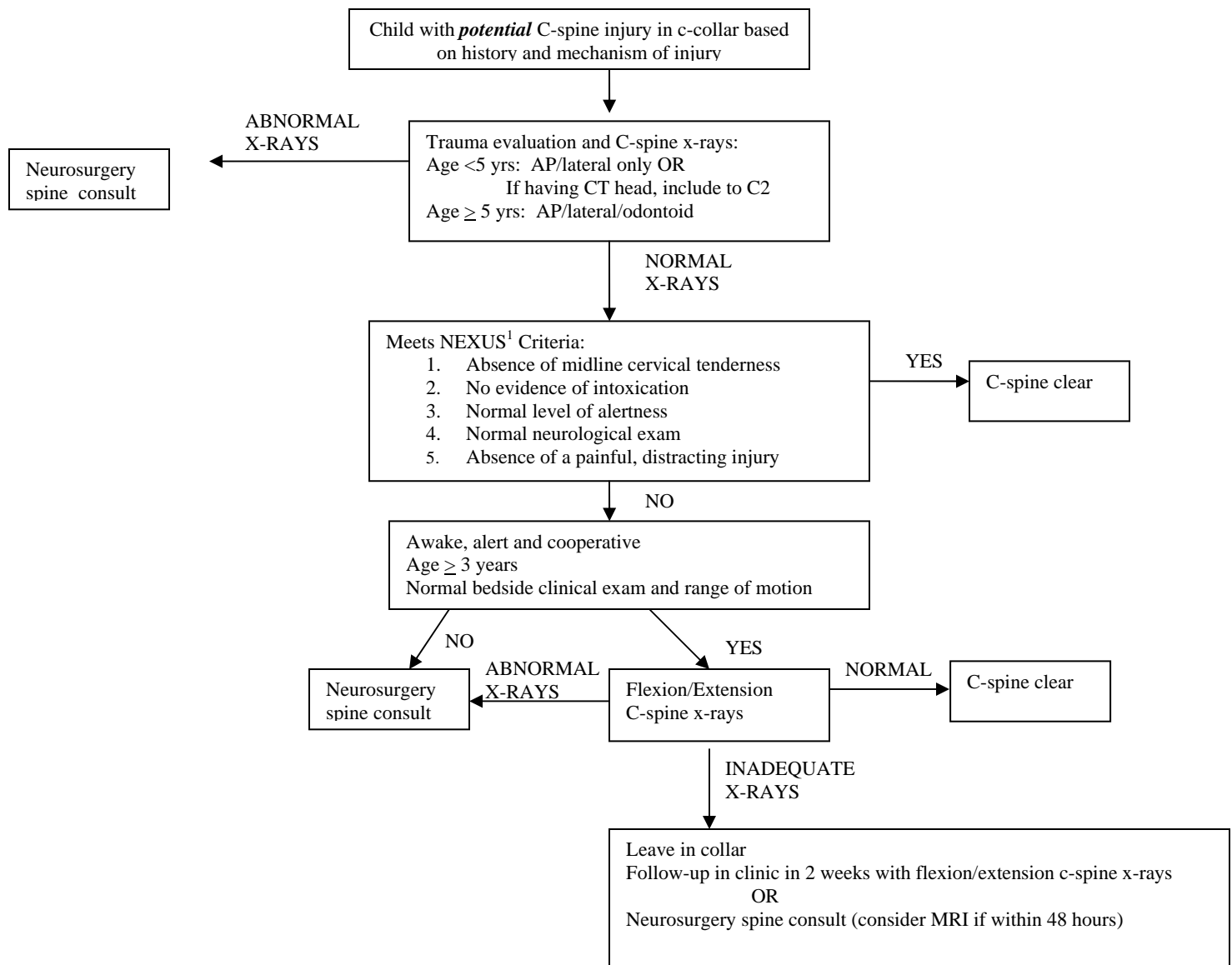


Cervical Spine Clearance Protocol for Pediatric Trauma Patients (< or =14 years of age)¹⁻⁴



- All children less than or equal to 12 years of age with suspected spine injury will have pediatric neurosurgical consultation, regardless of spine trauma call coverage
- Children greater than 12 years of age with suspected spine injury will undergo consultation by the on-call spine trauma service
- All children less than 19 years of age with suspected spinal cord injury will have pediatric neurosurgical consultation, regardless of spine trauma call coverage
- All children less than 19 years of age will go to pediatric floor or PICU

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