Clinical Guideline

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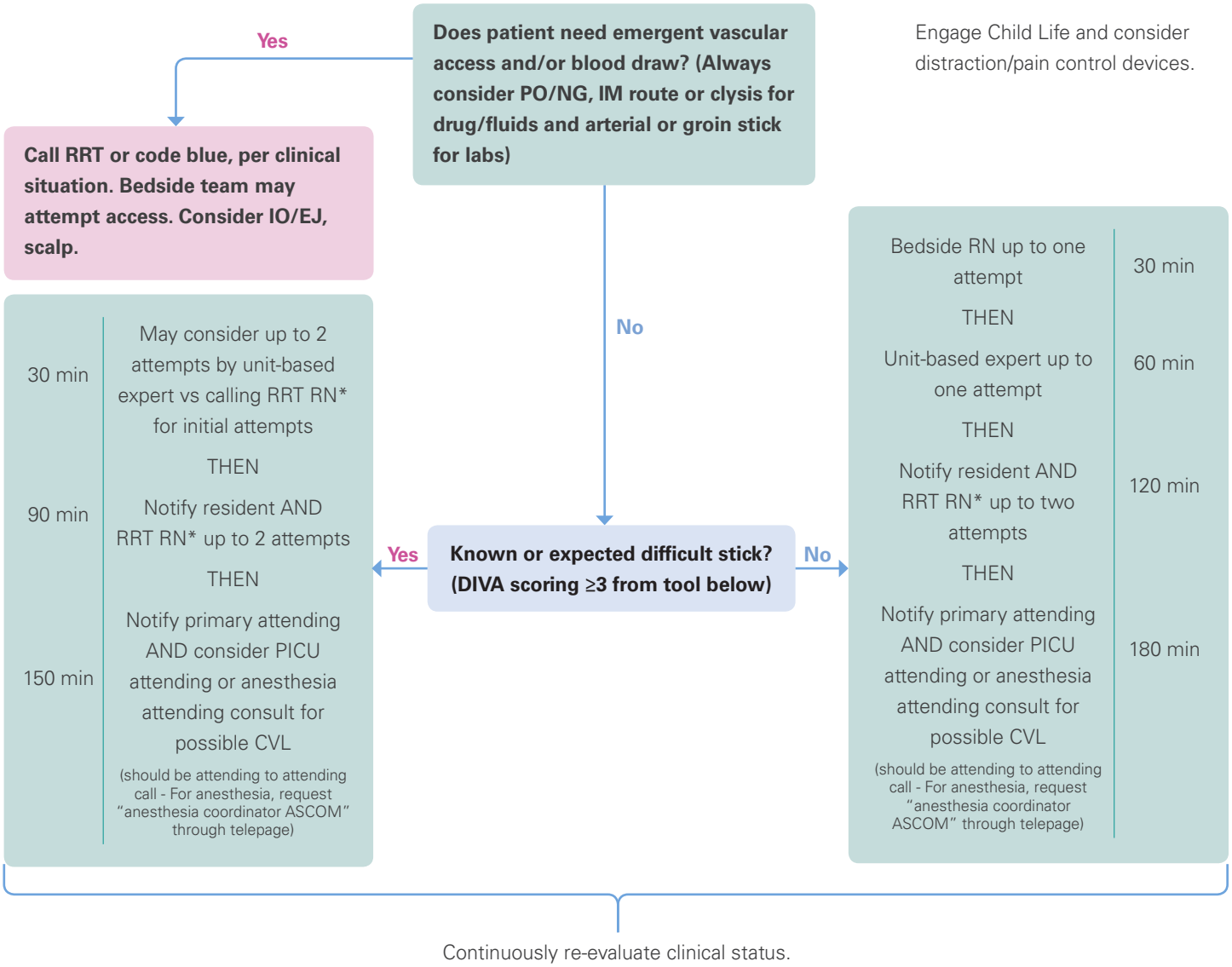
Difficult Intravenous Access and Blood Draw

Pediatric Inpatient



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Click on **CHoR CTA Guideline** for IV catheter size requirements for imaging.

Difficult IV Access (DIVA) Scoring Tool

Predictor	0 points	1 point	2 points
Visible vein	Visible	–	Not visible
Palpable vein	Palpable	–	Not palpable
Age	≥ 36 months	12-35 months	< 12 months

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