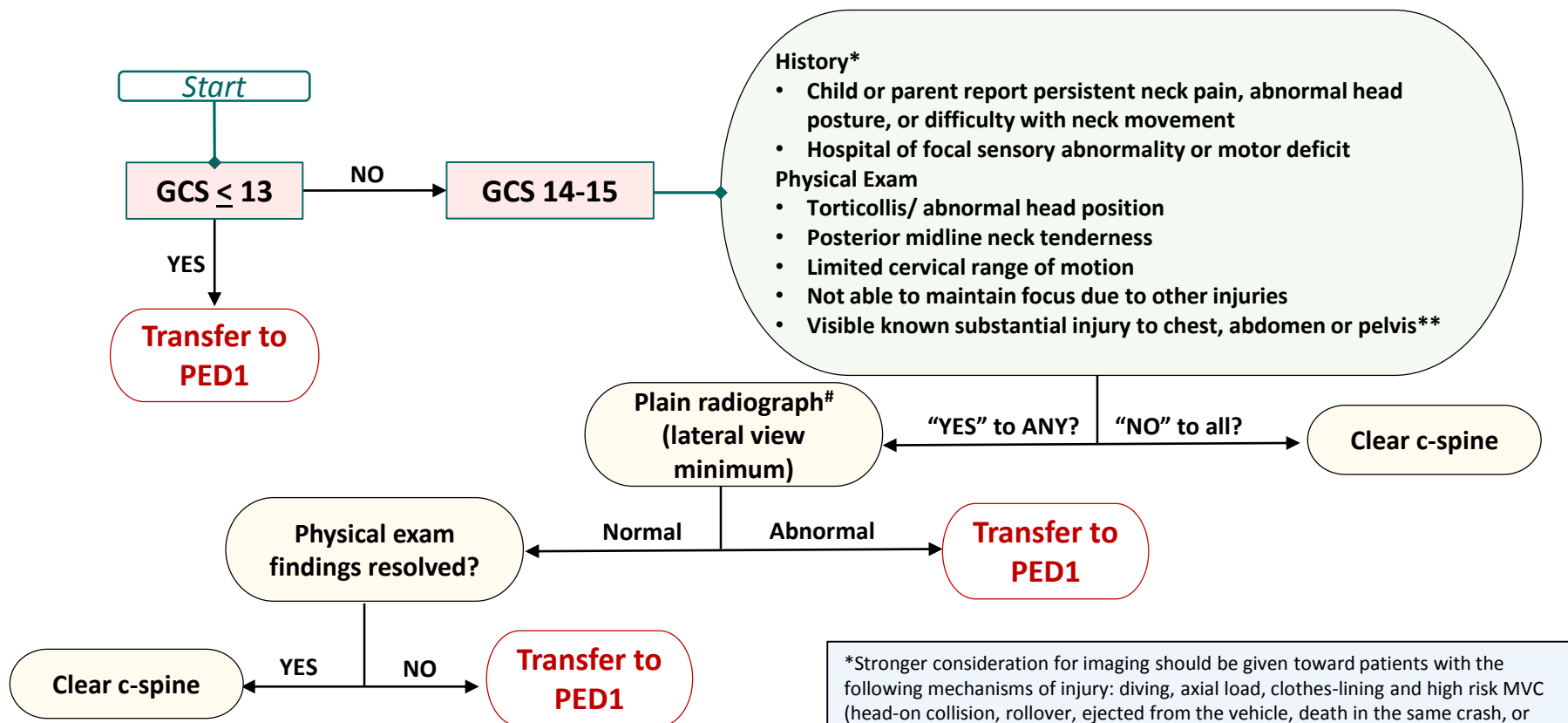


2020 Pediatric Cervical Spine Clinical Guideline

Blunt Mechanism



History*

- Child or parent report persistent neck pain, abnormal head posture, or difficulty with neck movement
- Hospital of focal sensory abnormality or motor deficit

Physical Exam

- Torticollis/ abnormal head position
- Posterior midline neck tenderness
- Limited cervical range of motion
- Not able to maintain focus due to other injuries
- Visible known substantial injury to chest, abdomen or pelvis**

*Stronger consideration for imaging should be given toward patients with the following mechanisms of injury: diving, axial load, clothes-lining and high risk MVC (head-on collision, rollover, ejected from the vehicle, death in the same crash, or speed > 55 mph)

** Substantial injury is defined as an observable injury that is life-threatening, warrants surgical intervention or warrants inpatient observation

All imaging should be read by an attending physician

This algorithm does not replace clinical judgment and is not intended to be prescriptive for all patients.