MINOR HEAD INJURY

CDU INCLUSION CRITERIA

- Stable Vital Signs
- Minor Head Injury
- Normal or noninterventional Head CT (if performed)
- Cleared by Neurosurgery for discharge
- Neuro OBS only, other reasons for Admit excluded
- No concern for nonaccidental trauma
- Potential to discharge in 23 hours

CDU EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Unstable vital signs
- Depressed LOC
- Focal neurologic findings
- Penetrating skull injuries
- Depressed skull fractures
- Positive CT scan
- Signs of basilar skull fractures
- Glasgow coma score < 13
- Age > 70
- Non-ambulatory at baseline
- Multiple med probs – i.e. bleeding disorders, DM, Alzheimers,
- Coagulopathy (hemophilia, elevated INR, etc)
- C-spine injury
- Respiratory instability
- Facial Fracture

CDU INTERVENTIONS AS INDICATIONS

- Serial vital signs and re-evaluations
- Serial neurological examinations
- Medications (ex. Analgesics, anti-emetics)
- Patient and family education

CDU DISPOSITION

Home
- Pain resolved or significantly improved
- No diagnosis requiring hospitalization
• Stable vital signs and labs (if performed) at disposition
• Normal serial exams with no deterioration in clinical course
• Adequate follow-up plan established

Admit
• Not improved or worsening condition/pain
• Deterioration in clinical course
• Rule in of exclusionary causes or criteria