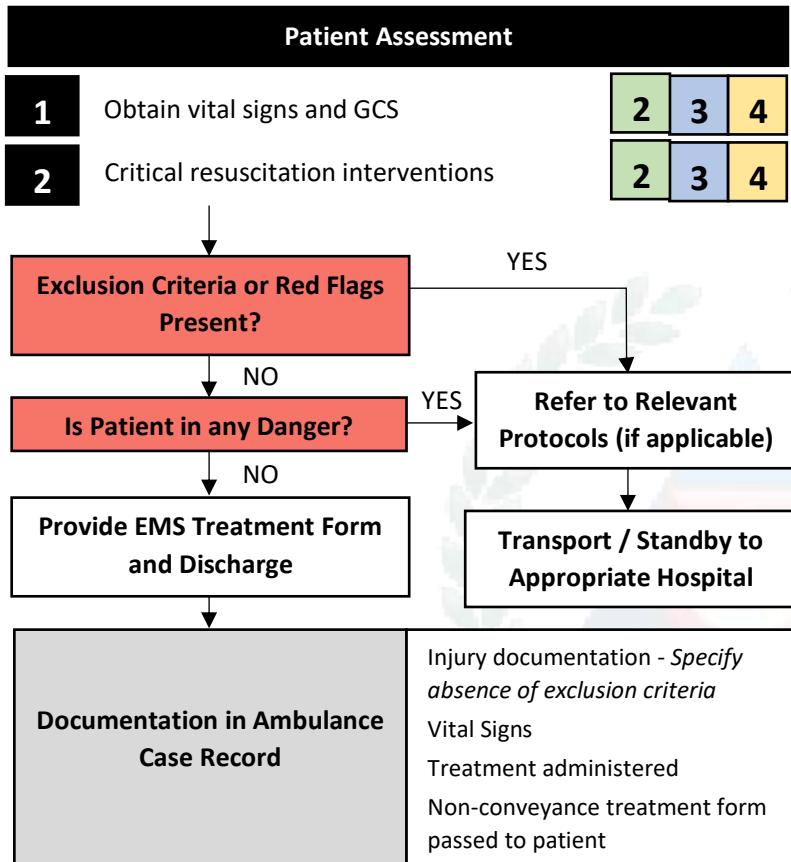




INDICATIONS

Patients with a minor complaint fit for treat and discharge



AGE EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Infants (< 1 year of age)
- Paediatric (< 16 years of age) AND not in the presence of parent or competent caregiver
- Geriatric (≥ 80 years of age)



MEDICAL EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Abnormal vital signs
- Red flag symptoms and / or physical examination
- Unable to evaluate or obtain accurate history e.g. acute psychosis, minimally communicative patients, advanced dementia or Parkinson's disease, intellectual disability, language barrier
- Pregnancy



CONTEXTUAL EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Referred from healthcare facility or provider e.g. IMH, community hospitals, nursing home, polyclinic, private clinic, home nursing teams
- Vulnerable persons e.g. persons in custody, prisoners, institution residents, destitute persons, migrant workers, commercial sex workers, child abuse victims

□ Red Flag Symptoms		□ Red Flag Signs	Gastrointestinal
Neurological	Gastrointestinal	Neurological	Abdominal distension Abdominal guarding or rigidity
Syncpe / Seizure Blurring of vision Acute hearing loss Altered mental state Acute substance intoxication Severe headache Slurred speech Limb weakness or numbness	Severe abdominal pain Per-rectal bleeding Hematemesis Bilious or feculent vomiting Severe vomiting Obstipation	Acute visual impairment Gaze deviation Facial droop Dysphasia / Aphasia Decreased limb power Lethargy / Irritability (P)	Genitourinary / Gynecological Change in skin appearance around genitals
Cardiac / Respiratory	Vascular	Cardiac / Respiratory	Vascular Cold, pale, swollen or weak limb
Chest pain Shortness of breath Orthopnoea Nocturnal dyspnoea Reduced effort tolerance Lower limb swelling	Acute severe back pain Acute severe limb pain	Reduced air entry Crackles / Crepitations Additional heart sounds	Abnormal Vital Signs Temp $< 35^{\circ}\text{C}$ Temp $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ for ≥ 3 days SBP < 90 mmHg or DBP < 60 mmHg SBP ≥ 180 mmHg or DBP ≥ 110 mmHg HR ≥ 100 bpm or ≤ 50 bpm RR ≥ 26 bpm or ≤ 11 bpm; SpO ₂ $< 95\%$ GCS < 15 , Pain score ≥ 3 CBG < 4 mmol/L or > 13.8 mmol/L <i>Refer to age-appropriate reference (P)</i>
	Genitourinary / Gynecological	Musculoskeletal	
	Haematuria Severe genital pain Priapism (Erection ≥ 4 hours) Per-vaginal bleeding	Suspected fracture Joint dislocation or subluxation Spinal tenderness	

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*P: Paediatric Patients

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