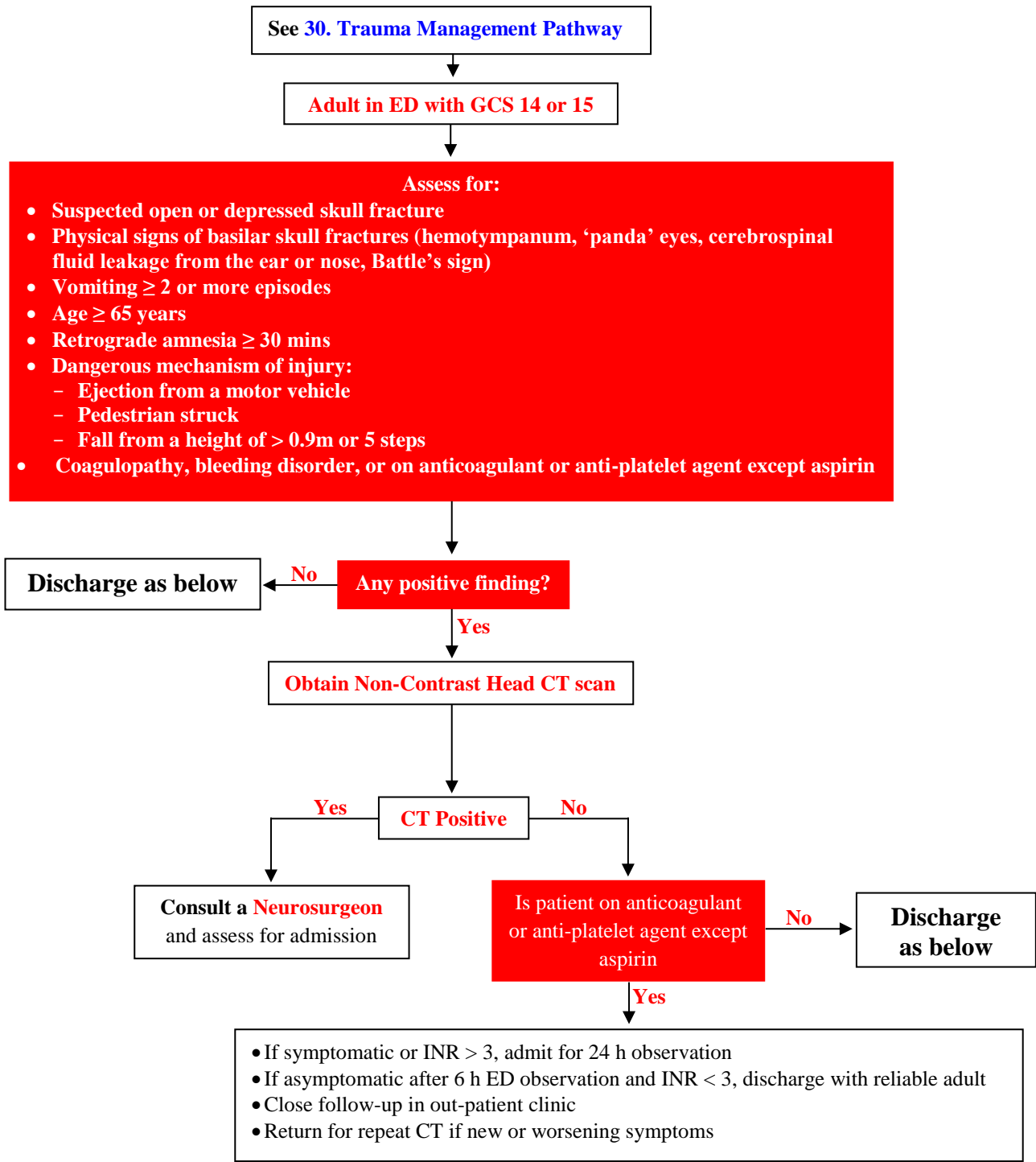


32. Mild Traumatic Brain Injury

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.