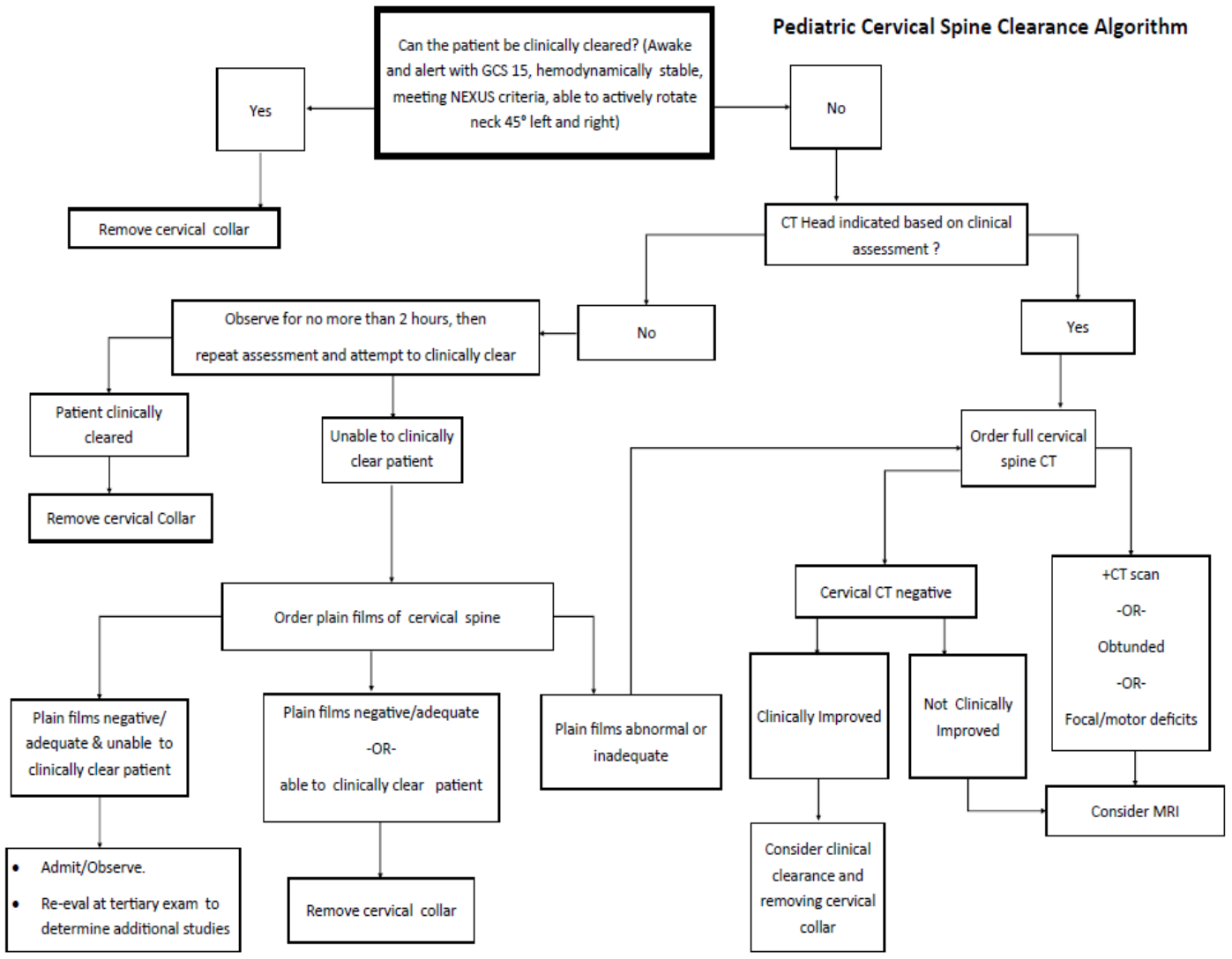


PURPOSE:

Cervical spine clearance in the pediatric trauma population can represent a challenging task. A standardized algorithmic approach can reduce the time to removal of the cervical collar and reduces unnecessary exposure to radiation from radiographic studies.



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