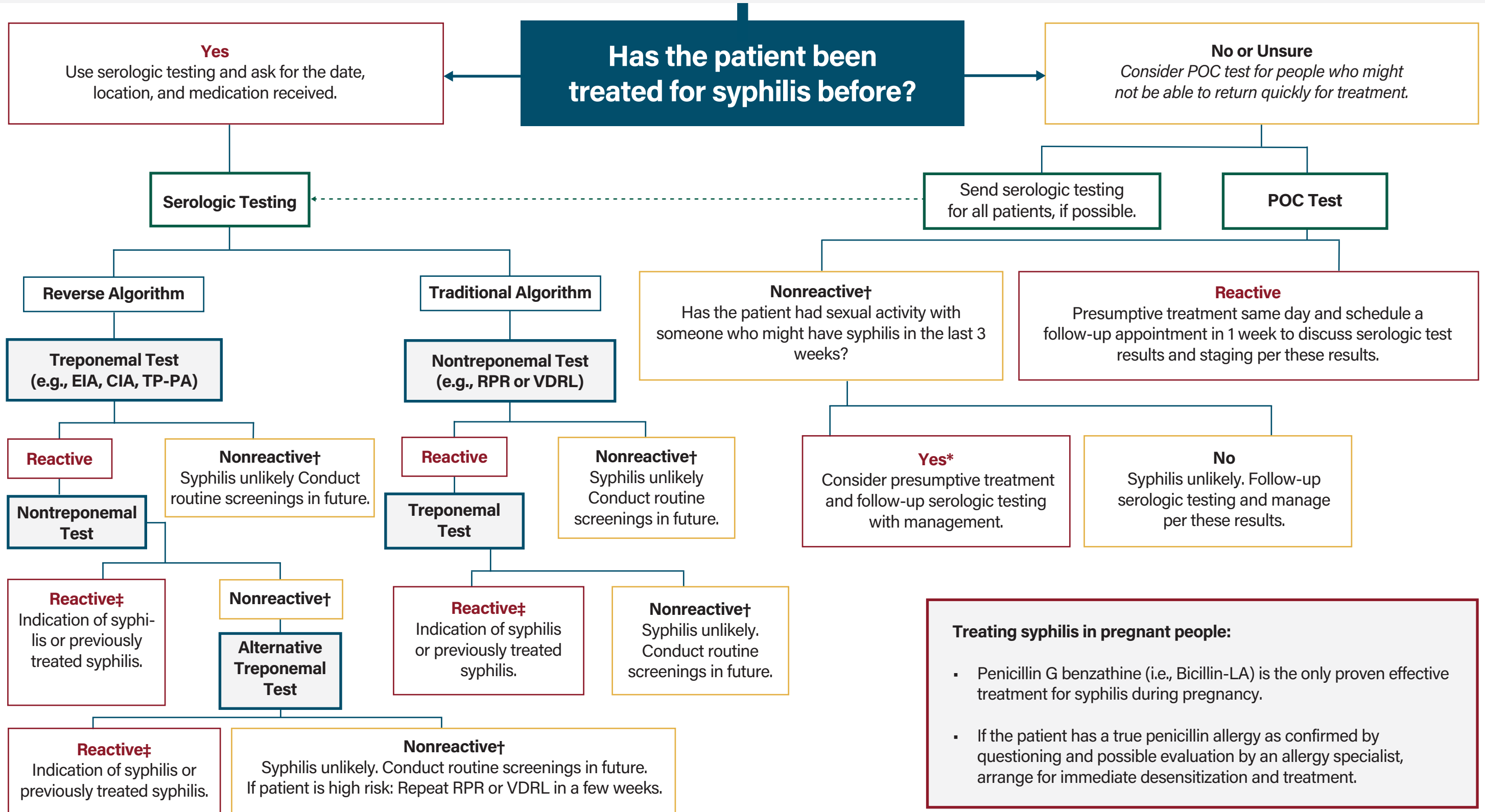


SYPHILIS TESTING ALGORITHM

Patient History & Physical Exam*

For Pregnant Patients: Screen for syphilis three times every pregnancy (first encounter, 28 weeks, and delivery)



Treating syphilis in pregnant people:

- Penicillin G benzathine (i.e., Bicillin-LA) is the only proven effective treatment for syphilis during pregnancy.
- If the patient has a true penicillin allergy as confirmed by questioning and possible evaluation by an allergy specialist, arrange for immediate desensitization and treatment.

CIA, chemoluminescence immunoassay; EIA, enzyme immunoassay; POC, point of care; RPR, rapid plasma reagin; TP-PA, Treponema pallidum particle agglutination assay; VDRL, Venereal Disease Research Laboratory test.

* If a person has signs and/or symptoms consistent with primary or secondary syphilis, consider immediate presumptive treatment. People exposed through sexual contact to a person who has syphilis should also be considered for immediate presumptive treatment based on CDC STI Treatment Guidelines (<https://www.cdc.gov/std/treatment-guidelines/syphilis.htm>)

† If patient has had sexual activity with someone who might have syphilis in the last 3 weeks, consider repeat syphilis testing in 2–4 weeks.

‡ Compare to previous RPR as available and treat per guidelines.

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