

# C-SPINE PATIENT IMMOBILISATION RADIOLOGY PROTOCOL

**The majority of patients should be triple immobilised:**

- Extraction Collar
- Blocks
- Taped to the trolley (not the mattress)

**An extraction collar may not be used in the following :**

- Very young children
- Very drunk or aggressive patients
- Elderly patients with:
  - Severe kyphosis
  - Known comorbidities such as Ankylosing Spondylitis
- ***All patients should still be blocked and taped.***

***It is at the Consultant or Registrar discretion to decide if a collar would be detrimental for a patient, any risk will be deemed their responsibility not Radiology***

**When a collar is not used:**

- The patient **MUST** be escorted by a Consultant or Registrar (as per agreement with A&E Consultants)
- The case **MUST** be discussed with Radiology in advance to arrange safe transportation of the patient