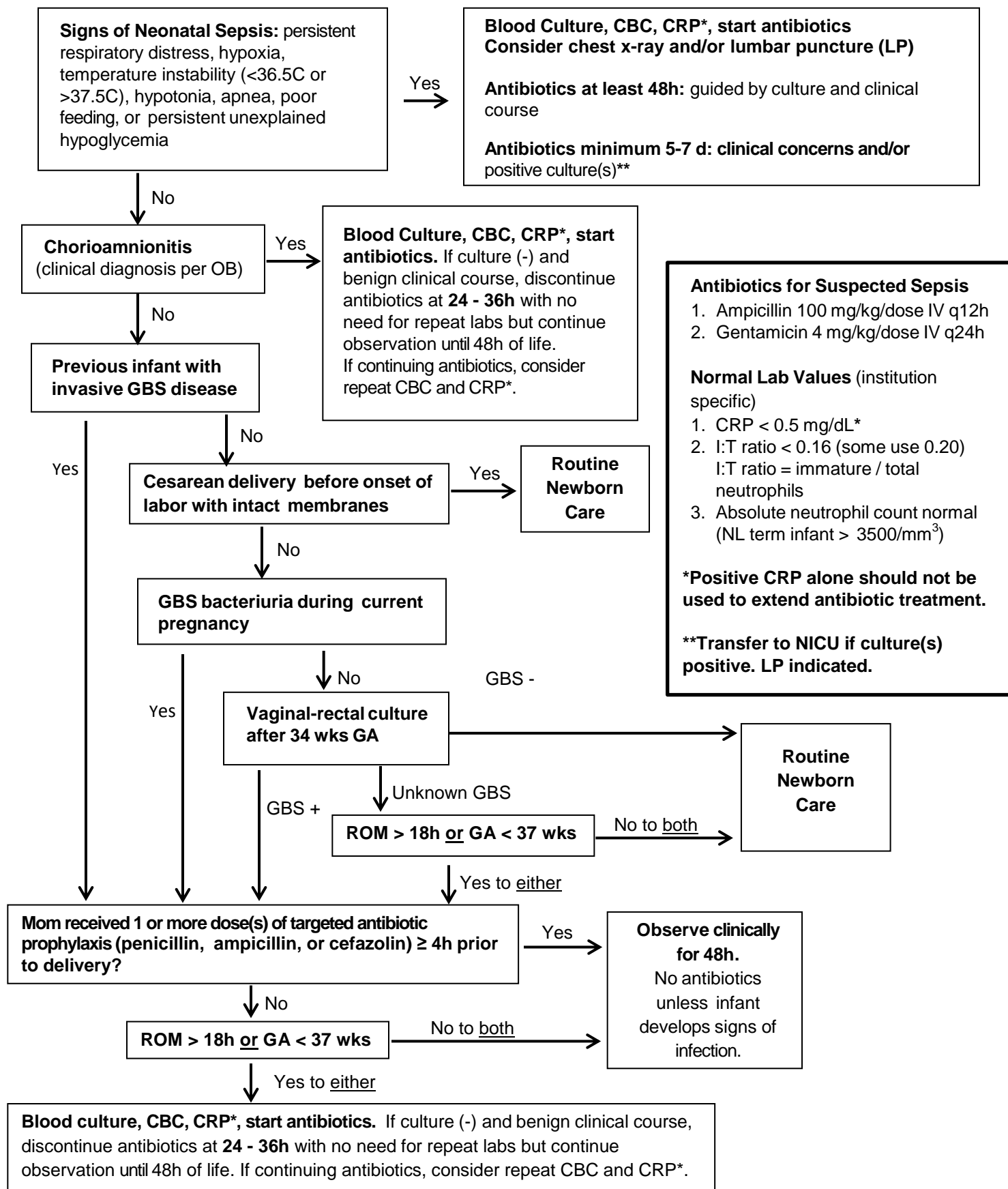


Evaluation and Management of Suspected Early-Onset Neonatal Sepsis in the Well Newborn Nursery



Antibiotics for Suspected Sepsis

1. Ampicillin 100 mg/kg/dose IV q12h
2. Gentamicin 4 mg/kg/dose IV q24h

Normal Lab Values (institution specific)

1. CRP < 0.5 mg/dL*
2. I:T ratio < 0.16 (some use 0.20)
I:T ratio = immature / total neutrophils
3. Absolute neutrophil count normal (NL term infant > 3500/mm³)

*Positive CRP alone should not be used to extend antibiotic treatment.

**Transfer to NICU if culture(s) positive. LP indicated.