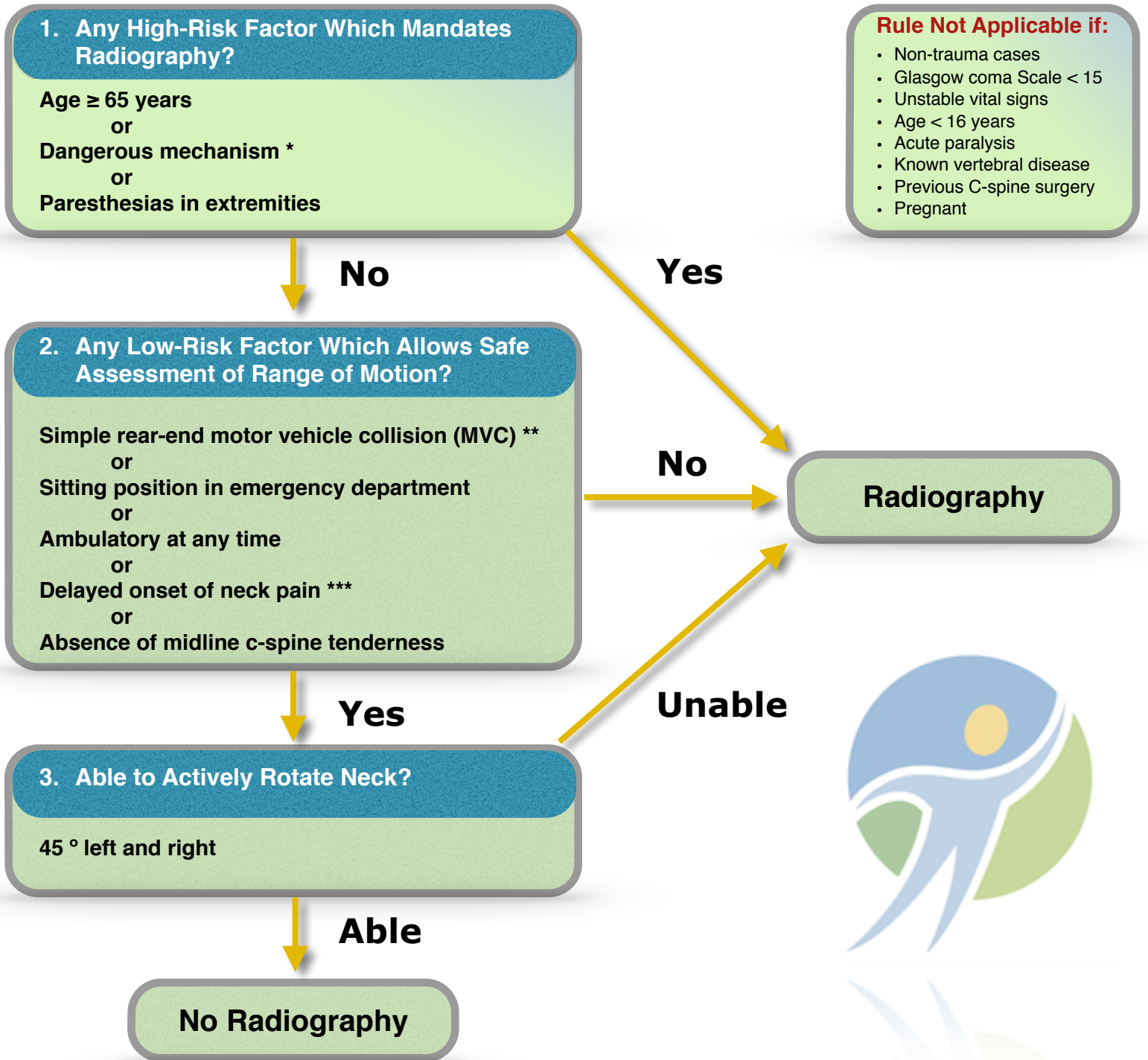


Canadian C-Spine Rule

For alert (Glasgow coma scale = 15) and stable trauma patients where cervical spine injury is a concern



***Dangerous Mechanism**

- Fall from elevation ≥ 3 feet or 5 stairs
- Axial load to head, e.g. diving
- MVC high speed (> 100 km/hr), rollover, ejection
- Motorized recreational vehicles
- Bicycle struck or collision

****Simple Rear-end MVC Excludes**

- Pushed into oncoming traffic
- Hit by bus or large truck
- Rollover
- Hit by high speed vehicle

*****Delayed**

- Not immediate onset of neck pain



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