

## Focussed Spinal Examination

Mechanism suggests possible injury to the C-Spine *and* immobilisation will alter treatment/evacuation plan?

Y

Awake, alert and able to respond appropriately?

N

Y

Evidence of intoxication or impairment?<sup>1</sup>

Y

N

Potentially distracting injury?<sup>2</sup>

Y

N

Motor or sensory deficit?<sup>3</sup>

Y

N

Midline spine pain or tenderness – anywhere in spine?<sup>4,5</sup>

Y

N

Pain on slow movement of neck?<sup>6</sup>

Y

N

**No C-Spine Immobilisation Required<sup>7</sup>**

**Full Spinal Immobilisation required**

C-Spine Clearance Guidelines. Ref NEXUS Criteria & WEMSI recommendations (c) 2006