



YKHC follows the statewide “Guidelines for the Management of Acute Blunt Head Trauma in Alaska,” found [here](#).

If concern for spinal injury, see YKHC [Spinal Cord Injury Management](#) guideline.

Village Management of Isolated Head Trauma

- See [Canadian CT Head Injury/Trauma Rule](#).
- If GCS 14-15 and no high risk criteria met, observe in clinic for two hours. If worsening or no improvement, consider transfer to Bethel in consultation with ED physician.
- If GCS 9-13 or 14-15 with high-risk criteria, consult Emergency RMT provider or ED physician.
- If GCS ≤ 8 , activate medevac and support airway per ATLS.

This guideline is designed for the general use of most patients but may need to be adapted to meet the special needs of a specific patient as determined by the medical practitioner.

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Click [here](#) to see the supplemental resources for this guideline.

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