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

Mechanism of injury considered, high risk for cervical spine injury,
and/or presence of neck pain
and/or evidence of intoxication
and/or abnormal level of consciousness
and/or abnormal neurological exam
and/or painful distracting injury

Evidence of CSI
Consult Neurosurgery &
Maintain C-Spine Precautions

Plain Films or CT of Cervical Spine

Normal Radiographic Image with:

1. C-Spine Tenderness
   Flex/Ex films
   Consider MRI if non-cooperative or
   unable to perform active ROM

2. Intoxication
   Attempt to clear c-spine clinically when no
   longer intoxicated

3. Altered LOC
   Consider clinical clearance or MRI

4. Altered Neuro Exam
   MRI as soon as possible & consult
   Neurosurgery

5. Painful Distracting Injury
   Stabilize and control pain of injuries & attempt
to clear clinically