
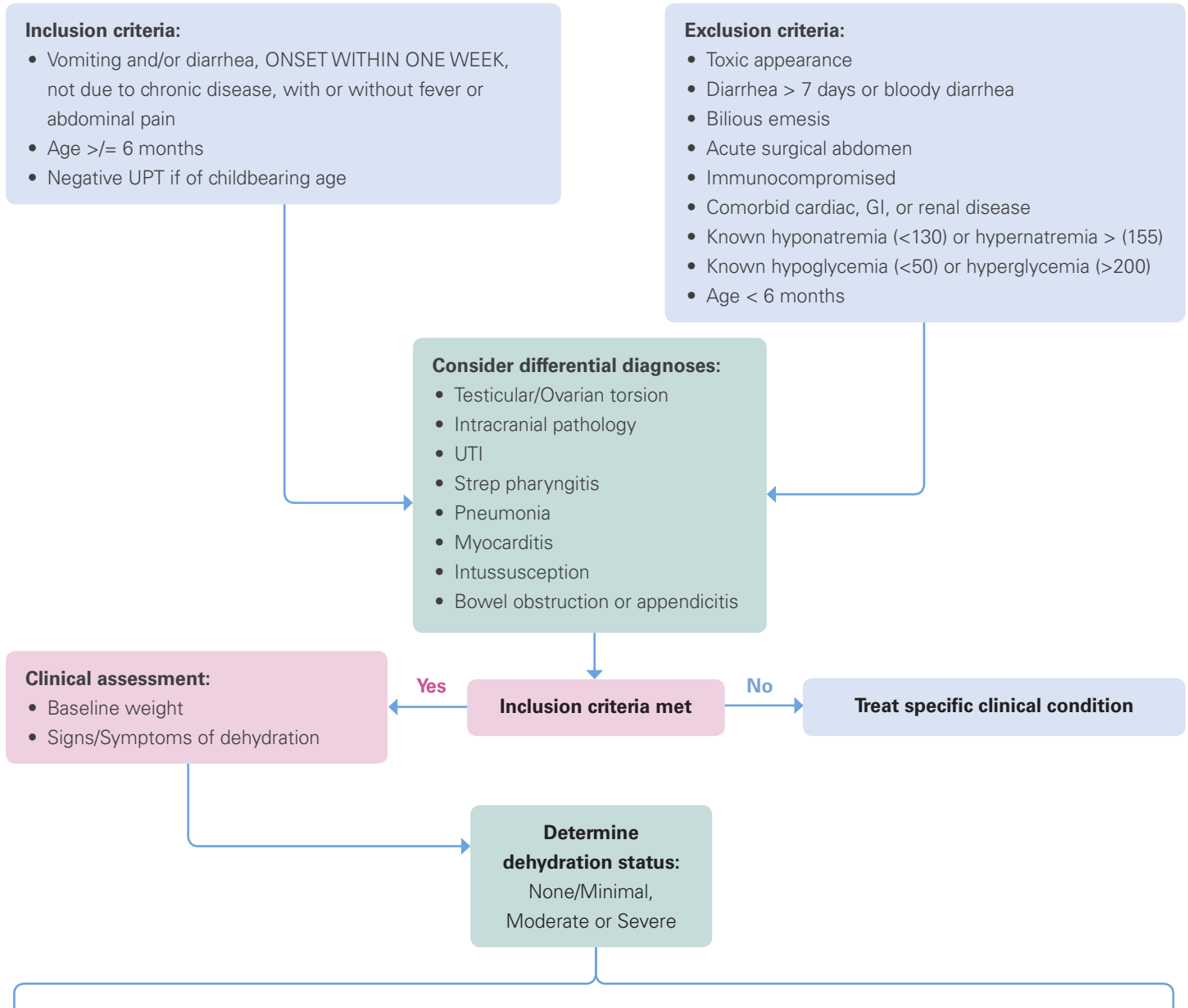


# Clinical Guideline

## Gastroenteritis

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### 4 Point Dehydration Assessment Tool:

- Ill appearance
- Dry mucous membranes
- Absent tears
- Capillary refill > 2 seconds

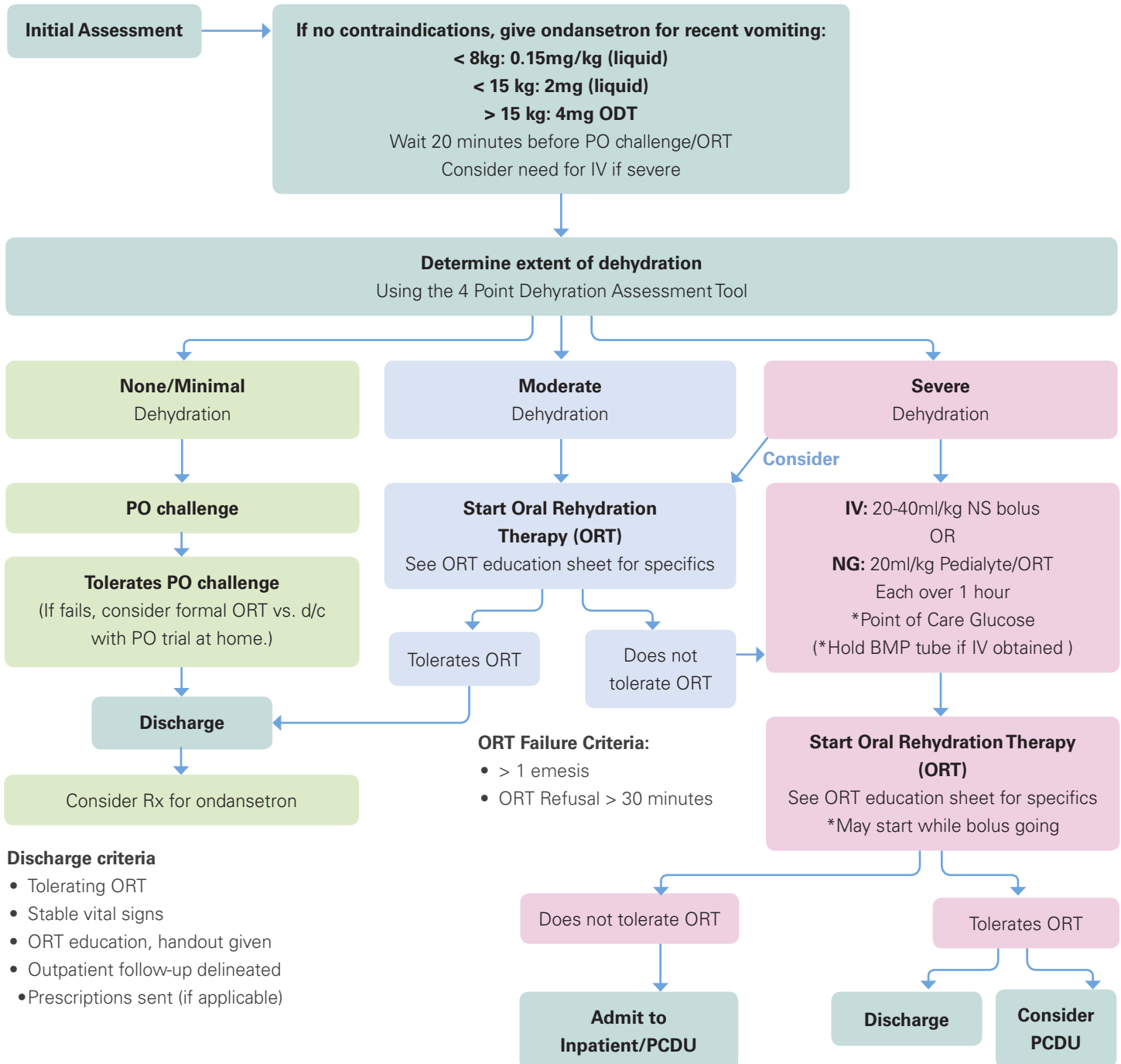
# of features present	Degree of dehydration	% fluid deficit
0	None/Minimal	<5
1-2	Moderate	5-10
3-4	Severe	>10

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**PCDU:** Pediatric Clinical Decision Unit  
is a 24hr Observation Unit



### Discharge criteria

- Tolerating ORT
- Stable vital signs
- ORT education, handout given
- Outpatient follow-up delineated
- Prescriptions sent (if applicable)

### ORT Failure Criteria:

- > 1 emesis
- ORT Refusal > 30 minutes

### Admission criteria (any of the below):

- Persistent signs of dehydration despite IV hydration
- Severe electrolyte abnormalities
- Significant ongoing losses
- Inability to tolerate adequate PO hydration

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