**SYMPTOMATIC MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES FOR NON-HEALTH STAFF**

**HEAD INJURY**

Authorized non-health staff may manage a head injury as follows:

1. Observation is key. Keep the student under observation for at least one hour after head injury and monitor for symptoms described in #2.
2. Call 911 to immediately transport the patient to the emergency department if consciousness is lost or any of these findings are present: unsteady gait, double vision/loss of vision, progressive severe headache, repetitive vomiting, declining level of alertness or inability to arouse, mood change, and/or increased combativeness.
3. The use of medication is discouraged during the observation period. If the patient complains of severe headache requiring medications, refer to the clinician on call.

# WHEN TO CONTACT THE ON-CALL HEALTH AND WELLNESS STAFF

* If the patient complains of severe headache
* If any of the items in #2 occur
* If student reports no memory of the event – amnesia may be a sign of concussion