

## ***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