

CDU Traumatic Injury Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Exclusion Criteria

1. Depressed LOC *not* due to alcohol, drugs, or metabolic causes
2. Focal neurologic findings
3. Penetrating skull injuries
4. Depressed skull fractures
5. Positive CT scan
6. Signs of basilar skull fractures
7. Glasgow coma score less than 13
8. Age more than 70
9. Multiple medical problems
 - a. Bleeding disorders
 - b. Diabetes mellitus
 - c. Alzheimer's
 - d. Hemophilic
10. C spine injury
11. Respiratory instability

Clinical Decision Unit Interventions

1. Serial exams including vital signs
2. Serial neurologic exams
3. Analgesics

Disposition Criteria

1. Home
 - a. Normal serial exams
 - b. No deterioration in clinical course
2. Hospital
 - a. Deterioration in clinical course
 - b. Rule in of exclusionary causes or criteria

Time Frame

1. 24 hour observation