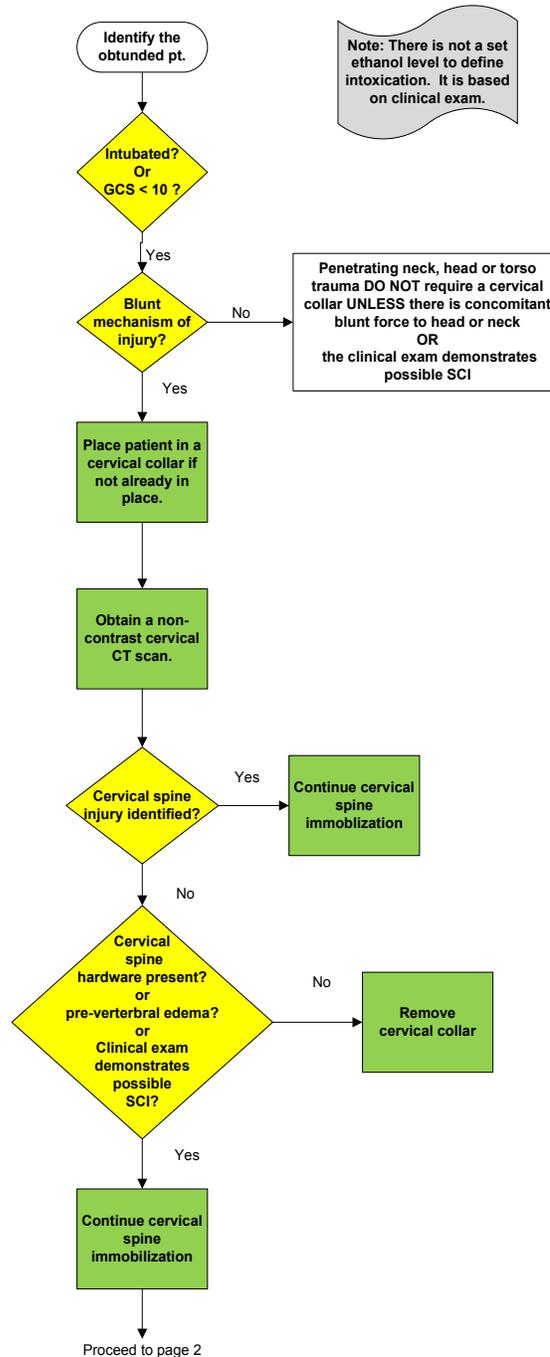


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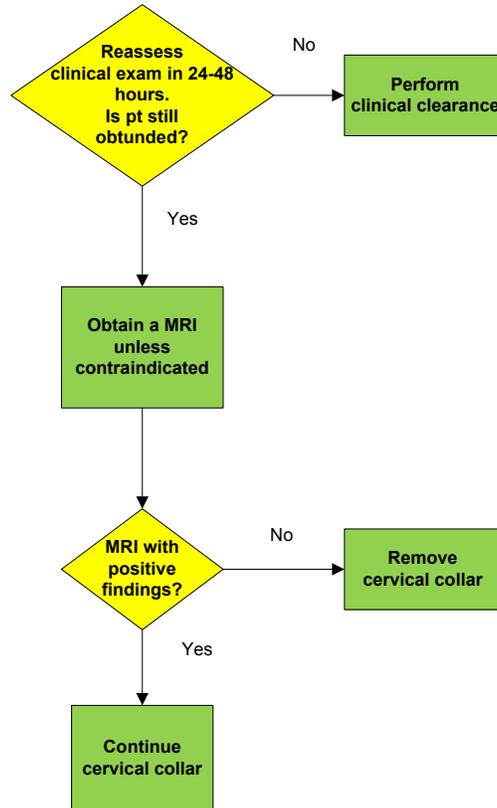
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Note: Document clearance of the C-spine in the progress notes.!!!

*These guidelines are designed for the general use in most critically ill trauma patients, but may need to be adapted to meet the special needs of a specific patient as determined by the patient's healthcare provider.*

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