

# PATIENT CARE TRIAGE

Patient presents with neck, back, headache pain (chronic or from recent auto accident)

## Trained / Credentialed Trauma and Primary Spine Care Provider

Evaluate patient within 24-48 hours  
Coordination of care/case management (documentation, ordering of images, referrals, expert testimony)

## Patient Evaluation

Biomechanical, Neurological, and Orthopedic Spine Examination

### Biomechanical

Digitized X-rays to objectify mechanical spine problem

4-6 weeks conservative care re-evaluate every 30 days

Responding

Continue with Care Plan

Not Responding

Thin Sliced MRI or CT or EMG/NCV

Referral to Orthopedic, Neurosurgeon, Neurologist, or Pain Management depending on test results

### Neurological

Evaluate Neurological Findings

Thin Sliced MRI or EMG/NCV

Referral to Neurologist or Neurosurgeon

Arm/Leg Pain not related to spine

Orthopedic Referral

Mild Traumatic Brain Injury, unresolved headache

Screening

Referral to Neurologist



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