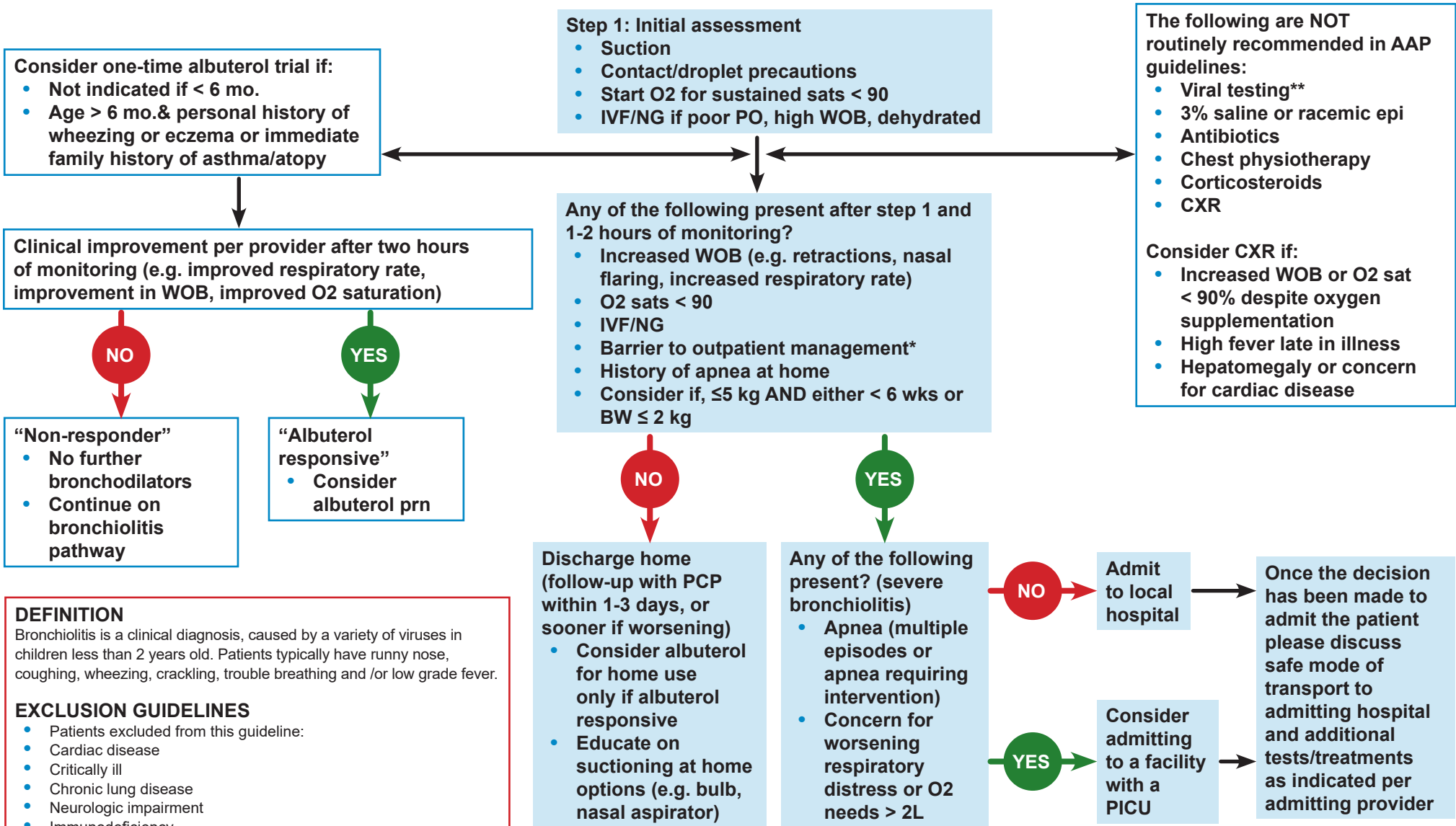




Emergency department treatment for bronchiolitis (age < 2 years)

Aim: To improve compliance with AAP published guidelines for the management of bronchiolitis in infants.



DEFINITION
Bronchiolitis is a clinical diagnosis, caused by a variety of viruses in children less than 2 years old. Patients typically have runny nose, coughing, wheezing, crackling, trouble breathing and /or low grade fever.

EXCLUSION GUIDELINES

- Patients excluded from this guideline:
- Cardiac disease
- Critically ill
- Chronic lung disease
- Neurologic impairment
- Immunodeficiency
- Dysgenetic/syndromic

NOTES
*(e.g. travel distance, safe transportation, weather conditions, capable caregiver)
**Consider RSV testing for infants < 28 days with fever

Disclaimer: This guideline is designed for general use with most patients; each clinician should use his or her own independent judgment to meet the needs of each individual patient. This guideline is not a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis or treatment.