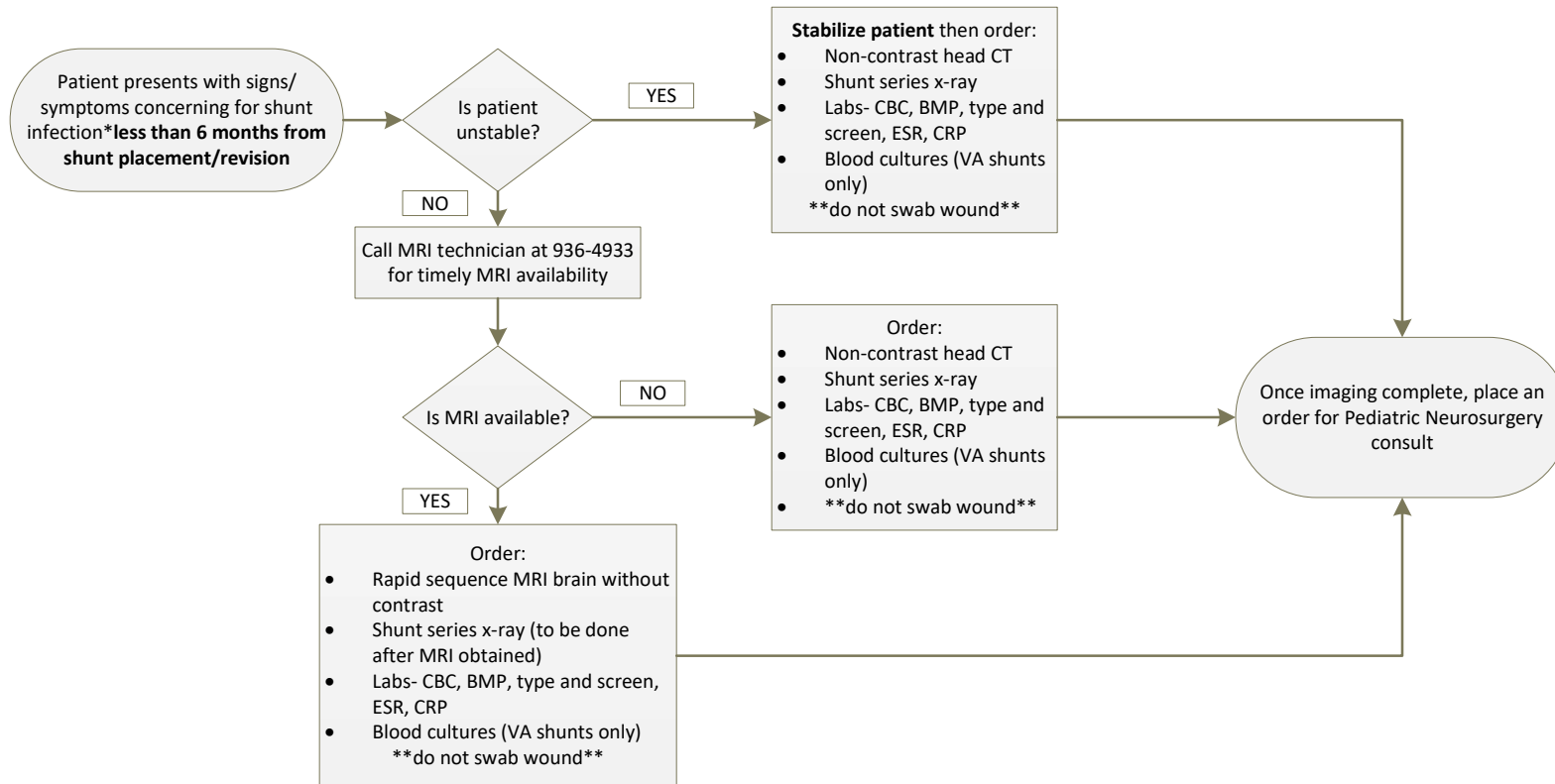


# Pediatric Ventricular Shunt Infection Evaluation

## Clinical Practice Guideline



### \*Signs and Symptoms Concerning for Shunt Infection:

Less than 6 months from last shunt surgery (placement or revision) and at least one of the following:

- Temperature greater than 101.5 without a confirmed source
- Erythema, swelling, or drainage from the shunt incision sites
- Wound dehiscence
- Exposed shunt tubing

### Programmable vs. Non-Programmable Shunt:

- Commonly described in last clinic note
- Described in latest shunt operative note
- Programmable shunt settings need checked within 48 hours

### Types of Shunts:

- Ventriculo-peritoneal (most common)
- Ventriculo-atrial
- Ventriculo-pleural
- Ventriculo-subgaleal (infants only, temporary shunt)

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