



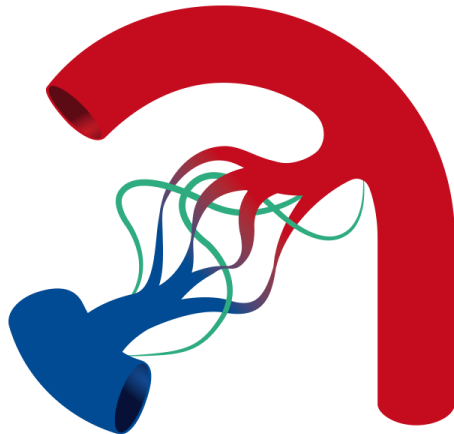
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Severe/Rare Infantile Hemangioma

Final Approved Patient Pathway by the Vascular
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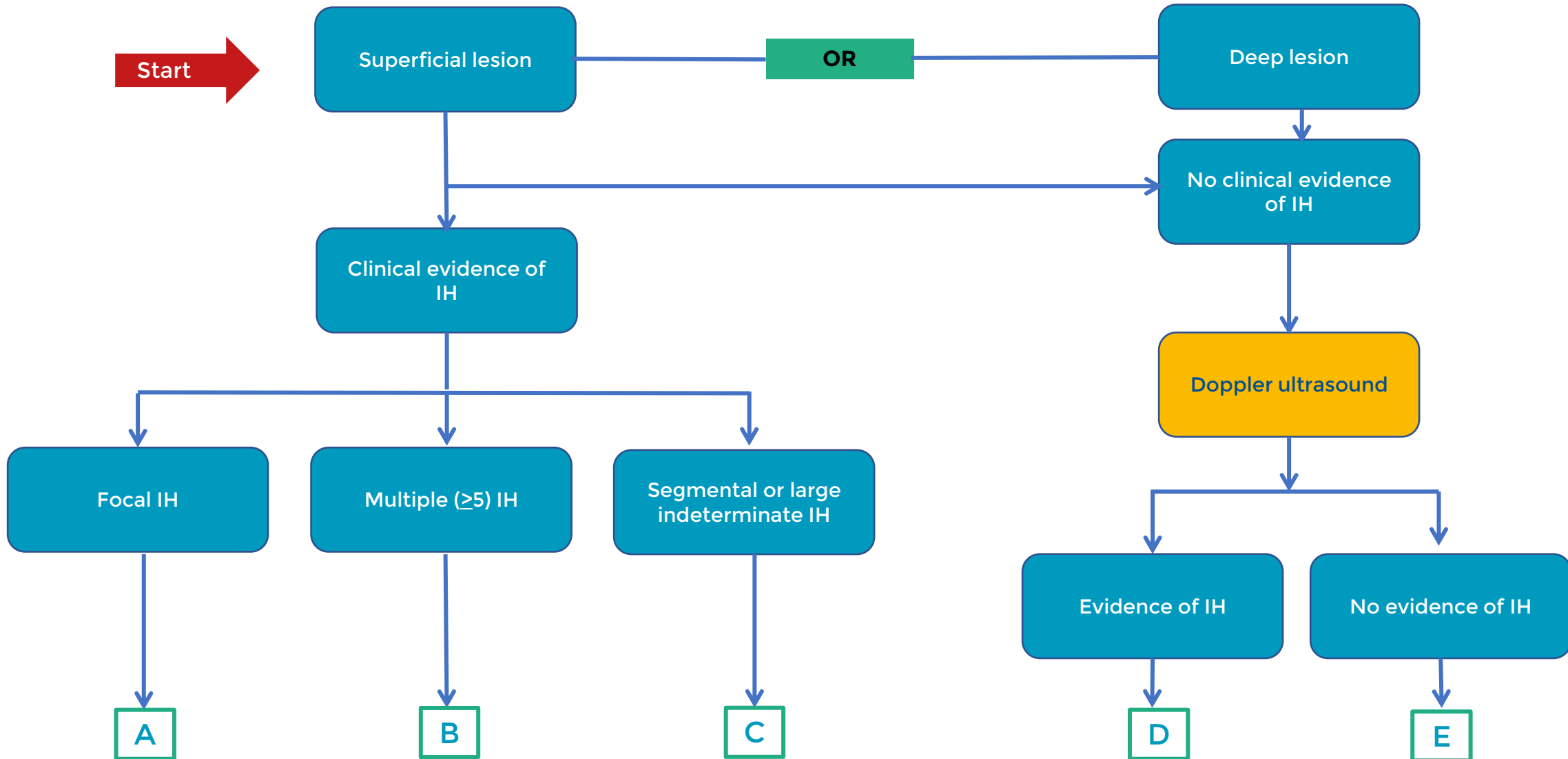
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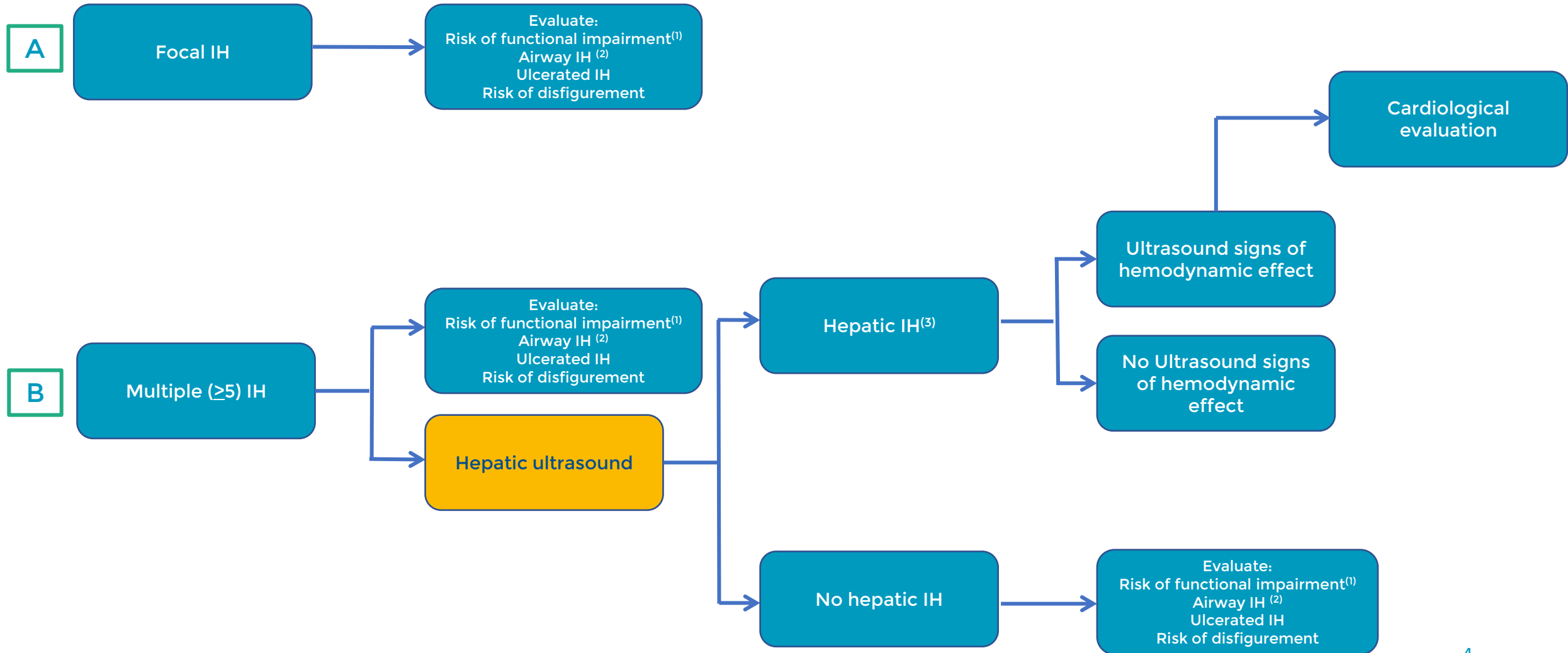


Patient with Suspected Severe/Rare Infantile Hemangioma (IH)





Patient with Suspected Severe/Rare Infantile Hemangioma (IH) continued





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Segmental or large indeterminate IH

PHACES criteria (refer to experienced centres): MRI, MRA, ophthalmological consultation, and consider laryngoscopy if beard distribution and upper respiratory symptoms.

If lumbosacral/genital IH perform ultrasound and/or MRI to search for other associated anomalies (PELVIS/LUMBAR/SACRAL)

Evaluate:
Risk of functional impairment⁽¹⁾
Airway IH ⁽²⁾
Ulcerated IH
Risk of disfigurement

D

Evidence of IH

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Risk of functional impairment⁽¹⁾
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E

No Evidence of IH

Search for new diagnosis. Consider MRI and/or biopsy if uncertain diagnosis

(1) Risk of functional impairment
- Orbital or auricular IH
- IH of the lip or hand
In some cases MRI is necessary to evaluate the relation between the IH and other structures

(2) Airway IH
- Suspect when beard distribution or upper respiratory symptoms
- Consider diagnostic and follow-up laryngoscopy

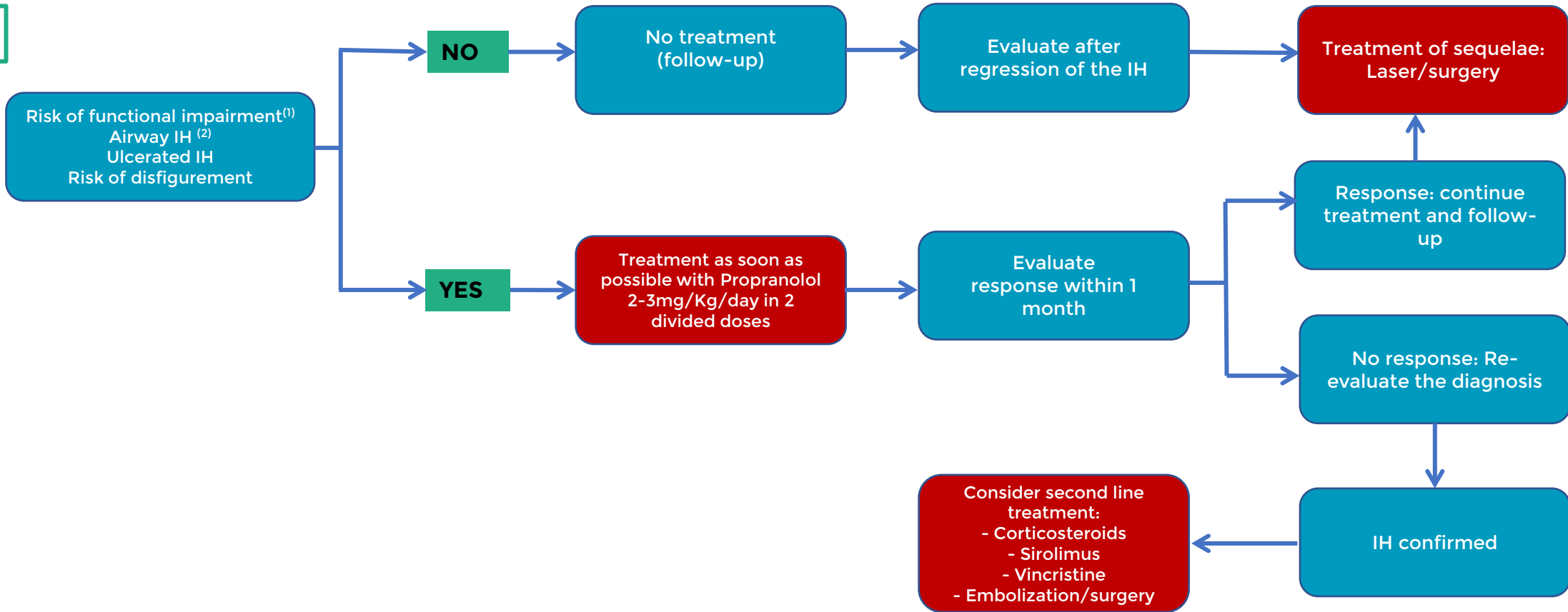
(3) Hepatic IH
- Test thyroid function

Voluminous IH
- Cardiological evaluation
- Test thyroid function



Treatment of Severe/Rare Infantile Hemangioma (IH)

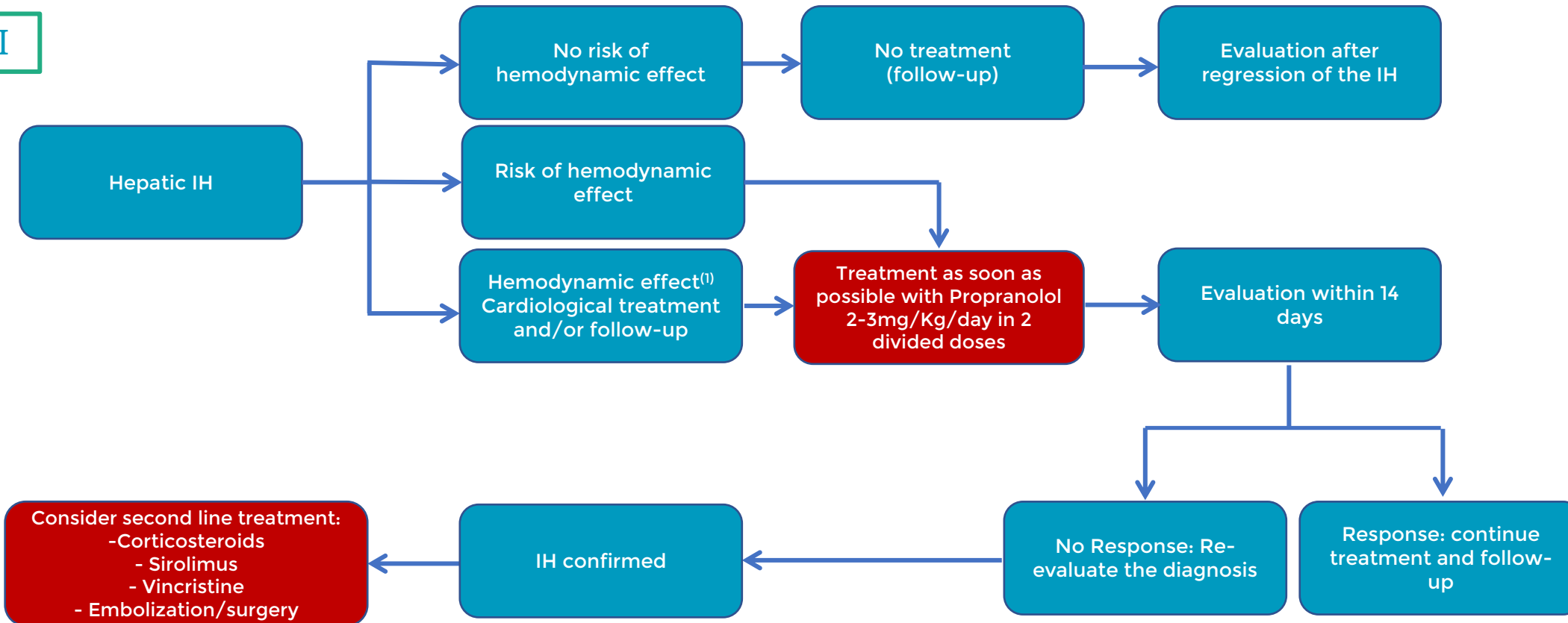
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Treatment of Severe/Rare Infantile Hemangioma (IH) continued

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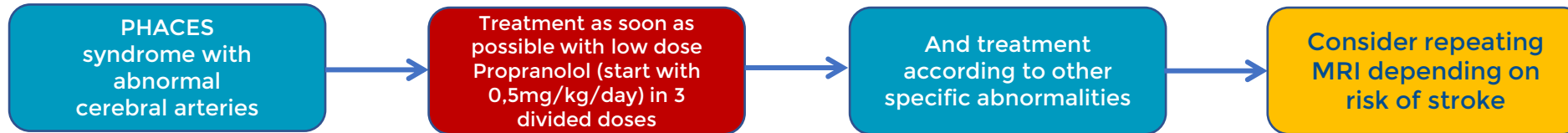


(1) In case of cardiac failure consider embolization prior to propranolol treatment

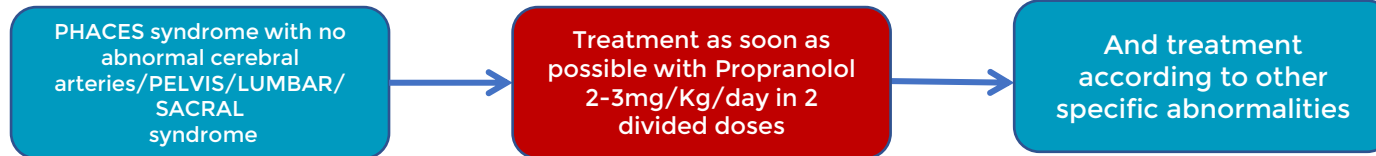


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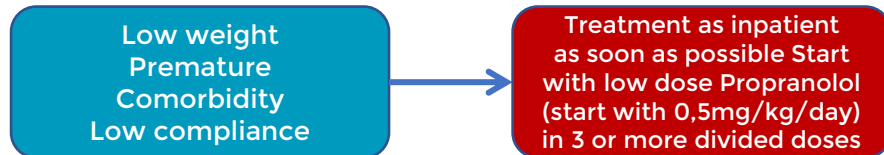
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IV



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In case of ulceration during propranolol treatment consider lowering the dosage.

LEGEND:

Clinical evaluation

Investigations

Treatment

Particular cases



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