Inclusion Criteria Patients presenting to Nicklaus Children's Hospital/ **№ PEDIATRIC** Guidelines for the Evaluation and Management Healthcare System with a Simple Linear Skull Fracture of Isolated Simple Linear Skull Fracture in **Exclusion Criteria** Intracranial Injury or Altered Mental Status **Pediatric Trauma Patients (Not Birth Related)** Patient greater than 20-years-old Pregnancy Known or suspect abnormality of coagulation Complete trauma workup Demonstrated **Quality Metrics** to include history, "Head-Adherence with pathway recommendations
Adherence with requirements for reporting of suspected Simple Linear Skull to-Toe" exam and Fracture (1) Trauma Lahs Readmission, all cause, within 30 days "Missed" other diagnosis Simple Linear Skull Fracture (1) requirement to report abuse to Proceed with Child Patient 1. Margins separated by less than 3 mm Suspected DCF Hotline Abuse evaluation 2. Non-depressed/minimally depressed nonaccidental age less than Yes 3. No intracranial injury including Skeletal trauma? 2-years? 4. Not basilar skull fracture Survey 5. Fracture not to foramen magnum 6. No pneumocephalus 7. Confirmed by radiology or neuro-surg No No MVC Patient age less than related Yes trauma? 12-months No Yes Auto-Ophthalmology Pedestrian Consultation Injury? No greater than Yes 6-feet? No Heavy object struck head? Considerations for No Possible Discharge (2 1. The child alerts easily and has a norm neurological exam (including GCS) Less than 2. No unremitting vomiting and able to Yes tolerate clear oral fluids -weeks-old? 3. Observed in the ED for at least 4-hours 4. No significant extra-cranial injuries. 5. Social Worker family assessment is without concerns No 6. No suspicion of abuse or neglect 7. Child lives in relatively close proximity to healthcare and has reliable caretakers Evaluate if appropriate who are able to return if necessary for consideration of 8. Parents are given clear instructions and discharge contact information for follow-up 9. No history of bleeding disorder or current anticoagulation therapy

Appropriate

for discharge

home? (2)

Discharge and F/U

within four weeks

with PMD or

Neurosurgery

Admit to Trauma

Service

(Pediatric Surgery)