Presence Saint Francis EMS System

Spinal Immobilization Flowchart

1. High risk mechanism of injury
   and
2. Reliable patient
   • No signs of intoxication – drugs or ETOH
   • Normal mental status
   • Includes normal stress reaction
   • No communication barriers
   • No distracting injuries
   and
3. No neurological deficits
   • If fleeting/temporary complaint, consider as positive sign
   • No pain in neck or spine
   • No tenderness to palpation to neck or spine
   • Normal motor exam
   • No paresthesia or paralysis
   • Normal response to painful stimuli
   • No anatomic deformities

Full Spinal Immobilization

1. High Risk
   and
2. Patient is not reliable
   and/or
3. Has neurological signs or symptoms

Selective Spinal Immobilization

(Can be limited to collar and securing to the cot)

No immobilization required

10/5/2015

J. Smid