CASE STUDY: HALO

Halo traction is a metal frame attached to the skull for the purpose of treating neck fractures, degenerative diseases of the cervical spine, and stabilizing the cervical spine post-operatively. Research on the impact halo traction has on crash dynamics and on safe restraint use is minimal and inconclusive. In order to position a harness over a child’s shoulders, the harness must usually be routed through the frame of the halo instead of outside of the frame.

Please address the following questions when discussing the case study:

• What are some characteristics that a child with this condition may have and how can the affect how the child is transported?

• What are some general guidelines to consider when transporting a child with this condition? (You do not have to give specific restraint names, only general categories)