AACPS SUSPECTED HEAD INJURY PROCEDURAL FLOWCHART

**School Day**

- School nurse treats student-athlete.
  - Nurse notifies parents, athletic director (AD), and certified athletic trainer (ATC).
  - Nurse sends notification and medical clearance forms to parents. Nurse contracts parents via phone, text, or email.

**After School**

- Coach/ATC suspects head injury and removes student-athlete from competition/practice.
  - ATC evaluates student-athlete according to AACPS procedures.
  - ATC contacts parent/guardian verbally and written with the notification and medical clearance forms.
  - Coach/ATC notifies AD, AD notifies Coordinator of Athletics and nurse.

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**Student-athlete is evaluated by a License Health Care Provider (LHCP) for concussion diagnosis.**

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**Student-athlete returns Medical Clearance for Suspected Head Injury form to school nurse, ATC, and AD.**

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**Yes-Concussion**

- School nurse immediately notifies all appropriate school personnel.
  - Nurse & guidance prepare academic accommodations (when appropriate).
  - Student-athlete appears symptom-free and baseline tested (if appropriate).
  - Student-athlete has a follow-up and is reevaluated by an LHCP.
  - Medical clearance to begin Gradual Return (RTP) to Play is disseminated to all appropriate personnel.
  - ATC and/or coach implements the Gradual RTP Program.

**No-Concussion**

- LHCP clears student-athlete for immediate return to play.
  - ATC evaluates student-athlete before resuming normal athletic activity.

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**ATC observes no symptoms**

- Cleared
  - ATC informs coach/AD and the student-athlete returns to normal activity.

**ATC observes signs and symptoms**

- Not Cleared
  - ATC notifies coach, parent and student-athlete concerning signs & symptoms observed.
  - Student-athlete must be re-evaluated by a LHCP.