



Pediatric Minor Head Trauma CT Guideline

Purpose: To establish guidelines regarding the indication for CT imaging in the pediatric population after sustaining a minor head injury.

Scope: Trauma patients less than 18 years old with a minor head injury.

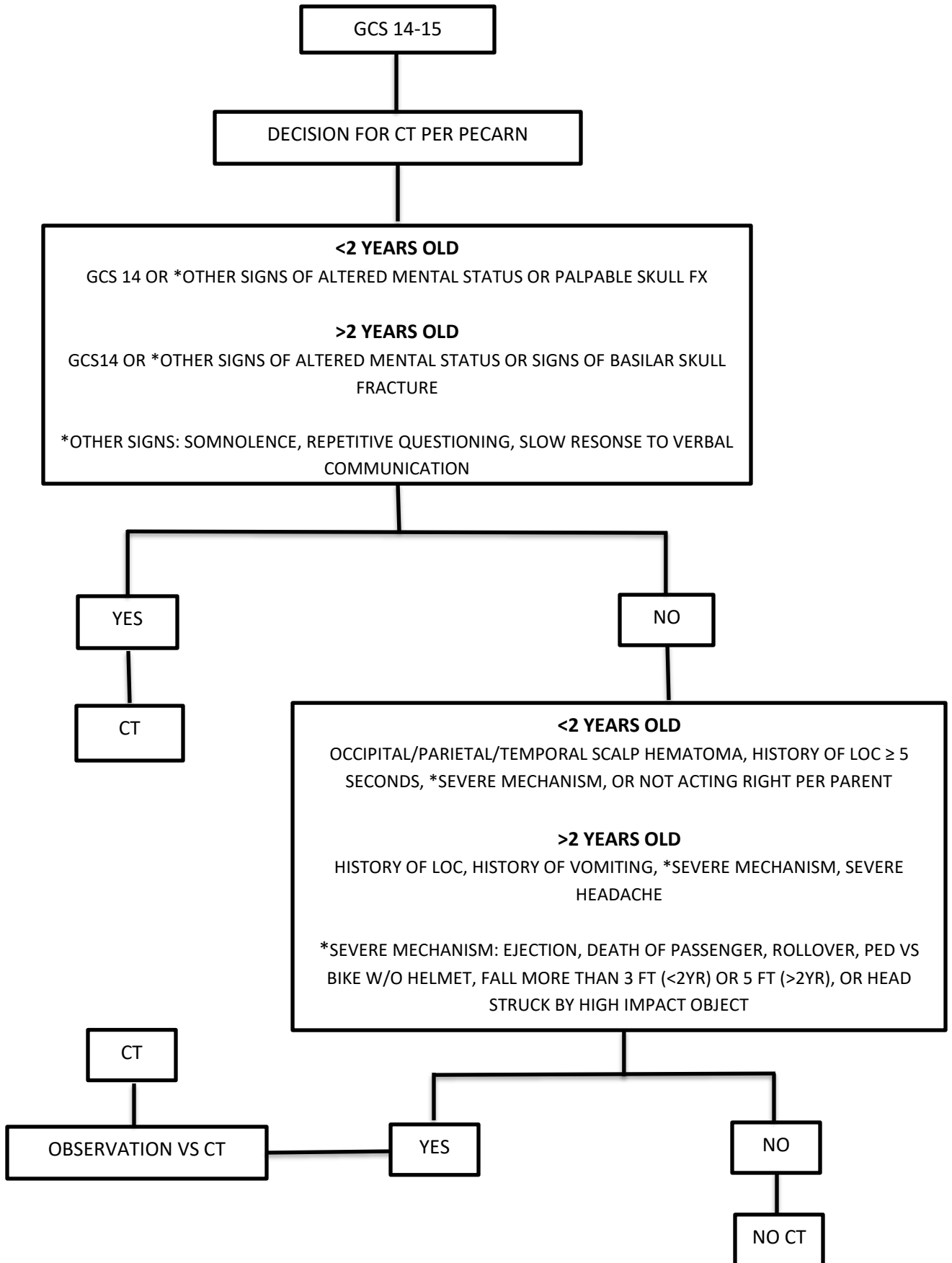
Definitions:

- A. Minor head injury: Glasgow Coma Score (GCS) 13-15.

Protocol:

- A. Complete primary and secondary survey.
- B. Refer to Pediatric Head Trauma CT Decision Guide flow diagram on the following page.

Pediatric Head Trauma CT Decision Guide



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