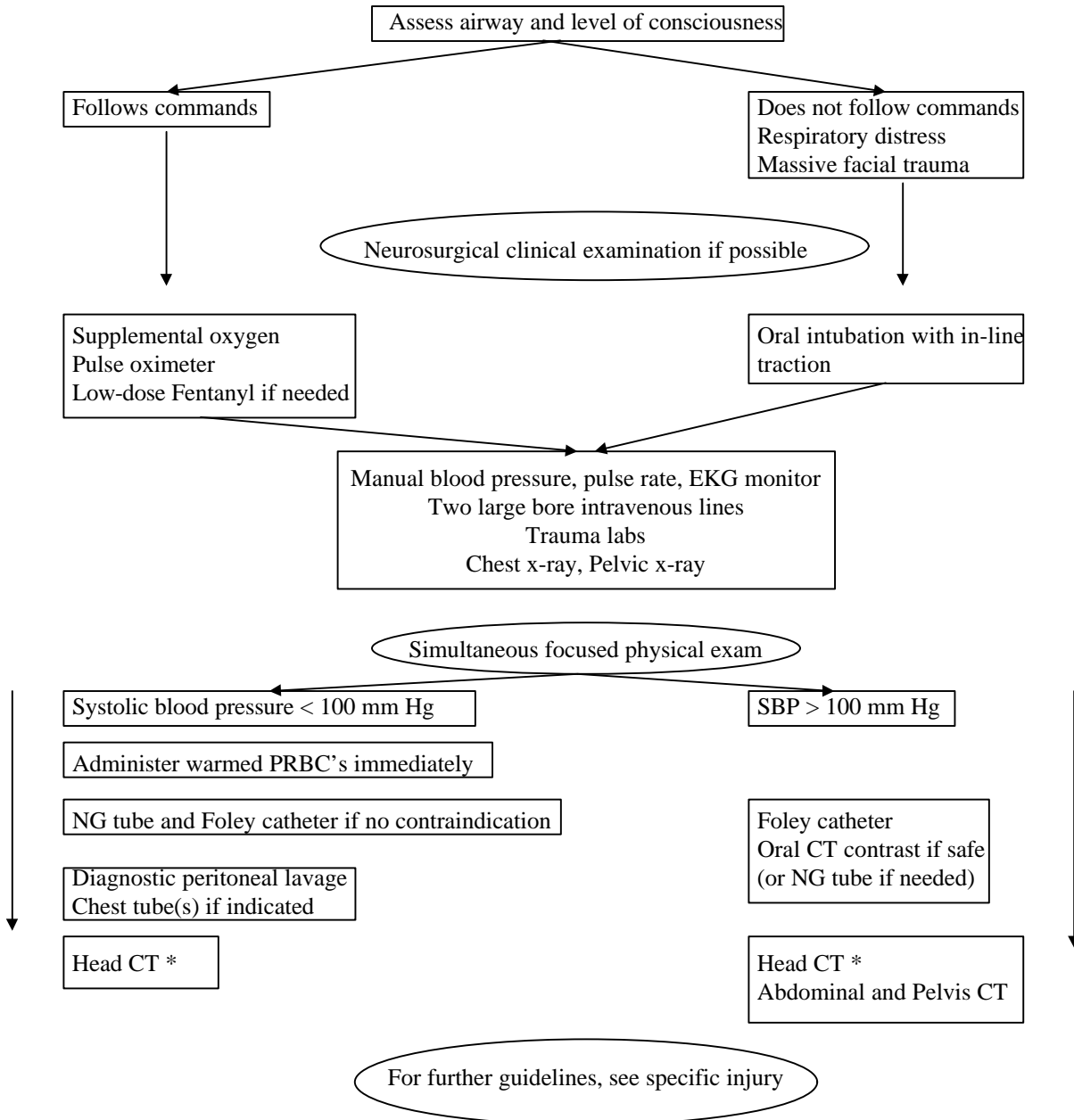


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\* Many of the aspects of this guideline will occur simultaneously. Head CT will always be performed before abdominal CT in the stable patient. In the unstable patient with a positive DPL, the patient with focal neurologic signs whose blood pressure can be maintained with fluid and blood administration should undergo a very quick head CT before laparotomy. Sedation should be withheld in all cases until the Neurosurgery resident can examine the patient if possible. If any question about neuro or airway status exists, the patient MUST have their airway controlled.

This guideline is strictly a "suggestion" and an educational tool for the management of the trauma patient. In no way is it intended to be a limited approach to the problems presented to the trauma team. Obviously, many interpretations of this

guideline can be made which is quite appropriate to trauma care in individual circumstances. The approach to each patient should be individualized to fit the particular needs of the patient and the available resources of the trauma team.