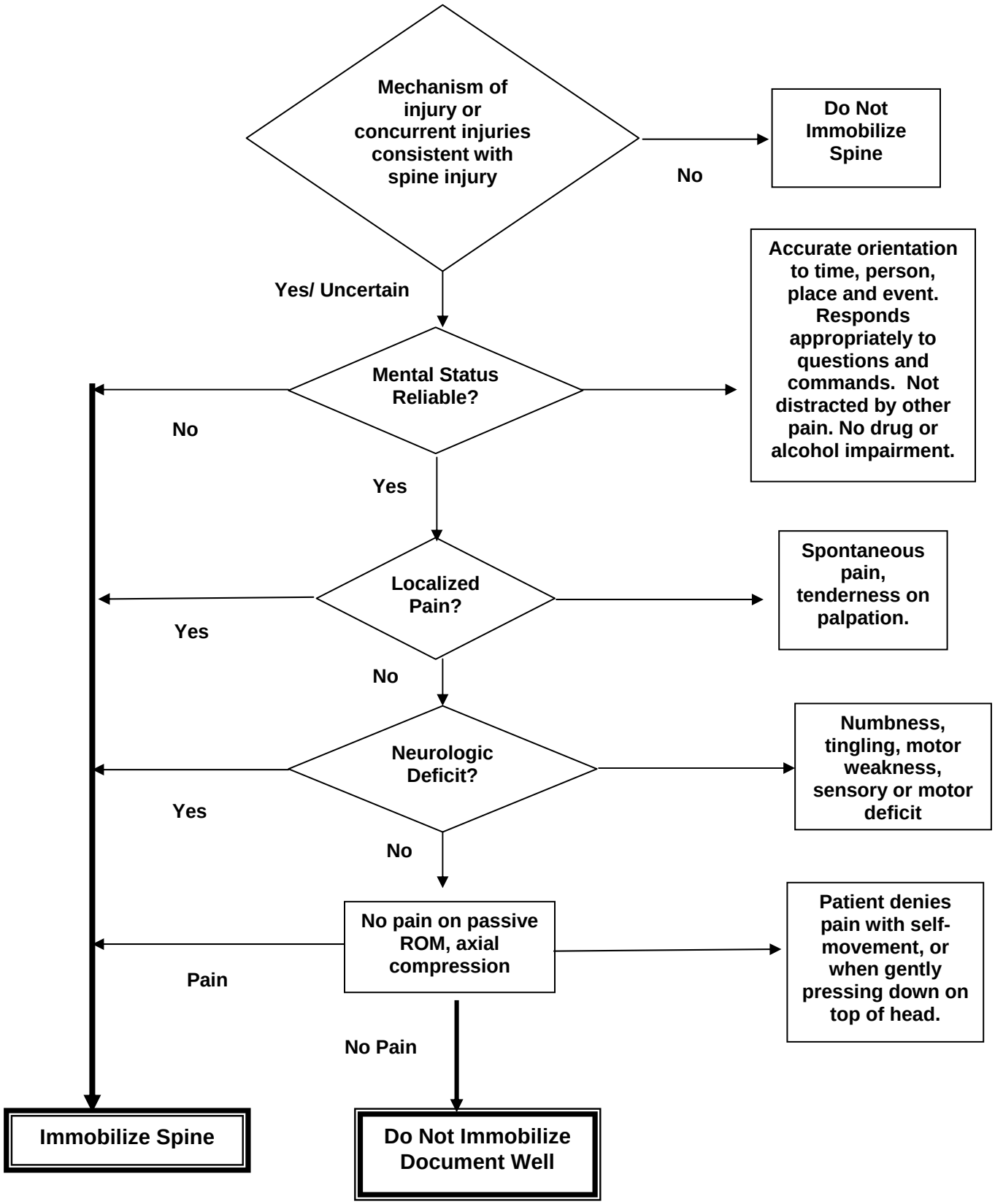
Mechanism of injury or concurrent injuries consistent with spine injury
No
Do Not Immobilize Spine
Yes/ Uncertain
Mental Status Reliable?
Accurate orientation to time, person, place and event. Responds appropriately to questions and commands. Not distracted by other pain. No drug or alcohol impairment.
No
Yes
Localized Pain?
Spontaneous pain, tenderness on palpation.
Yes
No
Neurologic Deficit?
Numbness, tingling, motor weakness, sensory or motor deficit
Yes
No
No pain on passive ROM, axial compression
Patient denies pain with self-movement, or when gently pressing down on top of head.
Pain
No Pain
Immobilize Spine
Do Not Immobilize Document Well