

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.
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)
*****THIS RISK STRATIFICATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND PLACED IN THE CHART.*****
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: _____