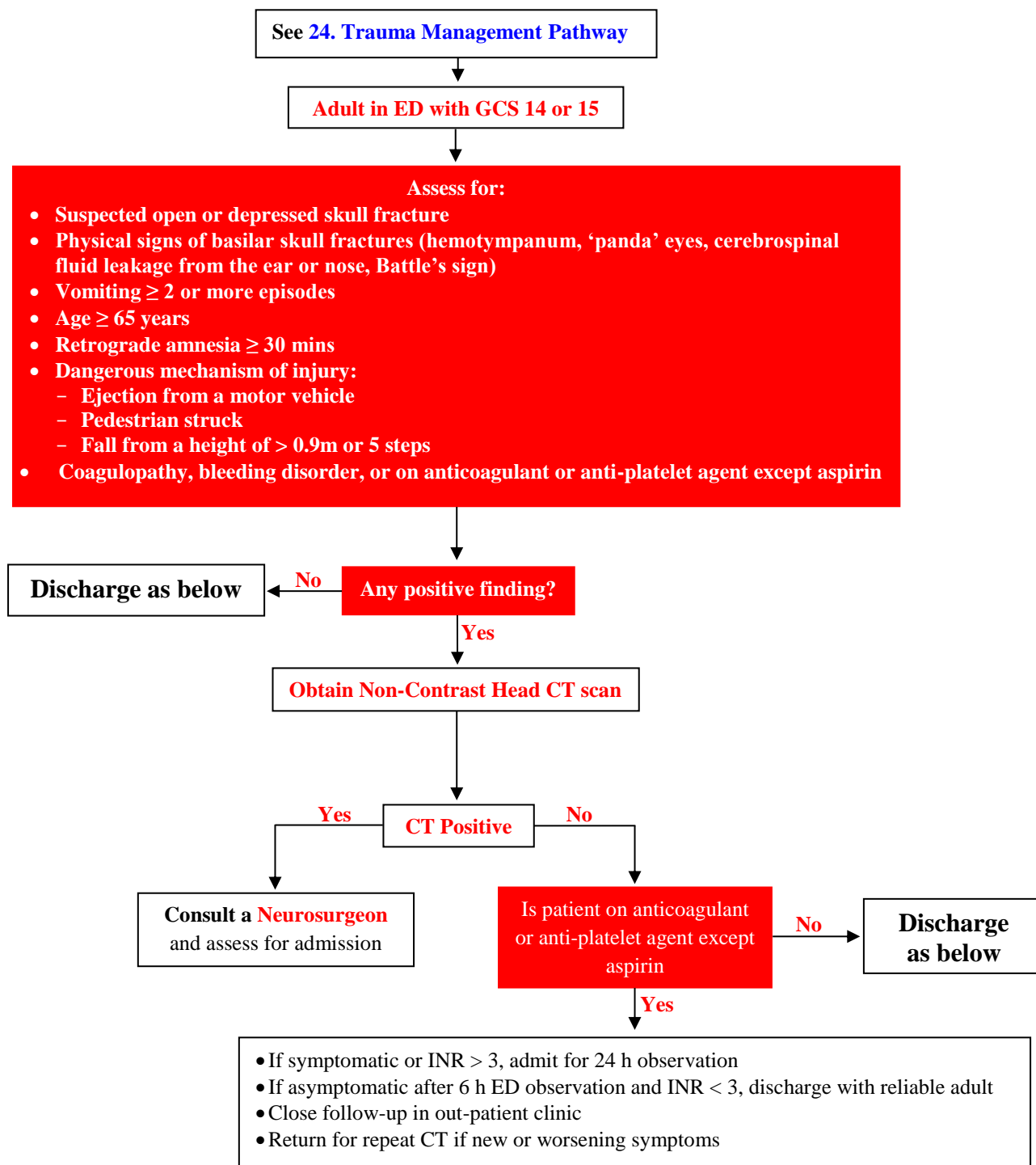


26. Mild Traumatic Brain Injury

This clinical pathway is intended to supplement, rather than substitute for, professional judgment and may be changed depending upon a patient's individual needs. Failure to comply with this pathway does not represent a breach of the standard of care.



Discharge

A CT interpreted as normal by the Radiologist in a neurologically intact person with a normal mental status allows for safe discharge with appropriate instructions and avoids prolonged ER observation or hospital admission. **WRITTEN** and **VERBAL** Discharge Instructions (see **MINOR HEAD INJURY DISCHARGE ADVICE**) must be provided and should include symptoms to expect after a mild TBI, the time course, the overall positive prognosis, activity limitations, and the point at which a patient return to the ED for further testing.