

| | |
|--|--|
| Objective/Teaching Points: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish priority for c-spine precautions Importance of determining cause of fall |
| Setting: | Outdoor setting near the side of a building or high fence where it can appear that the person fell from a moderate height. 6 to 10 feet onto a hard surface. |
| Dispatch: | Respond to a fall victim with unknown injuries. |
| Patient Instructions: May help to have bystander available who saw the patient fall from a height. | You will be lying face up on the ground. You have been unconscious and will be just coming to when the responders arrive at your side. You will be moaning in pain, asking what happened in a groggy and confused state. You will slowly become more responsive as time passes and you repeatedly ask “what happened” and “where am I “. You remain cooperative throughout the scenario and do whatever they ask. A couple of times you try and sit up insisting that you are fine. If they don’t let you, please cooperate and lie back down. If they ask you if you lost consciousness, tell them that you don’t know. |
| Props: | None needed |
| Initial Assessment: | |
| Scene Survey | No hazards |
| General Impression | As observed |
| LOC | “V” on the AVPU scale |
| Airway | As observed |
| Breathing | As observed |
| Circulation | As observed |
| Any Immediate Tx Needed? | Maintain c-spine |
| Focused History & Physical Exam: | |
| Appropriate Assessment Path | Rapid trauma assessment |
| Signs/Symptoms | Pain to the back of the head and right shoulder – no obvious trauma |
| Allergies | Penicillin |
| Meds | None |
| Past Pertinent Medical History | None |
| Last oral intake | Don’t remember |
| Events leading to call | Don’t remember |
| Vital Signs | As observed |
| Any Tx Needed Now? | C-spine precautions and Oxygen by NRB |
| Detailed Physical | |
| Indicate specific findings: | Pain and tenderness to back of head and right shoulder – no obvious trauma |
| Ongoing Assessment: | |
| Patient Status Now...Stable/Unstable? | Patient remains stable and gradually improves |
| 2nd Set of Vitals | As observed |
| Patient Disposition | Patient gets packaged and transported to hospital. Diagnosed with a concussion and released 4 hours later. |