



## Cervical Spine Imaging Following Trauma

Cervical spine imaging is not required for all patients presenting to emergency department after trauma. It is costly and exposes the patients to radiation. Instead of imaging, using history, physical examination, and clinical decision rules such as: Canadian C-Spine rule or Nexus Low Risk Criteria can identify the patients who are low risk and can be treated without imaging. They were shown to reduce the misuse of cervical spine imaging in the emergency department.

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