

HEADACHE 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)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Acutely deteriorating neurologic exam		
<input type="checkbox"/> Suspected meningitis		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hypertensive emergency (diastolic > 120 with symptom)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Acute Seizure (see seizure obs order set)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Loss Coordination		
<input type="checkbox"/> Abnormal new acute findings on Head CT scan		
<input type="checkbox"/> Abnormal LP (if performed)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tender temporal artery and/or grossly elevated ESR (if performed)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Blocked VP shunt		
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)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Parenteral pain medicine treatment in ER > once		
<input type="checkbox"/> Headache not resolving during ER evaluation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Possible pathologic cause of the headache		
Observation Unit Disposition Decision		
Benign observation course	All criteria present	DISCHARGE
Stable vital signs		
Appropriate home environment		
Deterioration of clinical course	Any criteria present	ADMIT
Unstable vital signs		
No resolution of pain		
Diagnosis requiring inpatient admission		

LEVEL OF CARE DETERMINATION AFTER RISK STRATIFICATION (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> Observation <input type="checkbox"/> Admit <i>(Use the appropriate admission order forms)</i>
MD Signature: _____ Beeper #: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____