

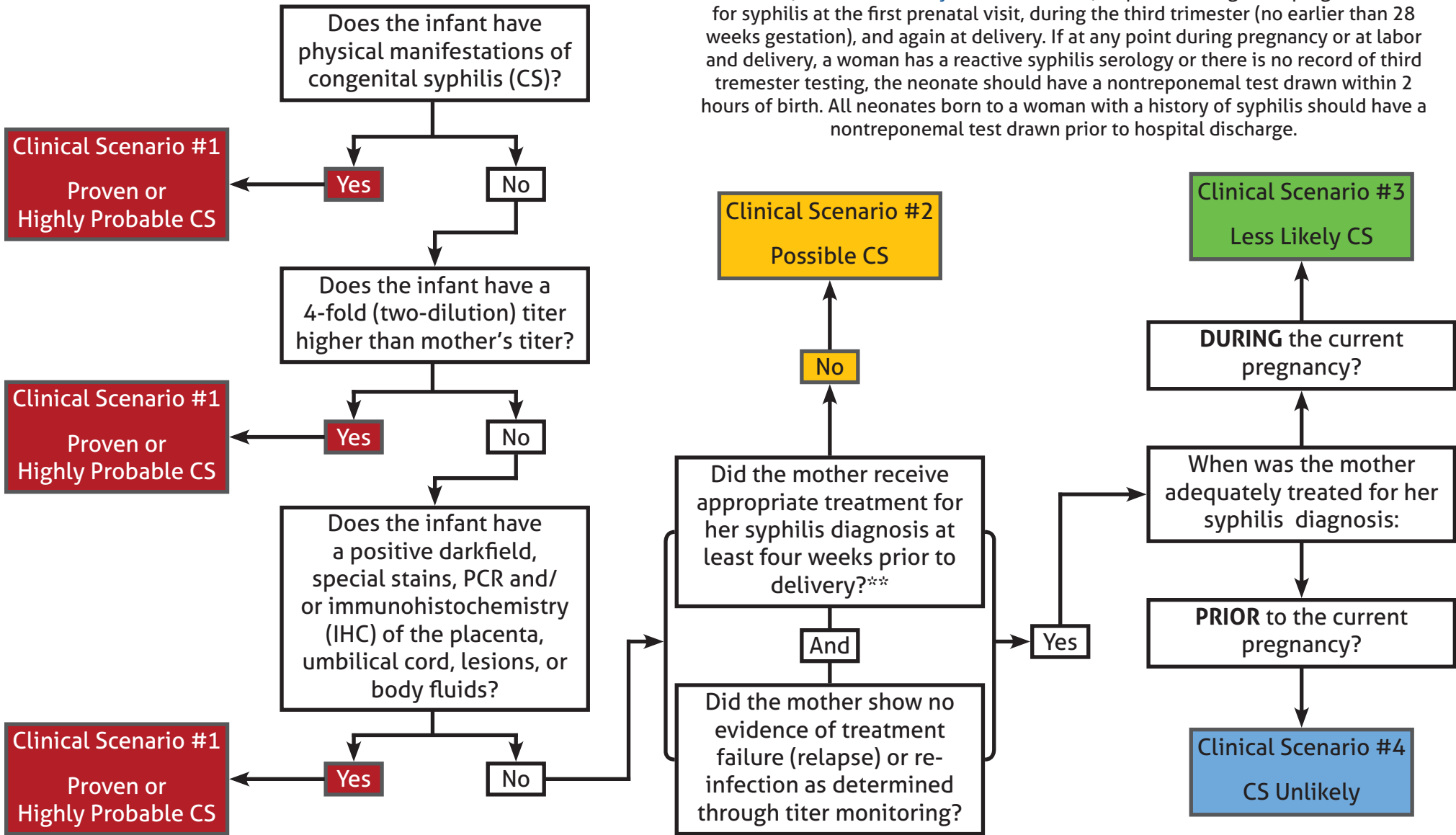
# Provider Congenital Syphilis Evaluation and Treatment

Per the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's \(CDC\) Current Treatment Guidelines](#)

Evaluation and treatment of infants (less than 30 days of age) born to women with reactive syphilis serology during pregnancy\*

**All infants born to mothers with reactive syphilis serology during pregnancy should have a quantitative nontreponemal serologic test performed.\*\***

\*Texas Law ([Health and Safety Code SB 81.090](#)) requires testing of all pregnant women for syphilis at the first prenatal visit, during the third trimester (no earlier than 28 weeks gestation), and again at delivery. If at any point during pregnancy or at labor and delivery, a woman has a reactive syphilis serology or there is no record of third trimester testing, the neonate should have a nontreponemal test drawn within 2 hours of birth. All neonates born to a woman with a history of syphilis should have a nontreponemal test drawn prior to hospital discharge.

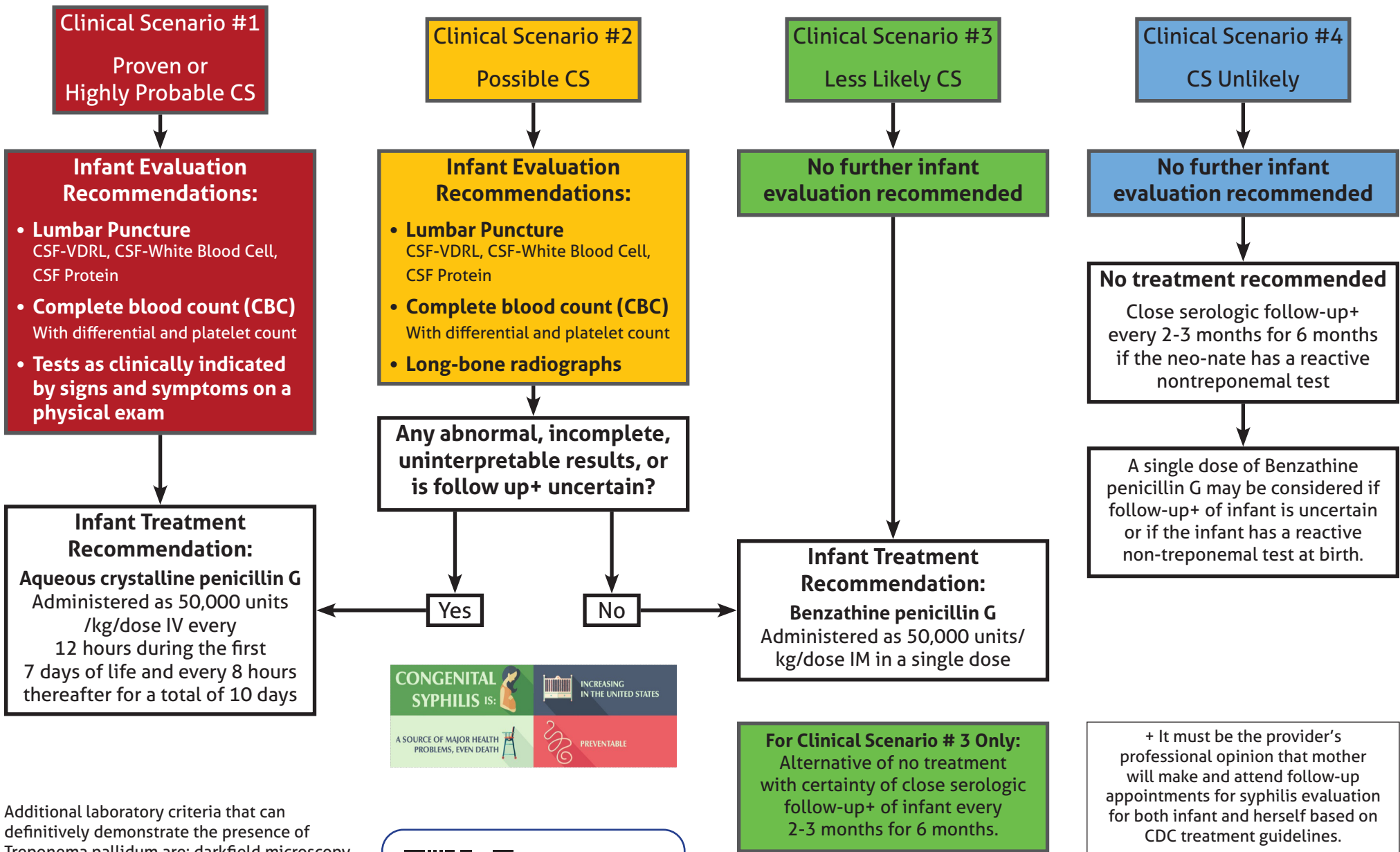


\*\* Appropriate syphilis treatment is defined as completion of a therapy regimen as outlined in the current [CDC STD treatment guidelines](#) at the time of diagnosis or in the event of two dilution titer rise. Benzathine penicillin G is the only acceptable treatment for pregnant women.

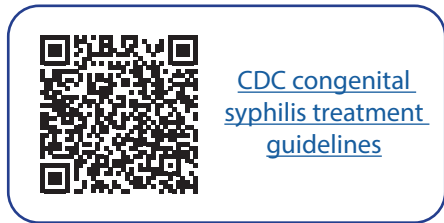


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Additional laboratory criteria that can definitively demonstrate the presence of *Treponema pallidum* are: darkfield microscopy of lesions, body fluids, or neonatal nasal discharge or a **polymerase chain reaction (PCR)** or **immunohistochemistry (IHC)** or special stains (e.g. silver staining) of lesions, neonatal nasal discharge, placenta, umbilical cord, or autopsy material.



**For Clinical Scenario # 3 Only:**  
Alternative of no treatment with certainty of close serologic follow-up+ of infant every 2-3 months for 6 months.

+ It must be the provider's professional opinion that mother will make and attend follow-up appointments for syphilis evaluation for both infant and herself based on CDC treatment guidelines.

