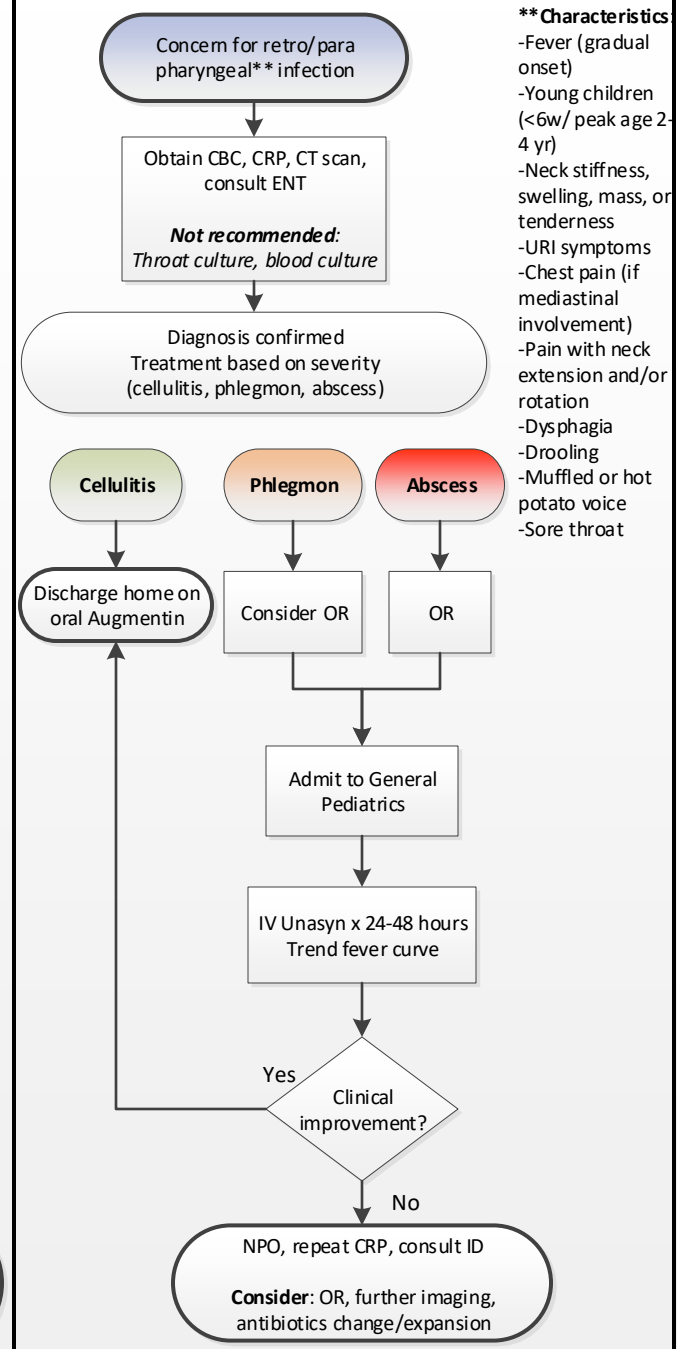
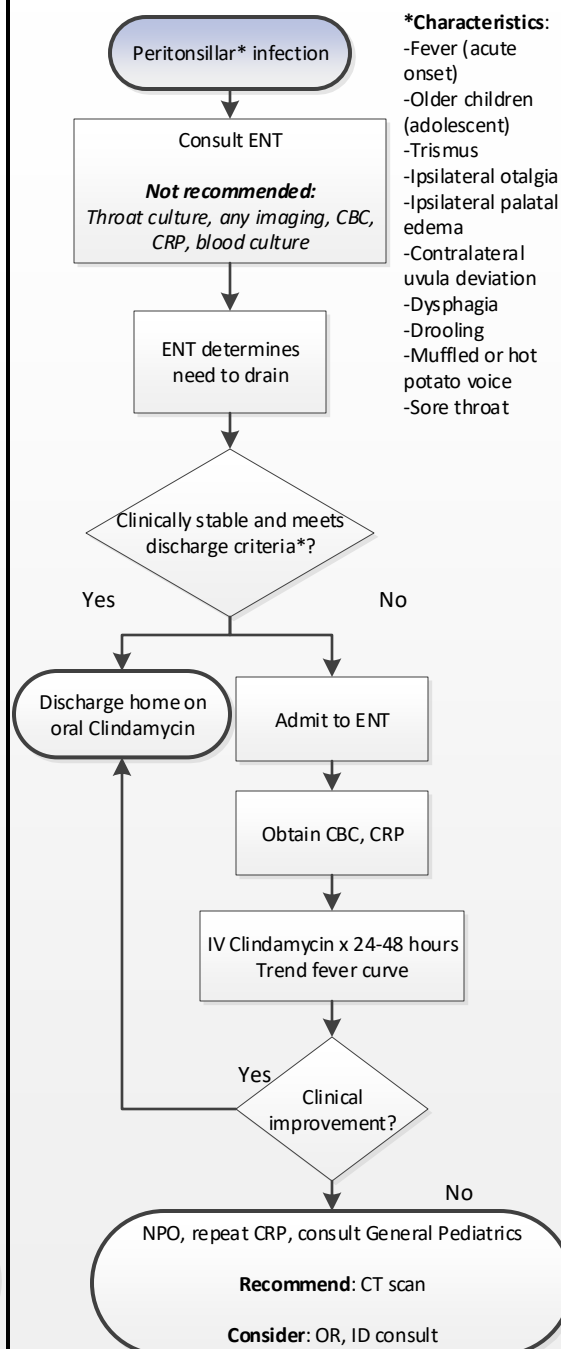
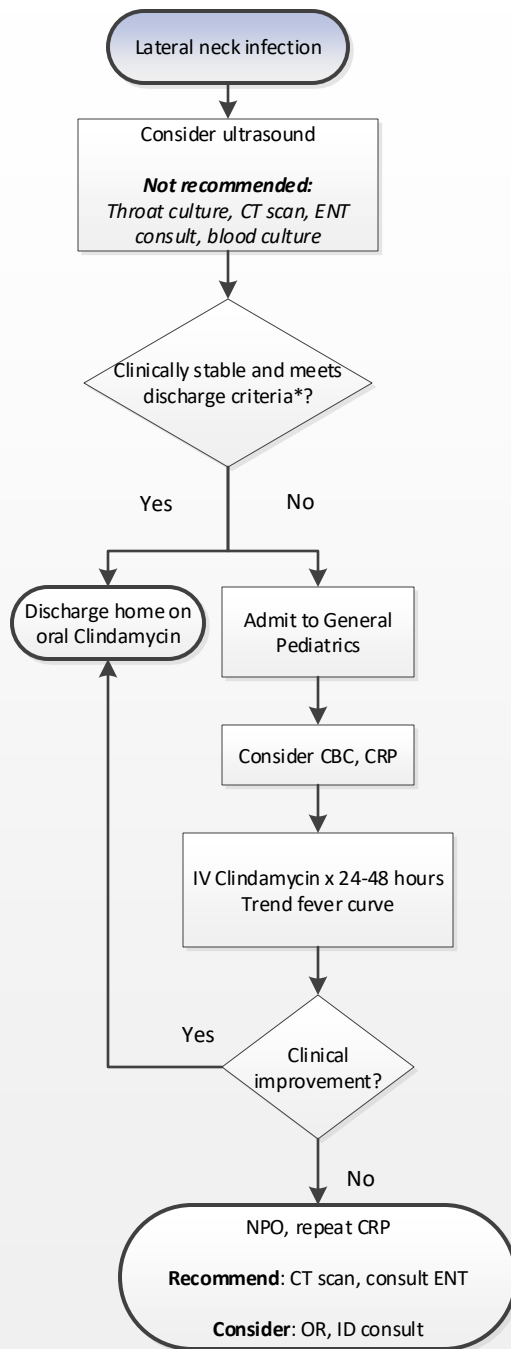


Deep Neck Infection

Clinical Practice Guideline



Exclusion Criteria:

- Age < 1 year
- Steroid administration
- Airway compromise/impingement
- Toxic appearing
- Vascular involvement
- ANC < 1,000
- Mediastinal involvement

Radiologic descriptions:

Cellulitis- soft tissue edema/swelling/stranding without clearly defined hypodensity or abnormal enhancement, with or without lymphadenopathy

Phlegmon- clearly defined hypodensity with faint or no associated ring/peripheral enhancement with or without lymphadenopathy

Abscess- clearly defined hypodensity with clearly defined ring/peripheral enhancement with or without lymphadenopathy

***Discharge Criteria:**

- Tolerating oral intake
- No other social concerns
- Has close follow up

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