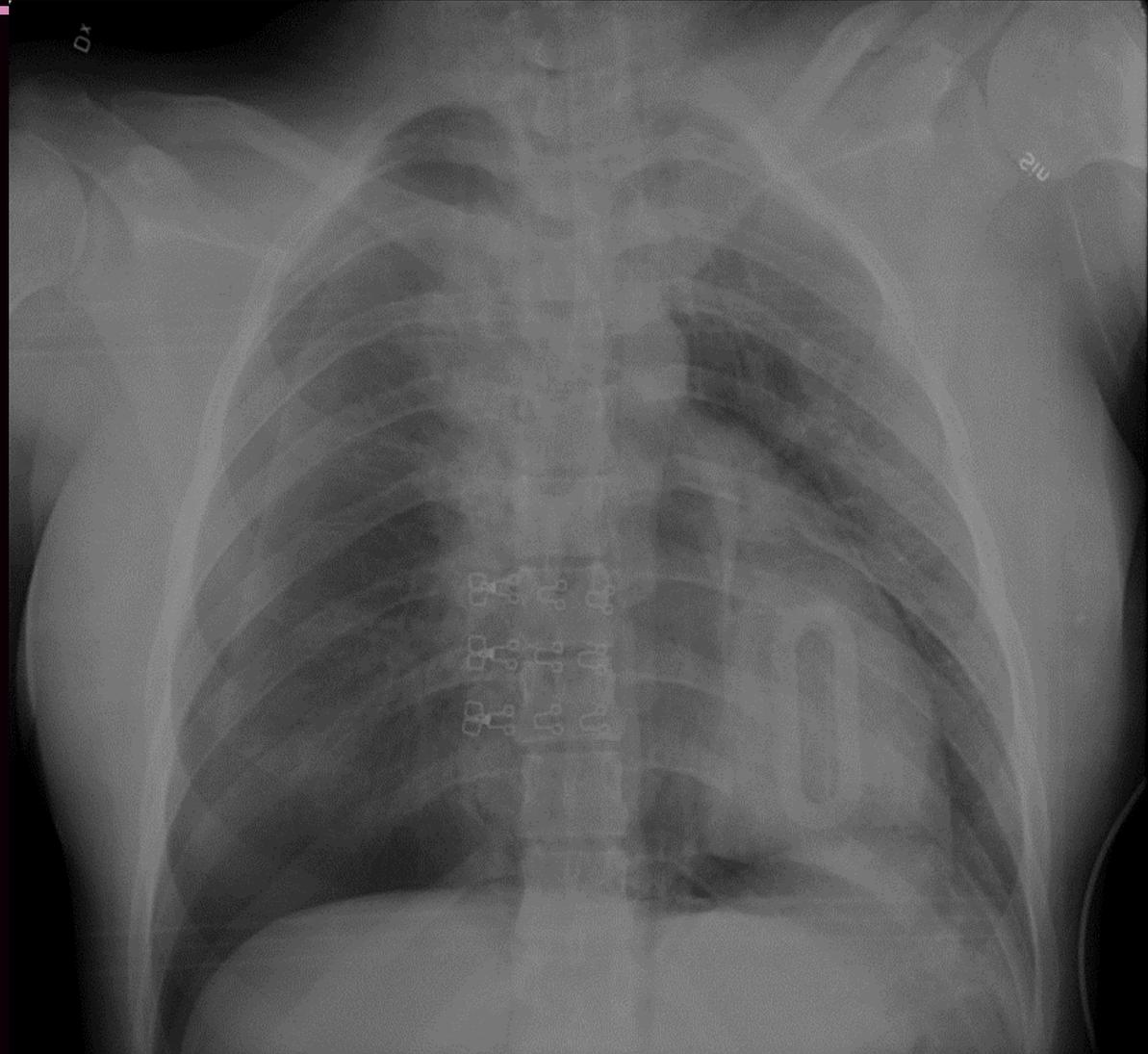
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□ White



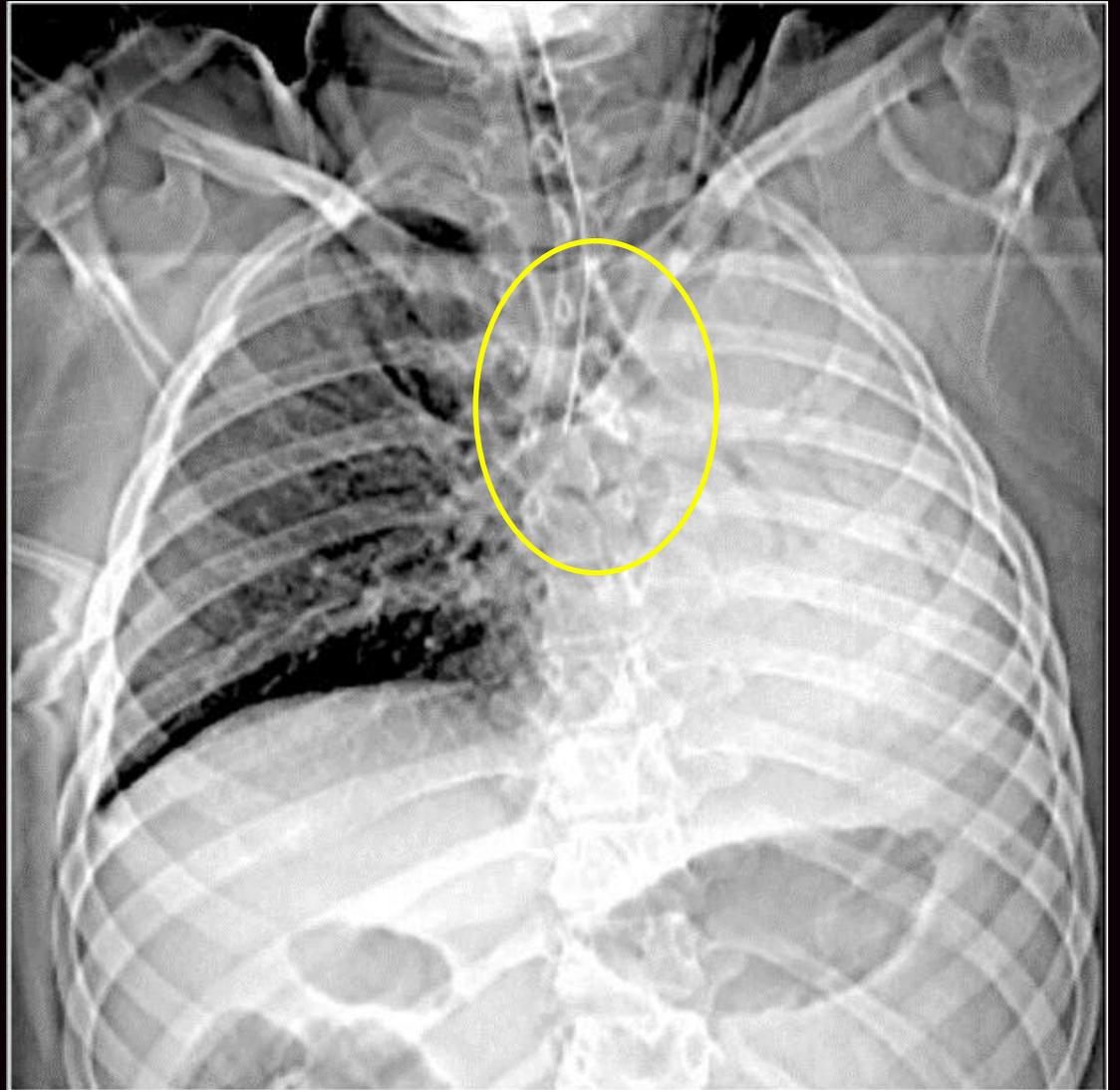
# What is trauma

□ Black



# Timely interpretation

- Black and white?



# Trauma 1 alert definitions Swe

## B Anatomical criteria

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- Penetrating above knee/ elbow
- Open head wound
- Threatend airway
- Deformed chest
- Pelvis c High energy
- Spinal cord
- $\geq 2$  long bones fx
- Amputations above hand/foot
- Arge bleedout
- Burn  $\geq 18\%$  or inhalation

# Trauma 2 alert definitions Swe

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- Car  $\geq 50$  km/h
- Thrown from vehicle
- Trapped  $\geq 20$  min
- MC  $\geq 35$  km/h
- Fall  $\geq 5$ m
  - » Child Fall  $\geq 3$ m

# Trauma alert observanda

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- Worsening condition
- Anticoagulants etc
- Age <5 or >60
- Hypothermia <35 deg
- Drugs
- Pregnancy

# Run over by lorry

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- Breathing frequency 19
- Pulse 88
- BP 112
  
- Trauma Alert??

# Run over by lorry

2007-08-15, 16:15:56  
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Karolinska Solna DTCOP

CT

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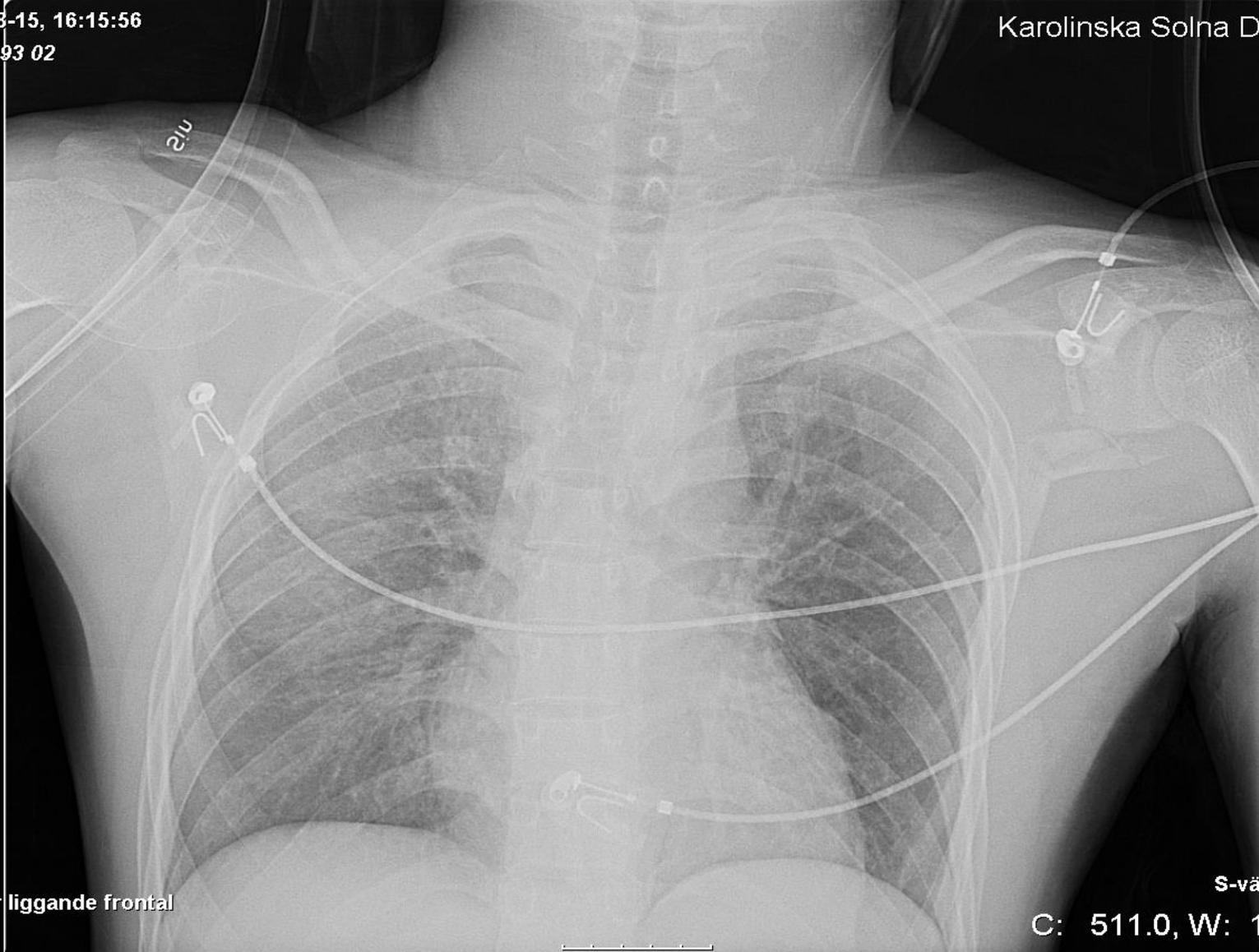


Lgm:

S-värde: 115

C: 511.0, W: 1023.0

Lungor liggande frontal



Do not dawdle, do CT

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Or you might die DWD  
Death Without Diagnosis

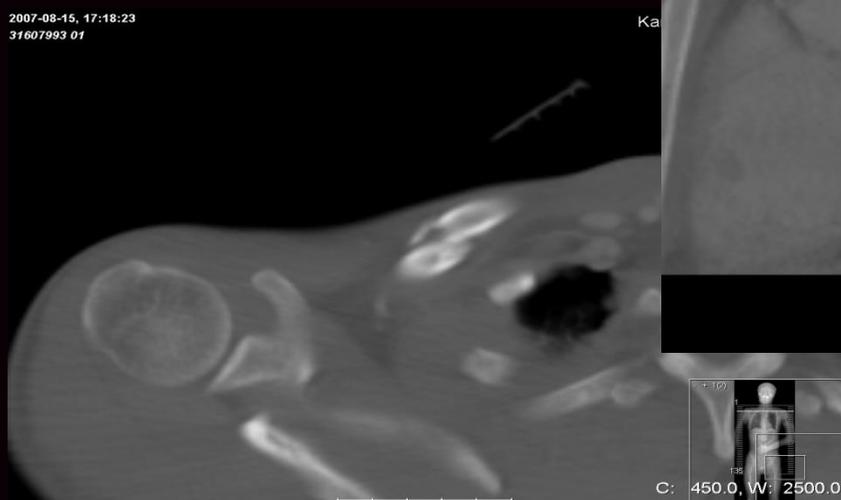
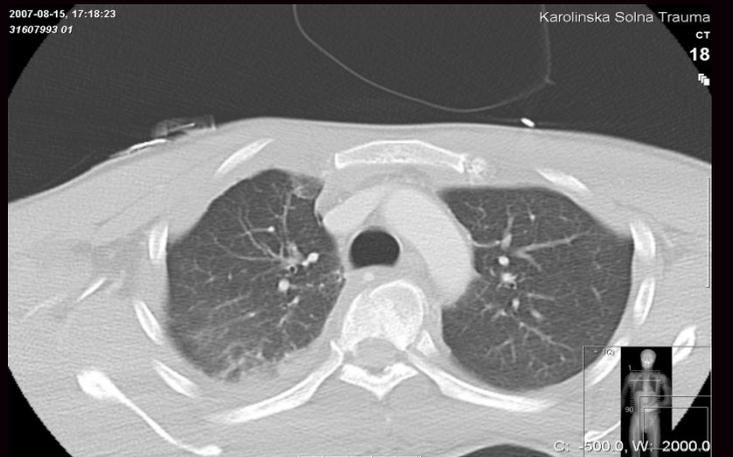
# When do CT

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- ABCDE      CT
- ABC        CT
- AB         CT

▪ AB CT

# Pntx bilat, ribfx, flail, scapula, clavicle, thfx, sternum



# Murphy's law<sup>[a]</sup>

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"Anything that can  
go wrong will go  
wrong."

Trauma : Shit will  
happen

# Thank you!



Example of  
pretraumatic  
behaviour?