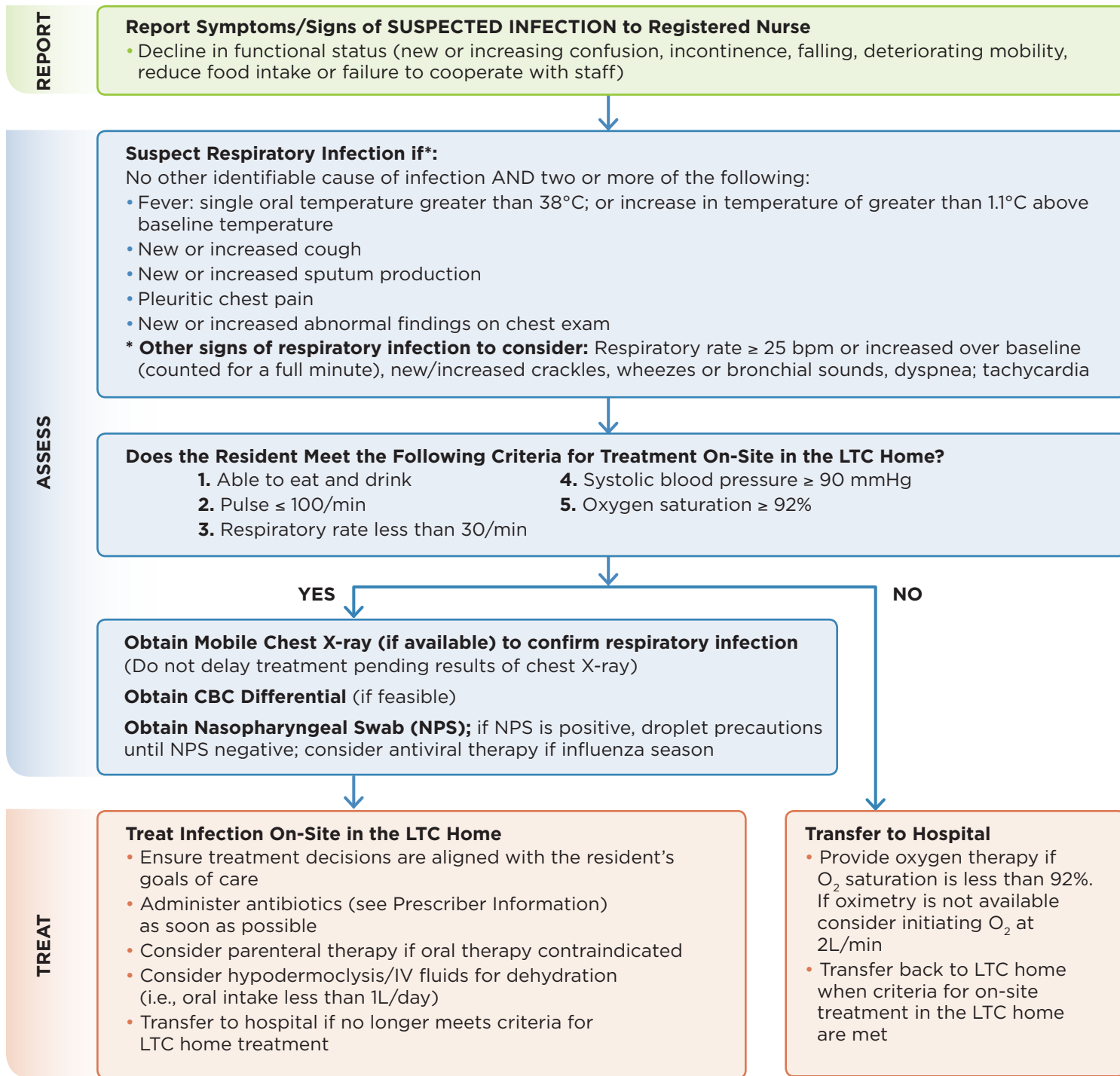


Management of Frail Older Adults with Symptoms or Signs of Mild-Moderate LOWER RESPIRATORY TRACT INFECTION



PRESCRIBER INFORMATION

Initiate antibiotic therapy within 4-8 hours of symptom onset:

First line+

Amoxicillin 1g oral TID x 7 days

Alternative+

Amoxicillin-Clavulanate 875mg oral BID x 7 days

+If allergic, consider doxycycline or fluoroquinolone

Source: Alberta Health Services. Nursing Home Acquired Pneumonia Checklist. March 2015.

* Consider adding one of the following if >65 years plus confusion:

Azithromycin 500mg oral daily x 3 days OR

Clarithromycin 500mg oral BID or XL 1g oral daily x 7 days

If unable to administer oral, consider transfer to acute care for IV therapy. If aspiration pneumonia is suspected, consult Bugs & Drugs or pharmacist for choice of antibiotic