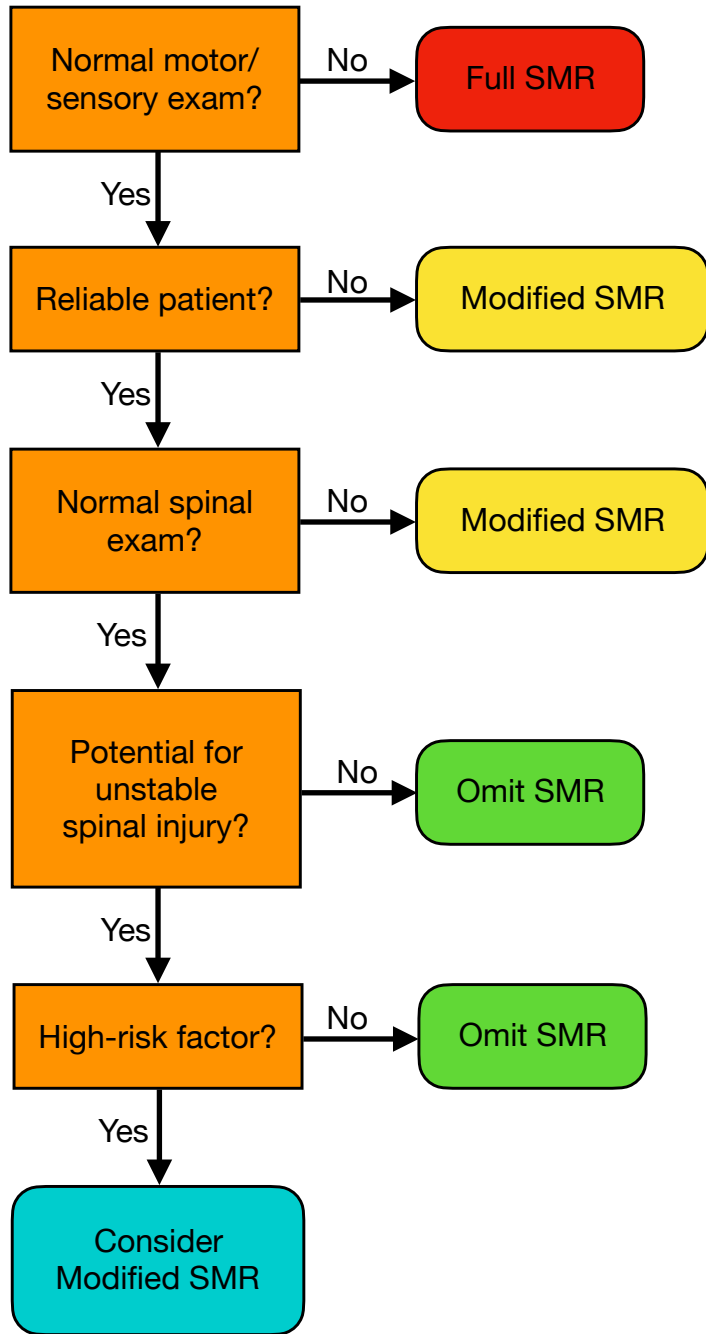


SPINAL INJURY ASSESSMENT



CRITICAL INFORMATION

- See GPC 13, Spinal Motion Immobilization for full and modified SMR procedure, and pediatric/pregnancy considerations
- **Motor exam:**
 - Wrist/finger extension
 - Finger abduction
 - Plantar and dorsiflexion of both feet
- **Sensory exam:**
 - Check for abnormal sensation in all extremities
- **Unreliable patient:**
 - ALOC
 - Alcohol or drug impairment
 - Distracting injury
 - Language barrier
- **Spinal assessment:**
 - Palpate entire spine for pain, step off, and swelling
- **High-risk factors:**
 - Age ≥65 years
 - Meets trauma mechanism of injury
 - Axial load to the head