

Clinical Practice Guideline

Management of blunt splenic injury in adults 16 years of age or older and in children less than 16 years of age

SPLenic INJURY
Age ≥ 16 years
Hemodynamically Stable

Consult
Involve a General Surgeon early

Footnotes

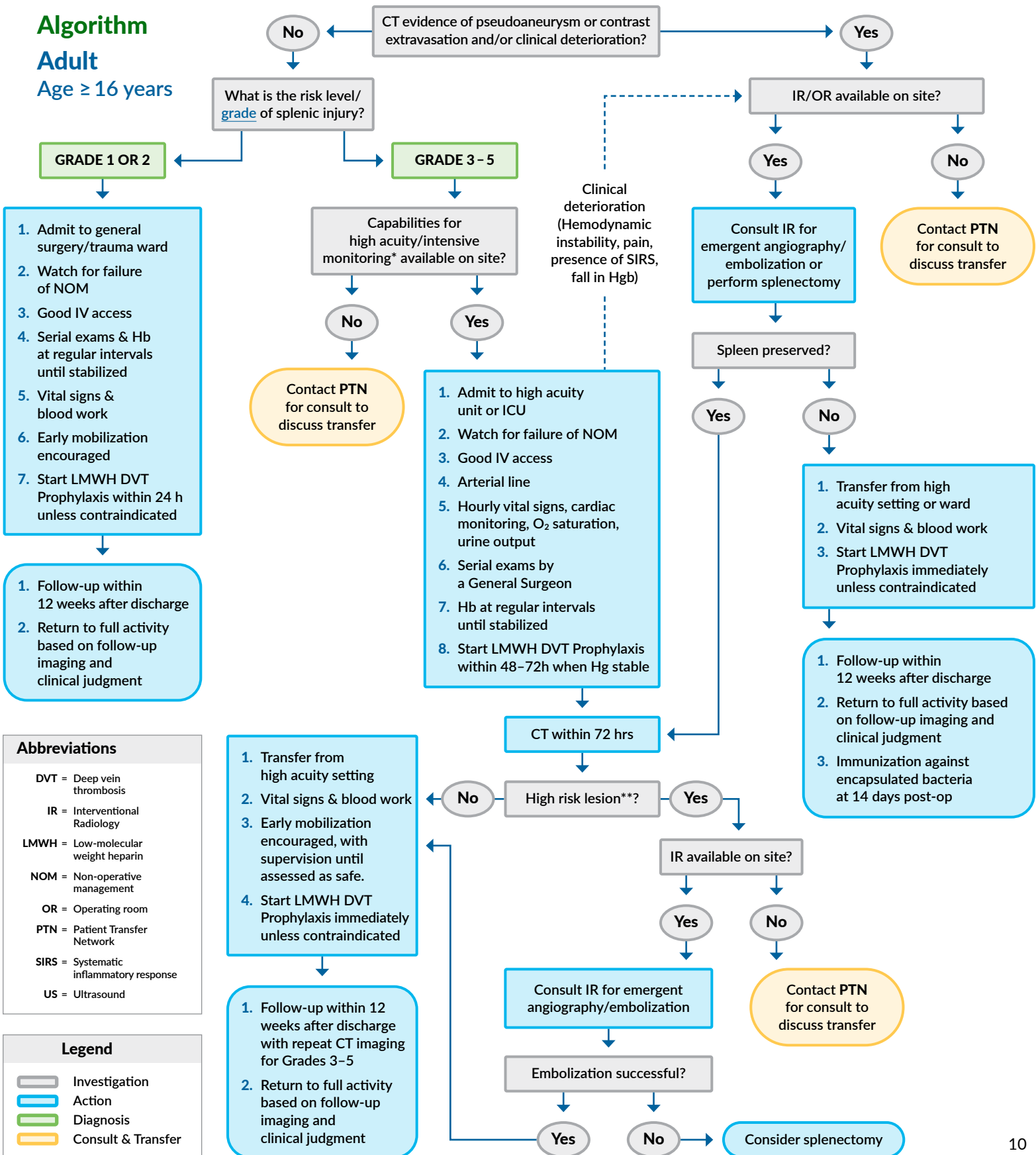
* Capabilities for monitoring high risk splenic injuries: Physiologic monitoring & serial clinical evaluation by a General Surgeon, ≥4 units of blood, CT imaging, and 24-7 OR access

** High risk lesions: Arterio-venous fistula, pseudoaneurysm, or expanding subcapsular hematoma

Algorithm

Adult

Age ≥ 16 years



Abbreviations

DVT	=	Deep vein thrombosis
IR	=	Interventional Radiology
LMWH	=	Low-molecular weight heparin
NOM	=	Non-operative management
OR	=	Operating room
PTN	=	Patient Transfer Network
SIRS	=	Systemic inflammatory response
US	=	Ultrasound

Legend

	Investigation
	Action
	Diagnosis
	Consult & Transfer