BACK PAIN RISK STRATIFICATION TOOL

UNACCEPTABLE DIAGNOSIS FOR OBSERVATION: SOCIAL ADMIT, FAILURE TO THRIVE, DIZZINESS, UNABLE TO CARE FOR SELF, NEEDS PLACEMENT, UNABLE TO AMBULATE, CHRONIC … (ANYTHING)

IF PATIENT MEETS ANY OF THE BELOW CRITERIA , THEN HE/SHE MUST BE ADMITTED, NOT OBSERVED.

*****DO NOT PROCEED TO PAGE 2. HOWEVER THIS RISK STRATIFICATION MUST BE COMPLETED & PLACED IN THE CHART*****

	ADMISSION CRITERIA (criteria that exclude the patient from observation level of care)
	☐ Significant trauma involving other systems
	☐ Acutely deteriorating neurologic exam

PATIENT MUST MEET ONE OF THE BELOW CRITERIA FOR OBSERVATION - CHECK APPLICABLE BOX(ES)

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	OBSERVATION CRITERIA (inclusion criteria that make observation level of care a possibility)
	☐ After ER, inability to tolerate pain on po medication

Observation Unit Disposition Decision

Ability to tolerate pain on po medication	All criteria present	**DISCHARGE**
No change in neurological exam		
Inability to tolerate pain on po medication	Any criteria present	**ADMIT**
Change in neurological exam		

Level of Care determination after Risk Stratification (Check One): ☐ **Observation** ☐ **Admit (Use the appropriate admission order forms)**

MD Signature: _____ Beeper #: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____