Adult Cervical Spine Clearance Practice Guideline

Meets Canadian Cervical Spine Rule or Unable to clear clinically?

CT cervical spine
> 64-slice, 3mm collimation, skull base to T2 with 2-D recons

Final read by neuro-radiologist

Able to clear clinically?

Yes

Remove collar Document clearance

No

Residual neck pain/tenderness

Mild/mod

Place soft collar Followup 2 wks

Severe

Leave rigid collar in place. Consult spine

Neg

Pos

Leave rigid collar in place. Consult spine service

In obtunded/comatose patients, attempt to clear clinically when mental status permits.