

Wound discharge with fever $\pm$ WCC

Intact sternum

Drain the abscess,
Antibiotics, Remove
wires, VAC pump

Sternal dehiscence

Viable non infected
sternum, low risk patient

Debride, Irrigate, Rewire,
primary or delayed wound
closure. If tissues under
tension

Use pectoral flap

Necrotic infected
sternum, multiple
fractures, high risk
patients

Debride, Use a
myocutaneous flap (one
or two stage procedure)