**C-Collar in Place**  
Small children need shoulder padding for neutral positioning

**Mechanism of injury considered, low risk for cervical spine injury,** and absence of neck pain and, no evidence of intoxication and, normal LOC and, normal neurological exam and, absence of painful distracting injury

**Normal C-Spine Exam**  
C-Spine cleared and documented

**Abnormal C-Spine Exam**  
Pain with ROM

**Plain Films**  
A/P/lateral – up to 8 years of age  
A/P/lateral/odontoid – over 8 years of age  
CT if unable to get good quality plain films  
If planning head CT and ≤8 years consider CT C1-C3

**Evidence of CSI**  
Consult Neurosurgery & Maintain C-Spine Precautions

**Negative Films**  
Confirm stability with dynamic films (flexion/extension)

**Negative Flex/Ex**  
C-spine cleared & documented

**Unable to Perform Flex/Ex or Unsatisfactory Results**  
CT cervical spine

**Evidence of Instability**  
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**Negative Flex/Ex**  
C-spine cleared & documented

**Evidence of Instability**  
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