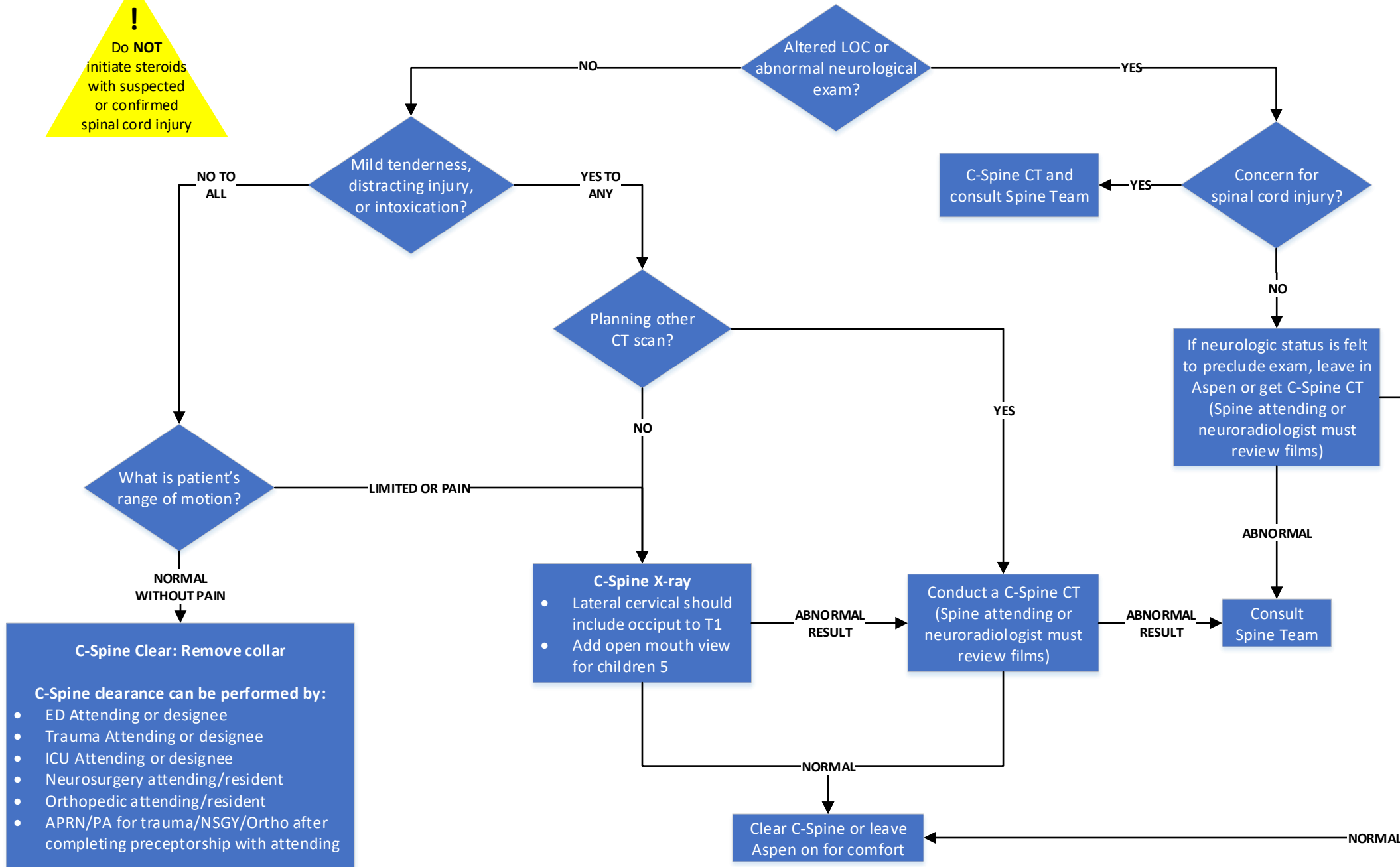


ACH Trauma C-Spine Clearance

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Isolated transverse process fractures:

1. No spine consult necessary regardless of location, displacement, or number
2. CTA of the neck should be performed if foramen transversarium is involved:
 - Consult neurosurgery if CTA shows vascular injury
 - No consult necessary if CTA is normal

Isolated spinous process fractures:

1. Consult spine service for any spinous process fractures of C2-T1
2. No spine consult necessary for spinous process fractures of T2 and below regardless of number or displacement.

C-Spine Clear: Remove collar

C-Spine clearance can be performed by:

- ED Attending or designee
- Trauma Attending or designee
- ICU Attending or designee
- Neurosurgery attending/resident
- Orthopedic attending/resident
- APRN/PA for trauma/NSGY/Ortho after completing preceptorship with attending

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