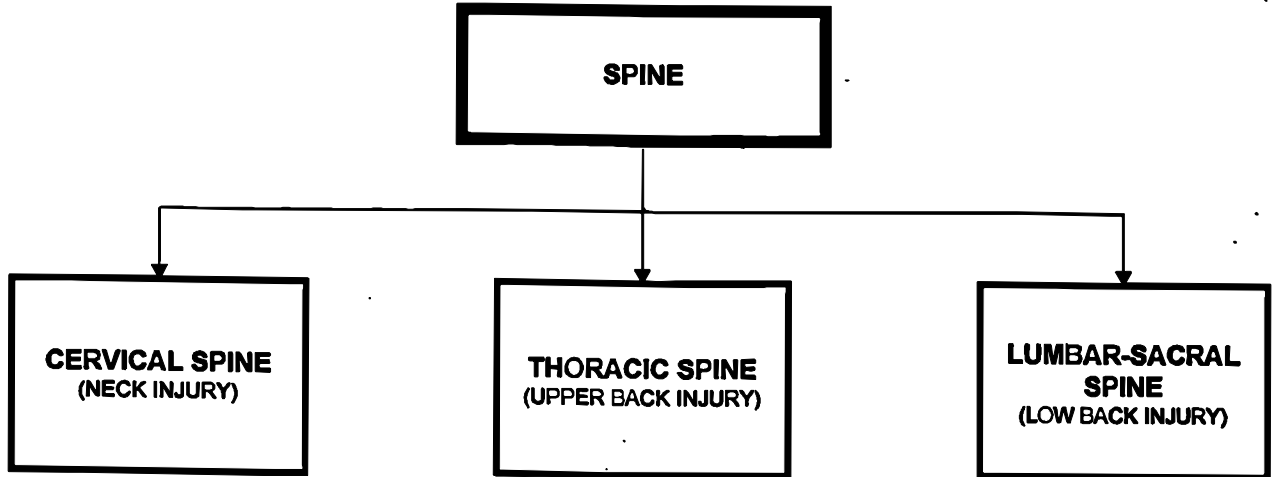
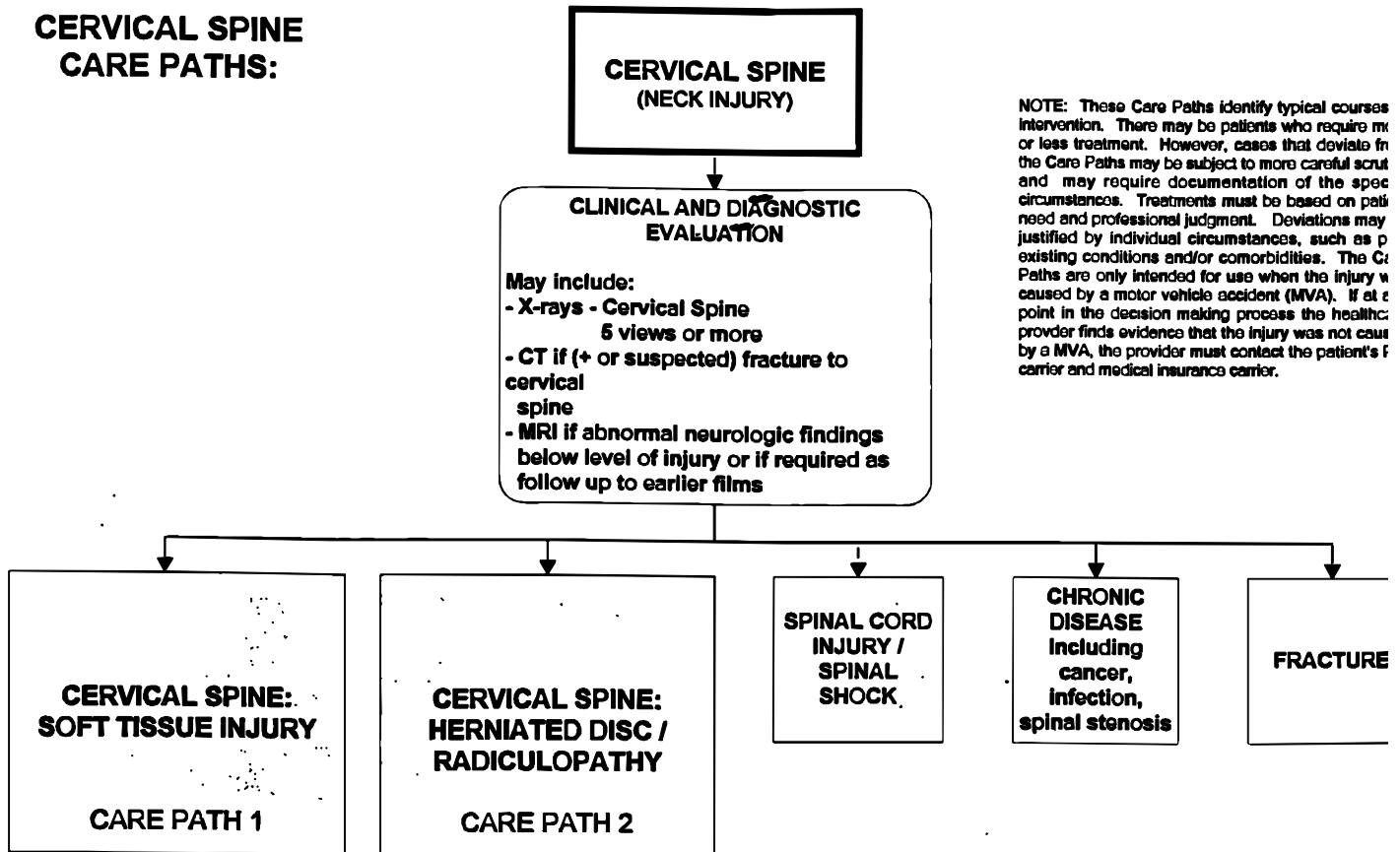


TREATMENT OF ACCIDENTAL INJURY TO THE SPINE AND BACK CARE PATH OVERVIEW



The following flow charts address the three anatomical areas of spinal injuries. Care Paths 1 through 6 have been developed for the conditions noted in the shaded boxes.

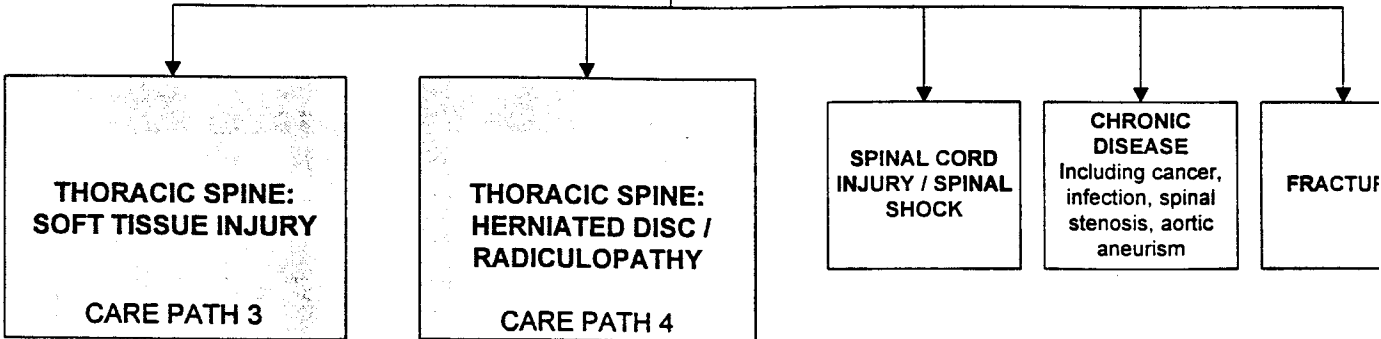
CERVICAL SPINE CARE PATHS:



**THORACIC SPINE
CARE PATHS:**

**THORACIC SPINE
(UPPER BACK INJURY)**

CLINICAL AND DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION
May include:
- X-rays - Thoracic Spine (2-3 views or more)
- CT if (+ or suspected) fracture to thoracic spine
- MRI if abnormal neurologic findings or if required as follow up to earlier films



**LUMBAR-SACRAL
SPINE CARE PATHS:**

**LUMBAR-SACRAL
SPINE
(LOW BACK INJURY)**

CLINICAL AND DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION
May include:
- X-rays - LS Spine (3 views or more)
- CT if (+ or suspected) fracture to LS spine
- MRI if abnormal neurologic findings or if required as follow up to earlier films

