Five clusters/subgroups were obtained by clustering the modified Marshall scores with missing scores imputed via k-NN (Supp. Fig. 3). Using the mean observed modified Marshall score trajectory for each subgroup from day eight onwards, we obtained the following ranking of subgroups (with increasing order of severity in clinical outcome): ocMOF i, ocMOF ii, ocMOF iii, ocMOF iv and ocMOF v (Supp. Fig. 4), containing 68, 32, 47, 16 and 5 patients respectively. Despite ocMOF v being the only subgroup with all its patients experiencing death (mean death day since injury is 12 days, ranging from 8 to 24 days), which suggests that ocMOF v is the subgroup with the worst clinical outcome; however, its first seven days mean observed MOF trajectory is very similar to that for ocMOF iii, suggesting the modified Marshall score alone is not very effective in discriminating post-injury MOF. The only other group with patients experiencing death is ocMOF iv (2 out of 16 deaths, 12 % mortality rate, the death days since injury are 11 and 20). For the four subgroups, ocMOF i to iv, the same ranking was observed for several other clinical variables. From Fig. 3 of main paper we observed that ocMOF i had the lowest median days for hospital stay/death and the median increased as we progressed from ocMOF i to iv. To adjust for the total number of days for hospital stay/death, we computed the proportion of ICU free days and ICU ventilation free days among the total number of days for hospital stay/death. For these variables, ocMOF i had the highest proportion and the median decreased as we progressed from ocMOF i to v. From Table 1 of main paper we observed that ocMOF i had the lowest percentage of patients with ventilator associated pneumonia, non-infectious complications, surgical site infections, nosocomial infections and ICU tracheostomy, and these percentages increased as we progressed from ocMOF i to iv. The high and early mortality experienced by patients with ocMOF v may explain the lower percentage values than ocMOF iv in some of the clinical variables.

If we define the incidence of MOF as the occurrence of the modified Marshall score exceeding the value six, then the percentage of patients experiencing MOF increased from 0% for ocMOF i to 100% for both ocMOF iv and v as we progressed from ocMOF i to v. Similarly, the percentage of patients experiencing death within 28 days increased from 0% for ocMOF i, ii and iii to 100% for ocMOF v as we progressed from ocMOF i to v. We also performed the Spearman correlation test or the Deviance test as appropriate, and found statistically significant association (p-value<0.05) as well as monotonic trend between ocMOF and the above mentioned variables (Fig. 3 and Table 1 of main paper). While performing these tests, ocMOF was treated as a numerical variable (i.e., ocMOF i to ocMOF v taking the numerical values from 1 to 5, respectively).