

HEADACHE

TRANSFER CRITERIA

Persistent pain in tension or migraine headache
Hx of migraine with same aura, onset, location and pattern
No focal neurological signs
Normal CT scan (if done)
Normal LP (if done and may be kept post normal LP)
Drug related headache

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

Focal neurologic signs
Meningismus
Elevated intraocular pressure as cause (glaucoma)
Abnormal CT scan
Abnormal LP (if performed)
Hypertensive emergency (diastolic BP > 120 with symptoms)
Tender temporal artery and/or grossly elevated ESR (if done)
Blocked VP shunt

OBSERVATION UNIT

Serial exams including vital signs
Analgesics

DISPOSITION CRITERIA

Home	Resolution of pain Other to take patient home No deterioration in clinical course
Hospital	No resolution in pain Deterioration in clinical course Rule in of exclusionary causes