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■ PRACTICE GUIDELINES AND USEFUL WEB RESOURCES

2013 American Association of Neurological Surgeons/Congress of Neurological Surgeons Guidelines for the Management of Acute Cervical Spine and Spinal Cord Injuries. (These are the current practice guidelines from the American Association of Neurological Surgeons/Congress of Neurological Surgeons Joint Guidelines Committee. The chapters regarding prehospital care, initial clinical assessment, and radiographic assessment are particularly relevant to the emergency physician. Online and full-text access is free.)—<http://neurosurgerycns.wordpress.com/2013/02/20/guidelines-for-the-management-of-acute-cervical-spine-and-spinal-cord-injury/>

Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma Practice Management Guidelines (This site contains relevant practice guidelines for cervical and thoracolumbar spinal injuries.)—<http://www.east.org/resources/treatment-guidelines>

National Spinal Cord Injury Statistics Center (This webpage contains a link to both a two-page summary and a more detailed report of the most current epidemiologic data regarding spinal cord injuries in the United States in PDF FORM.)—<https://www.nscisc.uab.edu/>

National Spinal Cord Injury Association—<http://www.spinalcord.org>; and National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke—<http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/sci/sci.htm> (These sites have patient information regarding spinal cord injury. The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke site includes links to current trials regarding spinal cord injury.)