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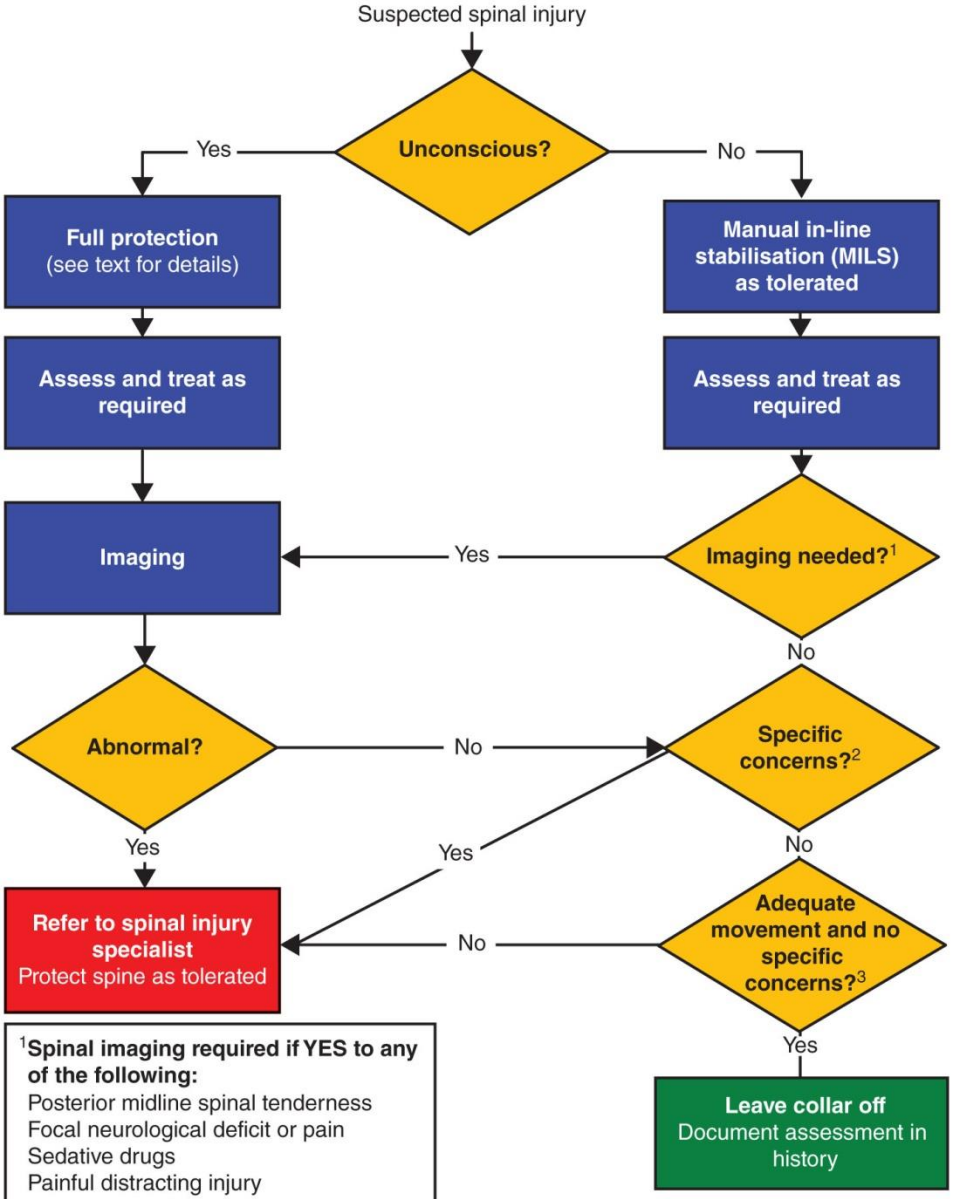
APLS: Spinal imaging, referral and clearance



[1]**Spinal imaging required if YES to any of the following:**
Posterior midline spinal tenderness
Focal neurological deficit or pain
Sedative drugs
Painful distracting injury
Reduced mental state

[2]**Check for:** focal pain or tenderness
Abnormal or uncertain imaging (if imaging carried out)
Drowsy or uncooperative or unable to assess

[3]Assess for rotation 45° to left and right
Controls head appropriately, tolerates rotation of trunk and bears weight when vertical

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