**Algorithm for Cervical Spine Screening Patients with GCS > 14**

**Patient GCS assessed to be > 14**

**(All patients included, i.e. Patients With and Without Distracting Injuries)**

**Clinical Examination of the Neck**

Assess patient for spinal cord neurologic deficits and question patient for spinal cord neurologic abnormalities

# If no neurologic abnormalities

1. **Remove cervical collar and manually stabilize neck**
2. **Assess patient for subjective complaints of neck pain**
3. **Assess neck for cervical tenderness** (midline and lateral neck)
4. **If no tenderness elicited and no complaint of neck pain: have patient voluntarily flex and extend neck**
5. **If no complaints of pain upon flexion and extension: have patient voluntarily rotate neck 90 degrees side to side**

* ***At any point during clinical examination if a positive finding is elicited the examination is terminated and c-collar replaced***
* ***If clinical examination is negative, may remove c-collar (c-collar removal optional)***

**Document all clinical findings**

**on data collection form**

**CT Scan all patients**