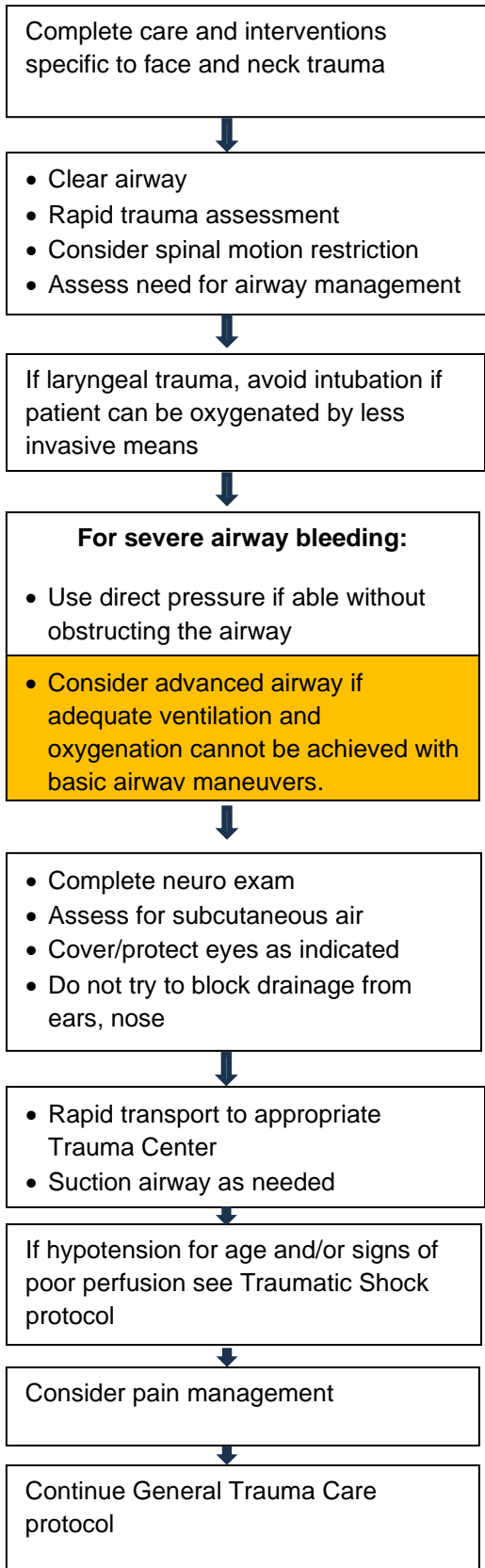


T040 FACE AND NECK TRAUMA

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Facial Injury Considerations:

- Nasotracheal intubation is a relative contraindication in suspected head trauma or grossly unstable midface trauma
- Orbital area fractures should be of high concern for serious ocular injury and sequela • Save avulsed teeth in moist gauze, if possible
- Be attentive to airway and suctioning, as bleeding, avulsed teeth, or other tissue can become an airway obstruction, especially with supine positioning

Eye Injury Considerations:

- Cover and protect eyes as indicated by injury type; do not apply pressure to eyes
- Orbital area fractures should be of high concern as they can result in ocular muscle entrapment and ocular compartment syndrome

Neck Injury Considerations:

- Spinal motion restriction is not routinely indicated for penetrating neck injury, but should be placed in the presence of neurologic deficit
- Laryngeal trauma should be suspected with the following:
 - o Voice changes and stridor
 - o Respiratory distress
 - o External signs of bruising, swelling, or bleeding