

NIPAWIN HOSPITAL

HEAD INJURY

Although no evidence of serious head injury has been found at this time, careful attention is advised for the next 48 hours. Please encourage rest and quiet and the patient may have fluids during this time. The patient should not consume any alcohol and should take only Aspirin, Tylenol or prescribed medication as advised.

During the first 24 hours, the patient should be allowed to sleep, but should be checked (awakened) every two hours, even during the night.

The patient's physician should be contacted or the patient returned to the Emergency Department at once if the following symptoms occur:

- increased drowsiness or confusion
- persistent vomiting
- neck stiffness
- bleeding or clear fluid dripping from ear or nose
- convulsions (seizures)
- continued headache
- weakness of either leg or arm
- any other unusual symptom