



# Developing a National Head Injury Guideline for Children

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# Outline

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- Background
- Baseline studies
- Planning the guideline

# ED Assessment of Head Injuries

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- CT current gold standard
  - Obvious for severe injury
  - Problematic in milder head injuries
- Increase in CT rates multiple regions
- Variation in care
- Concern radiation risk of ↑ fatal cancer
- Development of clinical decision rules for neuroimaging



# APHIRST Studies (Australasian Paediatric Head Injury Rules Study)

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## Accuracy of PECARN, CATCH, and CHALICE head injury decision rules in children: a prospective cohort study

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- 10 sites, n=20,137
- Assess accuracy of 3 highest quality CT decision rules
  - PECARN, CATCH and CHALICE rules
- Prospective observational study
- CT scan / follow up call





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Rules in comparison cohort (GCS 13-15, using clinically important TBI as outcome)

		<b>Comparison Cohort</b>			
		<b>Point sensitivity/specificity Missed</b>			
Clinically important traumatic brain injury	PECARN <2 years				
	Positive on criteria				
	With outcome (n)	42	PECARN <2y	100%/59%	0
	Without outcome (n)	2047			
	Negative on criteria		PECARN ≥2y	99%/52%	1
	With outcome (n)	0			
	Without outcome (n)	2957	CATCH	92%/70%	13
	Sensitivity (95% CI)	100-0			
	Specificity (95% CI)	59-1	CHALICE	93%/79%	12
	PPV (95% CI)	2-0			
		NPV (95% CI)	100-0% (99-9-100-0)	100-0% (99-9-100-0)	99-9% (99-8-99-9)

PEDIATRICS/ORIGINAL RESEARCH

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# Accuracy of Clinician Practice Compared With Three Head Injury Decision Rules in Children: A Prospective Cohort Study

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# Accuracy of Physician Practice

**GCS 13 - 15,  
<24 h**

**n=18,913**

**Accuracy  
measure:  
CT during  
initial ED visit**

## Clinically important traumatic brain injury \*

Sens (95% CI)

Spec (95% CI)

PPV (95% CI)

NPV (95% CI)

## Traumatic brain injury or CT\*\*

Sens (95% CI)

Spec (95% CI)

PPV (95% CI)

NPV (95% CI)

## Neurosurgery\*\*\*

Sens (95% CI)

Spec (95% CI)

	Positive	Negative
Yes	158	2
No	1420	17332

158/160  
98.8% (95.6 – 99.8)  
17332/18753  
92.4% (92.0 – 92.8)  
158/1578  
10.0% (8.6 – 11.6)

**Clinician practice:  
Sensitivity 99%  
Specificity 92%**

17324/17333  
99.9% (99.9 – 100.0)

	Positive	Negative
Yes	24	0
No	1555	17334

24/24  
100% (85.8 – 100)  
17334/18889  
91.8% (91.4 – 92.2)



# A Cost-Effectiveness Analysis Comparing Clinical Decision Rules PECARN, CATCH, and CHALICE With Usual Care for the Management of Pediatric Head Injury

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## Editor's Capsule Summary

### *What this study adds to our knowledge*

In this Australian and New Zealand decision analysis model based on 18,913 injured children, the cost-effectiveness was similar between the 3 clinical decision rules and unstructured clinical judgment.

### *How this is relevant to clinical practice*

In Australia and New Zealand, pediatric head CT clinical decision rules are not more cost-effective than unstructured clinical judgment.

## Key Issues

- Vomiting
- Non accidental injuries
- Bleeding disorders
- VP shunts

# Vomiting With Head Trauma and Risk of Traumatic Brain Injury

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# External Validation of the PediBIRN Clinical Prediction Rule for Abusive Head Trauma

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# APHIRST Gap Study

## APHIRST Gap - Background

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- In the Australasian APHIRST study (audit of 10 PREDICT sites) the current CT rate across any severity head injury was 8.8% in tertiary hospitals.
- Most paediatric patients are seen in mixed EDs (paediatric and adult).
- Evidence from USA shows that CT rates are highly variable - and higher in mixed EDs with lower paediatric patient volumes.<sup>2</sup>

1. Oakley E et al. Computed tomography for head injuries in children: change in Australian usage rates over time (submitted)  
2. Marin JR et al. Variation in computed tomography imaging for pediatric injury-related emergency visits. The Journal of Pediatrics 2015; 167: 897-904

# APHIRST Gap

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## Aims of this study:

- Assess ED-level variation in the use of CT scanning of the brain (CTB) in the diagnosis of children with head injury in a range of hospital settings
- Identify potential hospital / clinician and/or patient level factors associated with variation in CTB use

# METHODS

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## Quantitative – Retrospective Observational design

- A stratified sample of 30 hospitals in Australia and New Zealand  
- tertiary, urban/suburban, regional/rural (using ACEM classification)
- Data extraction of 100 eligible head injury presentations per site  
in 2016 - total sample of 3000
- Inclusions: <16 years



# RECRUITMENT OF SITES

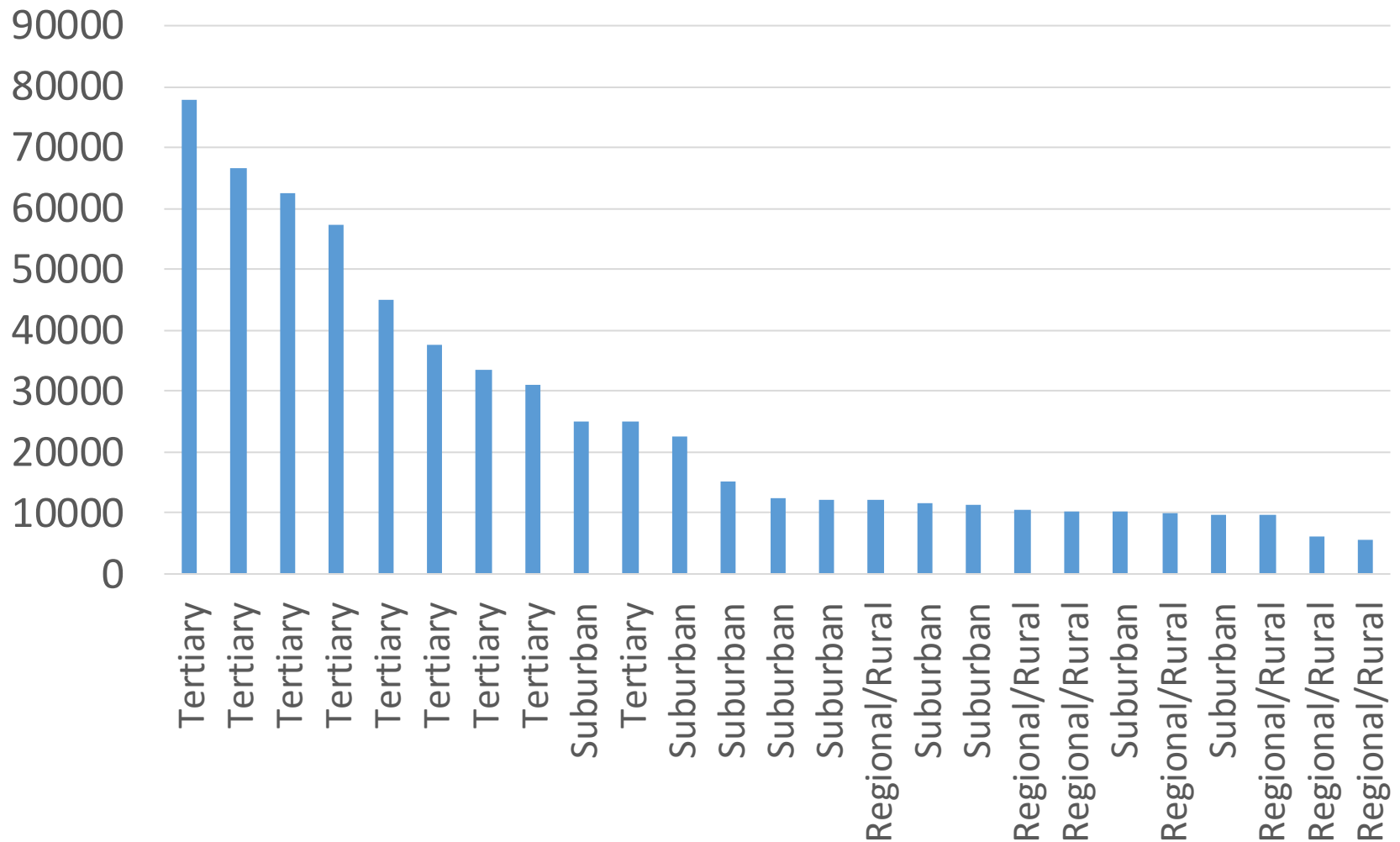
32 sites recruited

- 9 tertiary sites
- 12 suburban
- 11 Regional/rural

WA – 4 sites  
SA – 2 sites  
VIC – 6 sites  
NSW - 6 sites  
ACT – 1 site  
QLD – 10 sites  
NZ – 3 sites



# Paediatric ED presentations in 2016 (n=25 hosp.)



## Age and mode of arrival

	Tertiary (9)		Suburban (9)		Regional /Rural (7)	
	n=900		n=872		n=700	
Age in years, M (SD)	3.8	4.1	5.2	4.7	5.7	4.7
Age ≤ 2 years, n (%)	491	55%	374	43%	252	36%
Sex (male), n (%)	528	59%	568	65%	468	67%
Arrival mode, n (%)						
By own means	698	78%	726	83%	622	89%
Ambulance	189	21%	144	17%	74	11%
Air ambulance	5	0.6%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%

## Mechanism of injury – top 8

	Tertiary (9)		Suburban (9)		Regional /Rural (7)	
Mechanism of injury n (%)	n=900		n=872		n=700	
Fall - low (< 1m)	473	<b>53%</b>	407	<b>47%</b>	288	<b>44%</b>
Impact Injury	160	<b>18%</b>	171	<b>20%</b>	148	<b>21%</b>
Fall – high (>1m)	118	<b>13%</b>	98	<b>11%</b>	80	<b>11%</b>
Sport	19	<b>2%</b>	86	<b>10%</b>	69	<b>10%</b>
Cyclist	15	<b>2%</b>	33	<b>4%</b>	29	<b>4%</b>
Other recreational	14	<b>2%</b>	22	<b>3%</b>	15	<b>2%</b>
Motor vehicle	11	<b>1%</b>	8	<b>1%</b>	5	<b>1%</b>

## Initial GCS on presentation to ED

	Tertiary (9)		Suburban (9)		Regional /Rural (7)	
Initial GCS, n (%)	n=900		n=872		n=700	
15	857	<b>95%</b>	817	<b>94%</b>	655	<b>94%</b>
14	22	<b>2%</b>	40	<b>5%</b>	18	<b>3%</b>
13	4	<b>&lt;1%</b>	5	<b>&lt;1%</b>	2	<b>&lt;1%</b>
12-9	5	<b>1%</b>	7	<b>1%</b>	5	<b>1%</b>
3-8	2	<b>&lt;1%</b>	1	<b>&lt;1%</b>	1	<b>&lt;1%</b>

## Comorbidities

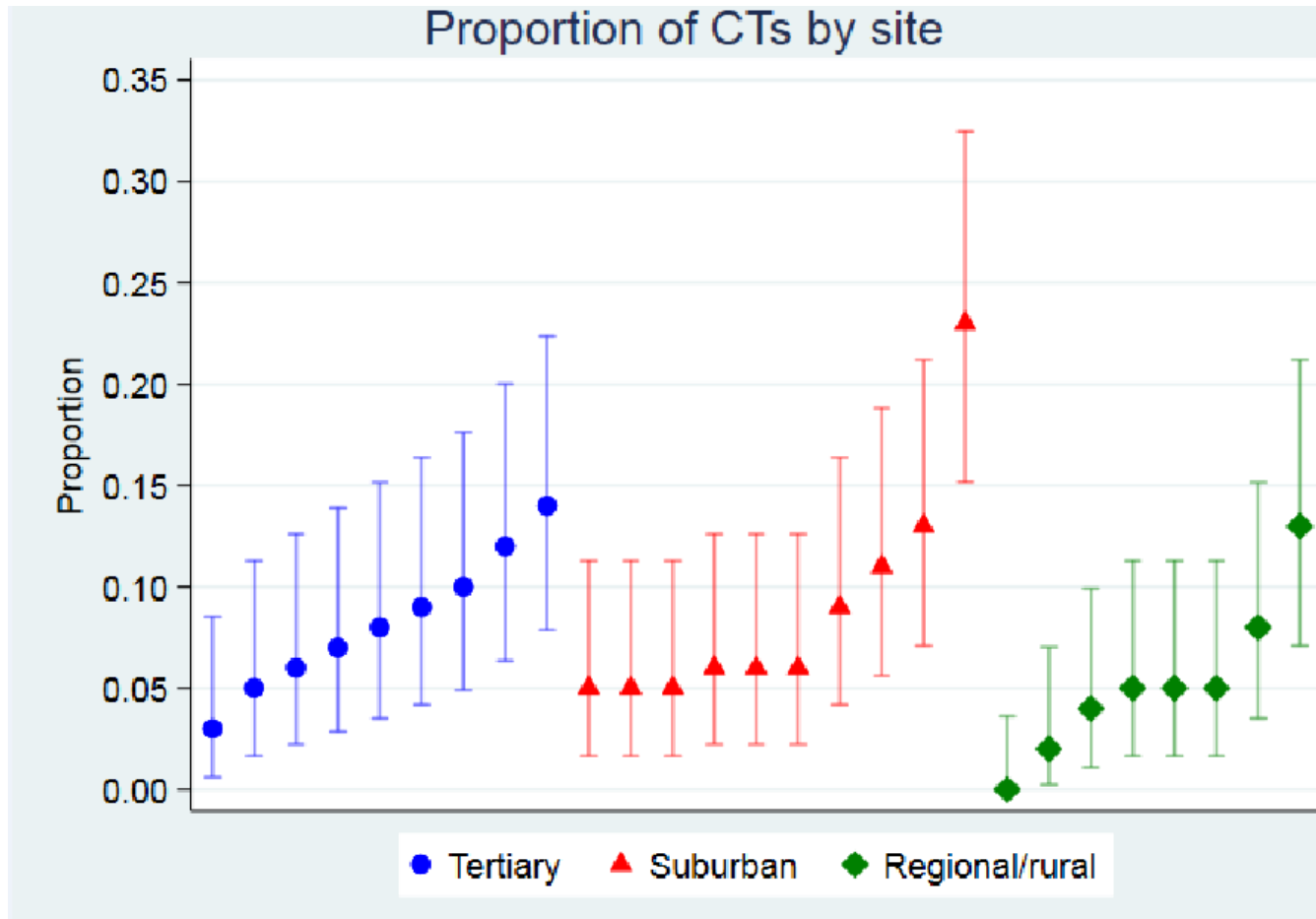
	Tertiary (9)		Suburban (9)		Regional /Rural (7)	
<b>Comorbidities, n (%)</b>	<b>n=900</b>		<b>n=872</b>		<b>n=700</b>	
Total Comorbidities	42	<b>5%</b>	18	<b>2%</b>	14	<b>2%</b>
Possible NAI	0		2		4	
VP shunt	0		2		1	
Brain Tumor	2		1		1	
Neurological conds*	18		7		7	
Bleeding dis.	6		0		0	
Other*	22		9		4	



## Neuroimaging rates of head injuries in the ED

	Tertiary (9)		Suburban (9)		Regional /Rural (7)		*=p<.05
Neuroimaging in ED, n (%)	n=900		n=872		n=700		chi2
All Types Imaging	80	8.9%	72	8.3%	33	4.7%	0.004
CT	74	8.2%	63	7.2%	29	4.1%	0.004
- CT abnormal	32	43%	20	32%	9	31%	

# Neuroimaging rates of head injuries in the ED



# Clinical Course and Outcomes

	Tertiary		Suburban		Regional /Rural	
n (%)	n=900		n=872		n=700	
<b>Neurosurgery</b>	5	<b>0.6%</b>	1	<b>0.1%</b>	1	<b>0.1%</b>
Intubated/ventilat'd	8	<b>0.9%</b>	0	<b>0.0%</b>	3	<b>0.4%</b>
Transferred	1	<b>0.1%</b>	13	<b>1.5%</b>	5	<b>0.7%</b>
Deaths	2	<b>0.2%</b>	0	<b>0.0%</b>	0	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Admitted inpatient</b>	253	<b>28%</b>	264	<b>30%</b>	64	<b>9%</b>
% LOS if >4 hrs	242	<b>27%</b>	215	<b>25%</b>	80	<b>11%</b>
Mdn LOS overall (hrs)	<b>2.6</b>	(1.5-4.2)	<b>2.7</b>	(1.6-3.9)	<b>1.8</b>	(1.0-2.8)

## Preliminary conclusions

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- Neuroimaging rates for paediatric head injury are NOT higher in Suburban or Regional/Rural settings EDs– we differ from the USA
- Lower neuroimaging rates in Regional/Rural settings are not counteracted by increased observation
- Suburban and Regional/rural sites have similar GCS distributions, including GCS <14
- We need to consider NAI, VP shunts etc. in future guidelines as they occur in all contexts

# Qualitative interviews

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- APHIRST Gap
  - Qualitative interviews (n=40):
    - Identify factors influencing variation in care
    - Assess barriers and enablers of care
    - Patient groups deemed difficult to manage
    - Potential interventions to support decision-making

## Qualitative Interviews

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“It would be **very useful to have an Australia-wide guideline** that EDs agreed upon and was available on their system...something everybody could refer to with **more consistency across opinions**”

“I use **PECARN** purely because it's got 3 clear indications for CTing and everything else is observations so **you can tailor it to the individual**”

“**PECARN has grey areas**...how many vomits is serious? A perfectly healthy child but vomits 4 times?...what constitutes a vomiting episode? – vomiting continually is that 1 episode?”

“**Non-accidental injury**, and **delayed presentations** are situations that are **difficult**”

“We currently have a mild head injury advice card but we **don't have fact sheets on informed discussions or details on the risk of CT brain**...a lot use old radiation statistics”

“I think we are a bit **lax on return to sport after head injuries advice**. If we could improve that by providing education to families or remembering to do it”

“Useful to have **information sheets based on the severity of the child's injury**...practical advice about going back to school or what to worry about...its not well done because children at different ages have different needs”





# PREDICT Head Injury Guideline

# Background

## AUSTRALASIAN BRONCHIOLITIS GUIDELINE

- Australasian Bronchiolitis Guideline
  - Evidence review
  - Wide consultation
  - Widely endorsed

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Australasian bronchiolitis guideline

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# Scope

	Inclusion	Exclusion
<b>Population</b>	Children and infants (aged <18 years) Mild to moderate head injuries (including concussion) due to trauma/blunt head injuries (GCS 13-15)	Adults 18 years and over ABI, penetrating trauma Moderate to severe head injuries (GCS <13)
<b>Time of presentation</b>	Initial and repeat presentations (within 72 hours of injury)	Delayed and repeat presentation (injury occurs >72 hours)
<b>Setting</b>	Emergency Department and acute assessment areas of rural, regional and tertiary hospitals in Australia and New Zealand	Pre-hospital ICU Rehabilitation General Practice Sports Field Community
<b>Recommendations</b>	Initial diagnosis Neuroimaging Observation criteria and time Discharge Information including concussion return to school/play Discharge disposition Special consideration (suspected NAI, bleeding disorders, VP shunt)	Pre-hospital management ICU management Neurosurgical management Rehabilitation including post- concussion syndrome

# Guideline Methodology

JAMA Pediatrics | Special Communication

## Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guideline on the Diagnosis and Management of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Among Children

Angela Lumba-Brown, MD; Keith Owen Yeates, PhD; Kelly Sarmiento, MPH; Matthew J. Breiding, PhD; Tamara M. Haegerich, PhD; Gerard A. Gliola, PhD; Michael Turner, MD; Edward C. Benzel, MD; Stacy J. Suskauer, MD; Christopher C. Giza, MD; Madeline Joseph, MD; Catherine Broomand, PhD; Barbara Weissman, MD; Wayne Gordon, PhD; David W. Wright, MD; Rosemarie Scolaro Moser, PhD; Karen McAvoy, MD; Barbara Holshou; Heather T. Keen; P. B. Raksin, MD; John DeWitt, PT; Richard G. Ellen; Katrina Altenhof; Robert E. O'Con

Da Dalt et al. *Italian Journal of Pediatrics* (2018) 44:7  
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Italian Journal of Pediatrics

REVIEW

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### Italian guidelines on the assessment and management of pediatric head injury in the emergency department

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Consensus statement

## Consensus statement on concussion in sport—the 5<sup>th</sup> international conference on concussion in sport held in Berlin, October 2016

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Astrand et al. *BMC Medicine* (2016) 14:33  
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GUIDELINE

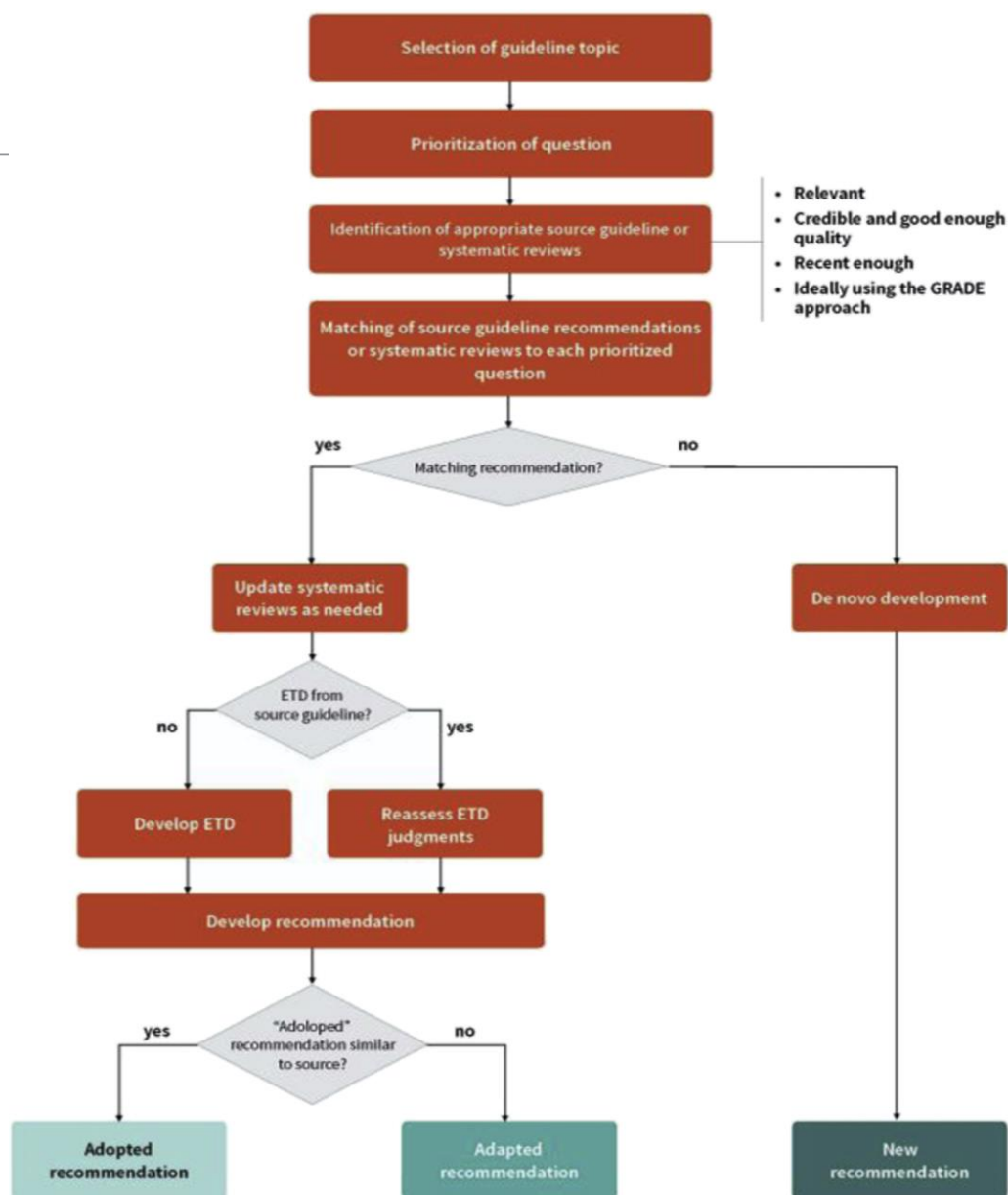
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### Scandinavian guidelines for initial management of minor and moderate head trauma in children

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# GRADE-ADOLOPMENT



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GRADE Evidence to Decision (EtD) frameworks for adoption, adaptation, and de novo development of trustworthy recommendations: GRADE-ADOLOPMENT

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- Paediatrician
- Paediatric Intensivist
- Neurosurgeon
- Sports Medicine/Concussion Physician
- Nurse Practitioner
- Nurse
- Radiologist
- Pre-hospital (retrieval and general ambulance)
- Neuro-cognitive Specialist
- Child Protection Consultant
- Paediatric Rehabilitation Physician
- General Practitioner



# Endorsement

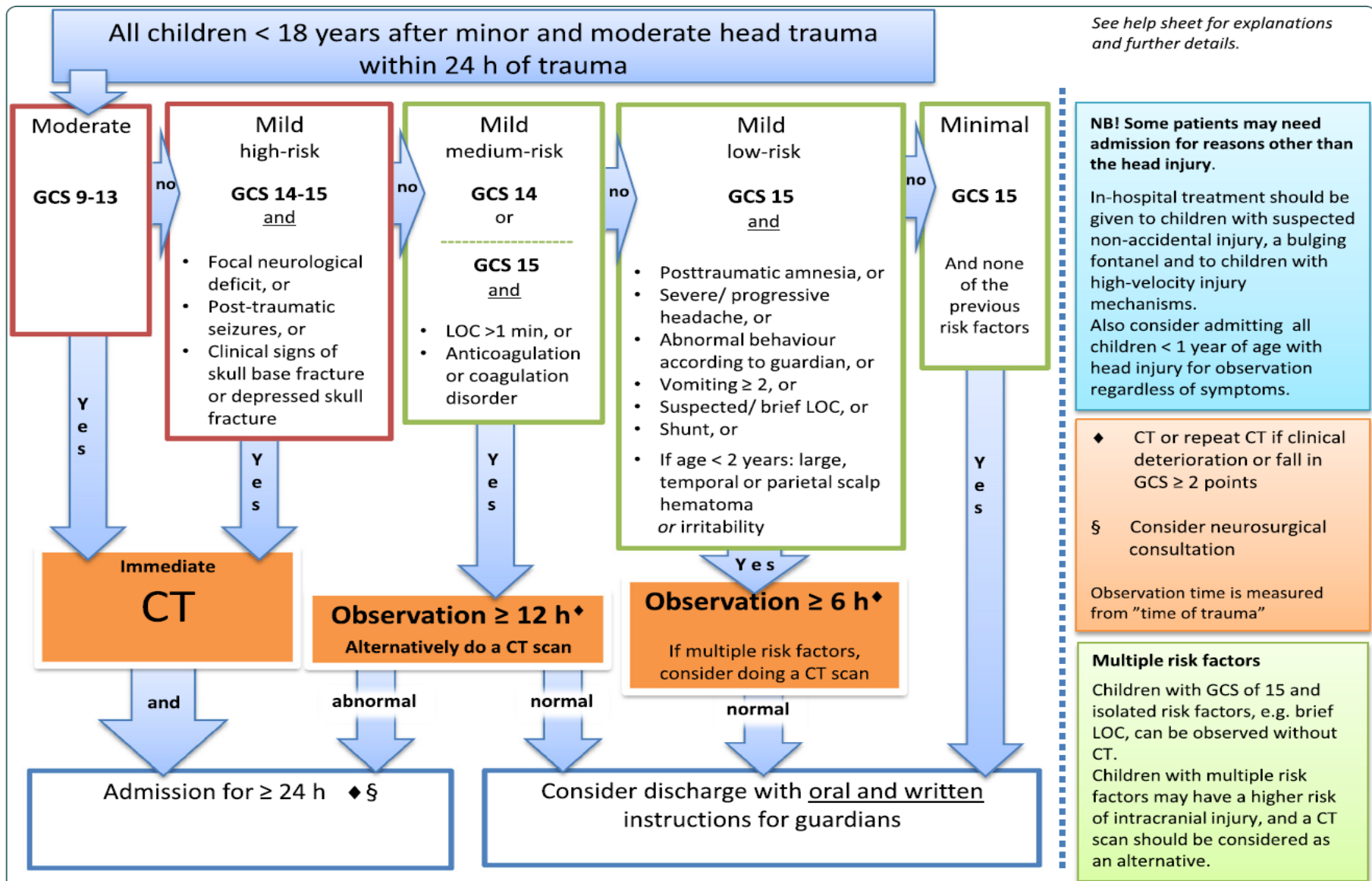
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- The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists
- Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
- Royal Australasian College of General Practitioners
- Children's Healthcare Australasia
- College of Emergency Nursing Australasia
- College of Emergency Nurses NZ
- NSW Office of Kids and Families

# Guideline Steps and Progress

Step	Timeline
Identify scope/aim of the guideline	October 2018
Formulation of Guideline Advisory Group	November 2018
Develop PICOT questions (informed by Qualitative interviews)	November 2018
Identify recommendations from high quality guidelines and undertake literature searches to update	December 2018
Critical appraisal/evidence tables	February 2018
Face to face meeting to refine scope, PICOT, structure and methods	22 February 2019
Face to face meeting - consensus group technique Development of recommendations	7 June 2019
GAG consultation and agreement of draft guideline	July 2019
Stakeholder consultation and feedback	August-September 2019
Refine guideline and signoff	November-December 2019
Endorsement and signoff	December 2019

# Format of guideline



# Head Injury Guideline for Children

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- Focus on GCS 13-15 presenting to all hospitals
- Address
  - CT imaging and observation
  - Transfer, neurosurgical consultation
  - Special conditions: NAI, VP shunts, bleeding disorders
- Discharge information including concussion advice
- Link into electronic decision support

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# Preliminary Results – to date (25 sites)

TOTAL RECORDS REVIEWED AT 25 HOSPITALS = 2892

**EXCLUDED: (N=420)**

- $\geq 16$  years (n=23)
- **presented >24 hrs (n=142)**
- neuroimaging done elsewhere (n=30)
- represented in 24 hrs (n=25)
- **dental injury/ other (n=200)**

TOTAL RECORDS INCLUDED IN THE ANALYSIS = 2472 (25 sites)

# METHODS

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## Quantitative – Retrospective Observational design

- A stratified sample of 30 hospitals in Australia and New Zealand  
- tertiary, urban/suburban, regional/rural (using ACEM classification)
- Data extraction of 100 eligible head injury presentations per site  
in 2016 - total sample of 3000  
- ICD 10 codes used to generate a list of potentially eligible  
presentations; reviewed in chronological order; entered into RedCAP
- Inclusions: <16 years who present to ED with a head injury  
Exclusions: presenting > 24hrs; representations in 24 hrs;  
imaging done elsewhere; those found not to be head injuries

RESEARCH ARTICLE

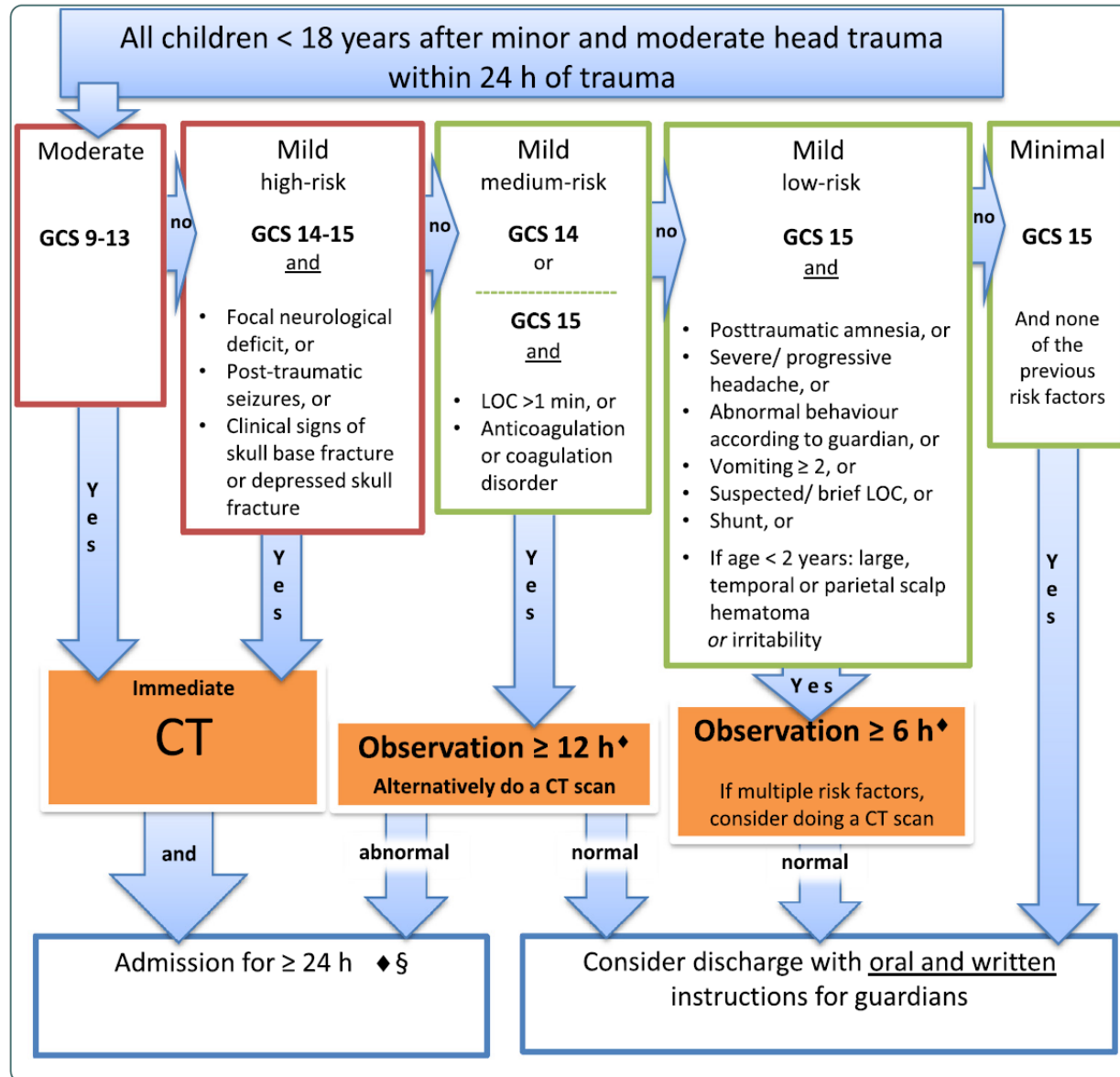
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# External validation of the Scandinavian guidelines for management of minimal, mild and moderate head injuries in children

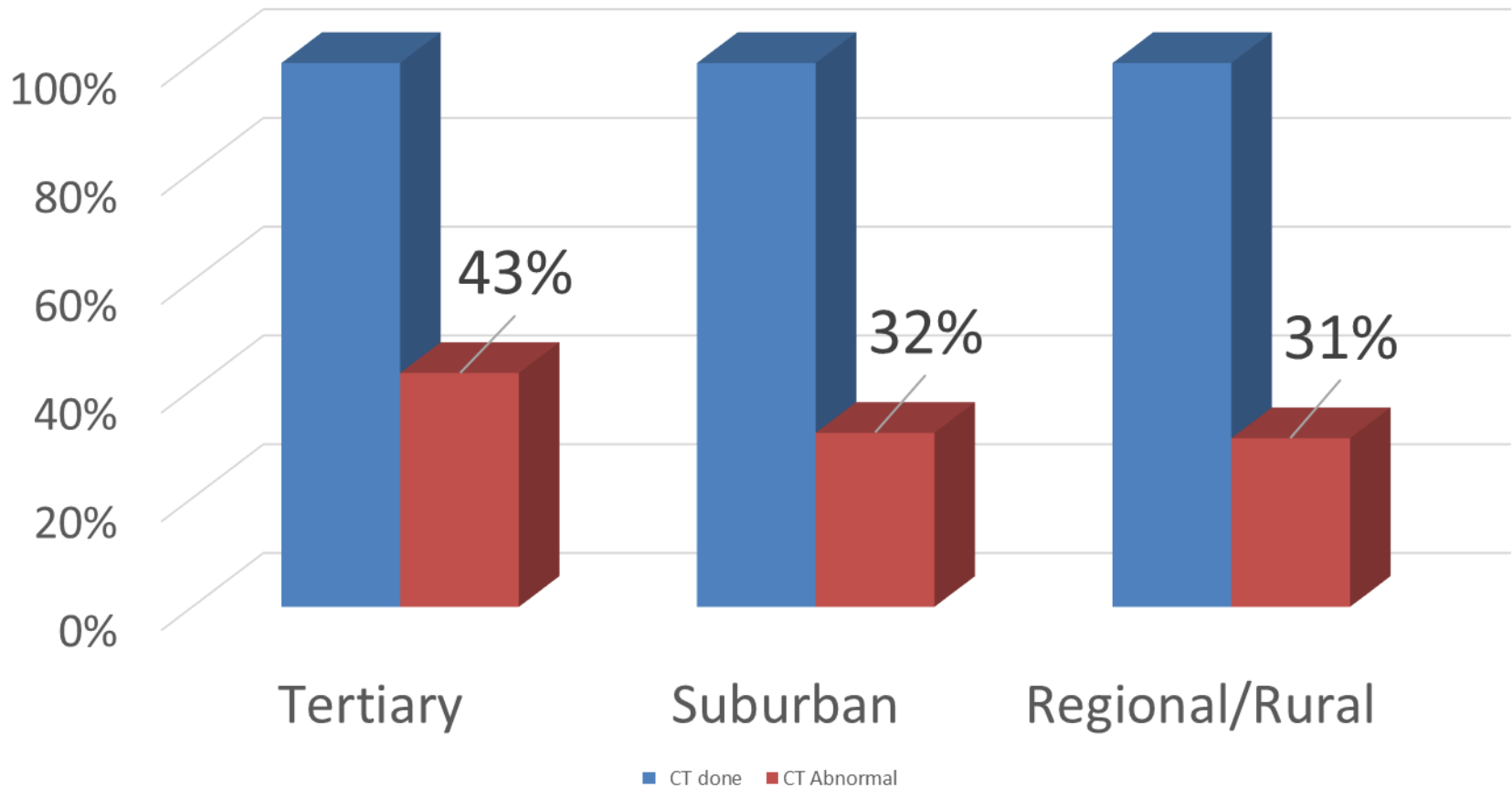
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# Scandinavian Head Injury Guidelines



# Total CT Scans done and proportion abnormal

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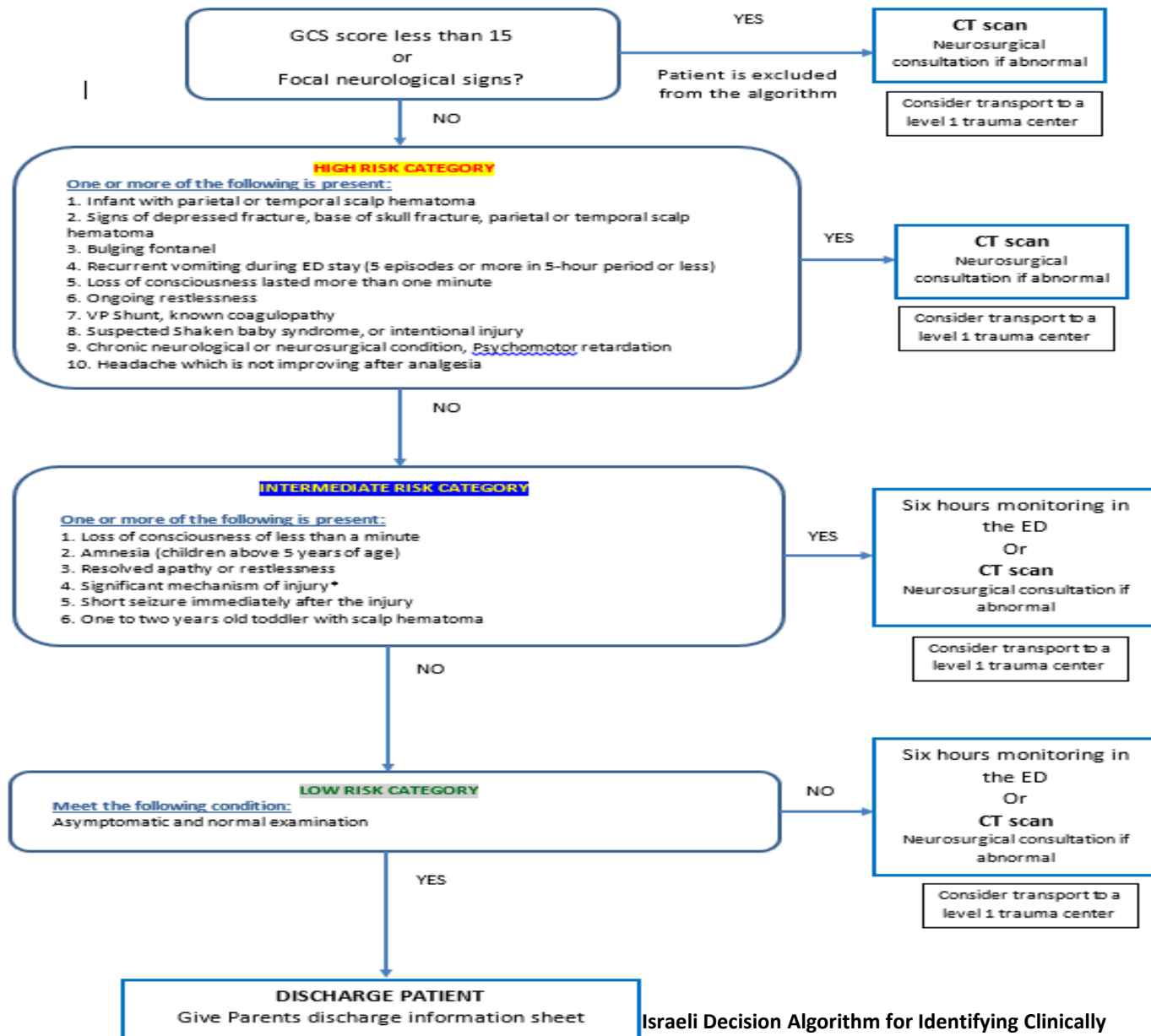


## What next?

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- Complete data entry at 4 remaining sites...
- Complete data cleaning – lots more...
  - sites review their own data and comment....
- EXPLORE the data further – look at variation within tertiary, suburban and regional/rural groups
- Submit quantitative paper to:
  - Academic Emergency Medicine
  - Emergency Medicine Australasia
- Complete the qualitative component
- Utilise findings in development of the HI guideline.





\*Significant mechanism of injury

1. Motor vehicle collision
2. Fall from more than 1 m in patients younger than 2 years of age
3. Fall from a balcony, a window, or within staircases (from one level to another)

Israeli Decision Algorithm for Identifying Clinically Important Traumatic Brain Injury in Pediatric Minor Head Trauma (in press)

# Accuracy of NEXUS II head injury decision rule in children: a prospective PREDICT cohort study

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# NEXUS Head Injury Rule

## Accuracy of NEXUS using APHIRST data

**Table 3** Frequency and count of individual risk criteria for all children, aged <3 years and 3 to <18 years

Criterion	<3 years				3 to <18 years				Total			
	No ICI		ICI		No ICI		ICI		No ICI		ICI	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
N	7743		129		11 989		248		19 732		377	
Risk criteria count												
0	3503	45.2							9320	47.2	4	1.1
1	2899	37.4							6902	35.0	53	14.1
2	969	12.5							2435	12.3	99	26.3
3	283	3.7							783	4.0	117	31.0
4	73	0.9							240	1.2	74	19.6
5	15	0.2							49	0.2	26	6.9
6	1	0.0							3	0.0	4	1.1
7	0	0.0							0	0.0	0	0.0

**At least one NEXUS  
risk criterion  
positive in 49.4%  
(n=8,909), even  
though no  
intracranial injury**