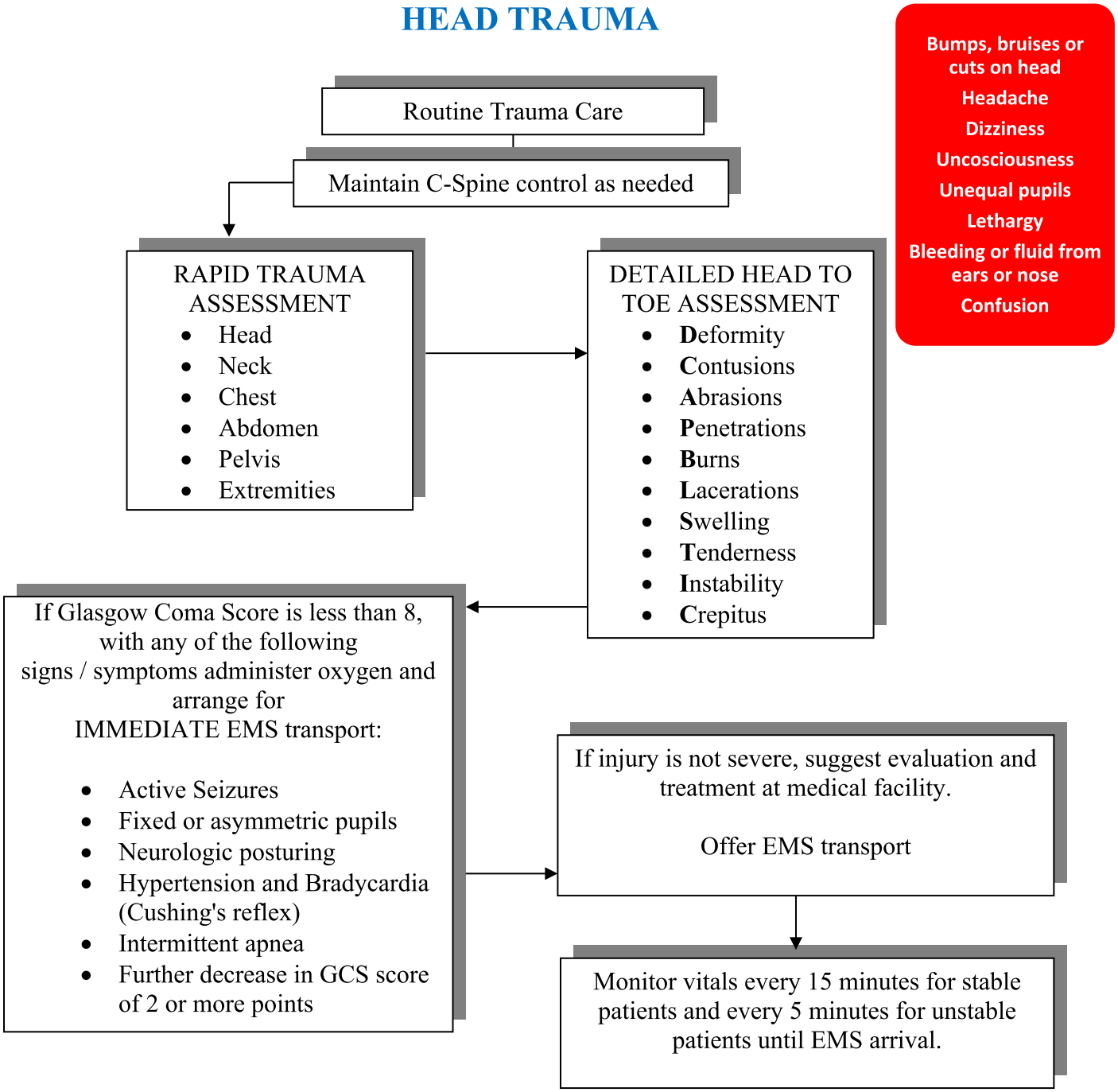
HEAD TRAUMA


Bumps, bruises or cuts on head
Headache
Dizziness
Uncosciousness
Unequal pupils
Lethargy
Bleeding or fluid from ears or nose
Confusion
Routine Trauma Care
Maintain C-Spine control as needed
RAPID TRAUMA ASSESSMENT
Head
Neck
Chest
Abdomen
Pelvis
Extremities
DETAILED HEAD TO TOE ASSESSMENT
Deformity
Contusions
Abrasions
Penetrations
Burns
Lacerations
Swelling
Tenderness
Instability
Crepitus
If Glasgow Coma Score is less than 8, with any of the following signs / symptoms administer oxygen and arrange for IMMEDIATE EMS transport:
Active Seizures
Fixed or asymmetric pupils
Neurologic posturing
Hypertension and Bradycardia (Cushing's reflex)
Intermittent apnea
Further decrease in GCS score of 2 or more points
If injury is not severe, suggest evaluation and treatment at medical facility.
Offer EMS transport
Monitor vitals every 15 minutes for stable patients and every 5 minutes for unstable patients until EMS arrival.