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ACUTE MANAGEMENT OF HEAD INJURIES IN CHILDREN WITHIN THE FIRST 24 HOURS

This PCP relates to

NSW Health PD *NSW PD 2005_391: Children and Infants who have a Head injury – Acute Management*
 PCP number *NSW PD 2005_391:PCP 1 Acute management of head injuries in children within the first 24 hours*

Sites where PCP applies HNE Northern Rural Referral Hospitals Emergency Departments (ED)
 Target audience Clinicians in ED where children present with head injury
 Description Provides evidence based practice guidelines for the treatment of infants and children with head injury within the first 24 hours
 Subject Acute management of head injury in children and infants
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Related Legislation (including OHS legislation), Australian Standards, NSW Health Policy or Circular, other HNEH Documents, Professional Guidelines, Codes of Practice or Ethics:
 NSW Health Paediatric Clinical Practice Guidelines

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Summary This PCP

- is a clinical pathway for the used in the assessment of the severity and management of head injury,
- promotes evidence based practice in the use of the modified Paediatric Glasgow Coma Scale,
- provides guidelines on appropriate disposition, transfer/retrieval based on clinical assessment and response to treatment or discharge planning,
- PCP includes relevant fact sheet for parent information.

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