

HEAD INJURY

Transfer Criteria

Acceptable Vital Signs
Normal CT Scan of brain
Simple skull fracture
Headache, dizziness, vomiting, confusion, amnesia for injury are acceptable
Alcohol or drug intoxication associated with head injury if patient is cooperative.
-alcohol level should be <100 for intoxicated patients
Basilar skull fracture if neurosurgery consult does not result in admission

Exclusion Criteria

Unstable VS
Abnormal CT Scan of brain
Depressed skull fracture
Penetrating skull injury
Focal neurologic abnormality
Uncooperative patient, restraints, or sitter required
Acute psychiatric disorder, suicidal patient

Potential Intervention

Serial neurologic exams including vital signs every 2 hours
Analgesics
Antiemetics
Neurosurgical consultation if indicated
Repeat CT scan if indicated

Disposition

Home -	Acceptable VS Normal serial neurologic exams
Hospital -	Deterioration in clinical condition Development of any exclusion criteria