TLICS Score

Thoracolumbar injuries · morphology + posterior ligaments + neurologic status · 0 to 10

M Morphology

- compression 1
- burst 2
- translation or rotation 3
- distraction 4

PLC Posterior ligamentous complex

- intact 0
- indeterminate 2
- injured 3

N Neurologic status

- intact 0
- root 2
- complete cord 2
- incomplete 3
- cauda equina 3

≤ 3	4	≥ 5
Nonoperative	Surgeon decides	Surgery

Denis: anterior, middle and posterior columns · two columns disrupted = unstable injury