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Message from the Editors

Welcome to the Eighth Edition of The Calgary Black Book! This ongoing project is the result of the hard work and dedication of medical students and faculty at the University of Calgary. We are proud that healthcare practitioners and trainees across Canada find the Black Book to be a useful tool.

In an effort to increase its potential as a learning tool, we have directed our efforts towards developing a case based online tool to help learners work through the Black Book schemes. We hope that working through cases with the schemes will add some clinical context and another dimension to the Black Book as a learning tool. We hope to make this more broadly available as the database grows with future generations of Black Book editors. We are always interested in feedback or suggestions to improve the Black Book; please direct any such communications to:

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Thank you,

Jared McCormick & Hai Chuan (Carlos) Yu

Introduction to Schemes

The material presented in this book is intended to assist learners in organizing their knowledge into information packets, which are more effective for the resolution of the patient problems they will encounter. There are three major factors that influence learning and the retrieval of medical knowledge from memory: meaning, encoding specificity (the context and sequence for learning), and practice on the task of remembering. Of the three, the strongest influence is the degree of meaning that can be imposed on information. To achieve success, experts organize and “chunk” information into meaningful configurations, thereby reducing the memory load.

These meaningful configurations or systematically arranged networks of connected facts are termed schemata. As new information becomes available, it is integrated into schemes already in existence, thus permitting learning to take place. Knowledge organized into schemes (basic science and clinical information integrated into meaningful networks of concepts and facts) is useful for both information storage and retrieval. To become excellent in diagnosis, it is necessary to practice retrieving from memory information necessary for problem resolution, thus facilitating an organized approach to problem solving (scheme-driven problem solving).

The domain of medicine can be broken down to 121 (+/- 5) clinical presentations, which represent a common or important way in which a patient, group of patients, community or population presents to a physician, and expects the physician to recommend a method for managing the situation. For a given clinical presentation, the number of possible diagnoses may be sufficiently large that it is not possible to consider them all at once, or even remember all the possibilities. By classifying diagnoses into schemes, for each clinical presentation, the myriad of possible diagnoses become more manageable 'groups' of diagnoses. This thus becomes a very powerful tool for both organization of knowledge memory (its primary role at the undergraduate medical education stage), as well as subsequent medical problem solving.

There is no single right way to approach any given clinical presentation. Each of the schemes provided represents one approach that proved useful and meaningful to one experienced, expert author. A modified, personalized scheme may be better than someone else's scheme, and certainly better than having no scheme at all. It is important to keep in mind, before creating a scheme, the five fundamentals of scheme creation that were used in the development of this book. If a scheme is to be useful, the answers to the next five questions should be positive:

1. Is it simple and easy to remember? (Does it reduce memory load by “chunking” information into categories and subcategories?)
2. Does it provide an organizational structure that is easy to alter?
3. Does the organizing principle of the scheme enhance the meaning of the information?
4. Does the organizing principle of the scheme mirror encoding specificity (both context and process specificity)?
5. Does the scheme aid in problem solving? (E.g. does it differentiate between large categories initially, and subsequently progressively smaller ones until a single diagnosis is reached?)

By adhering to these principles, the schemes presented in this book, or any modifications to them done by the reader, will enhance knowledge storage and long term retrieval from memory, while making the medical problem-solving task a more accurate and enjoyable endeavour.

Dr. Henry Mandin
Dr. Sylvain Coderre

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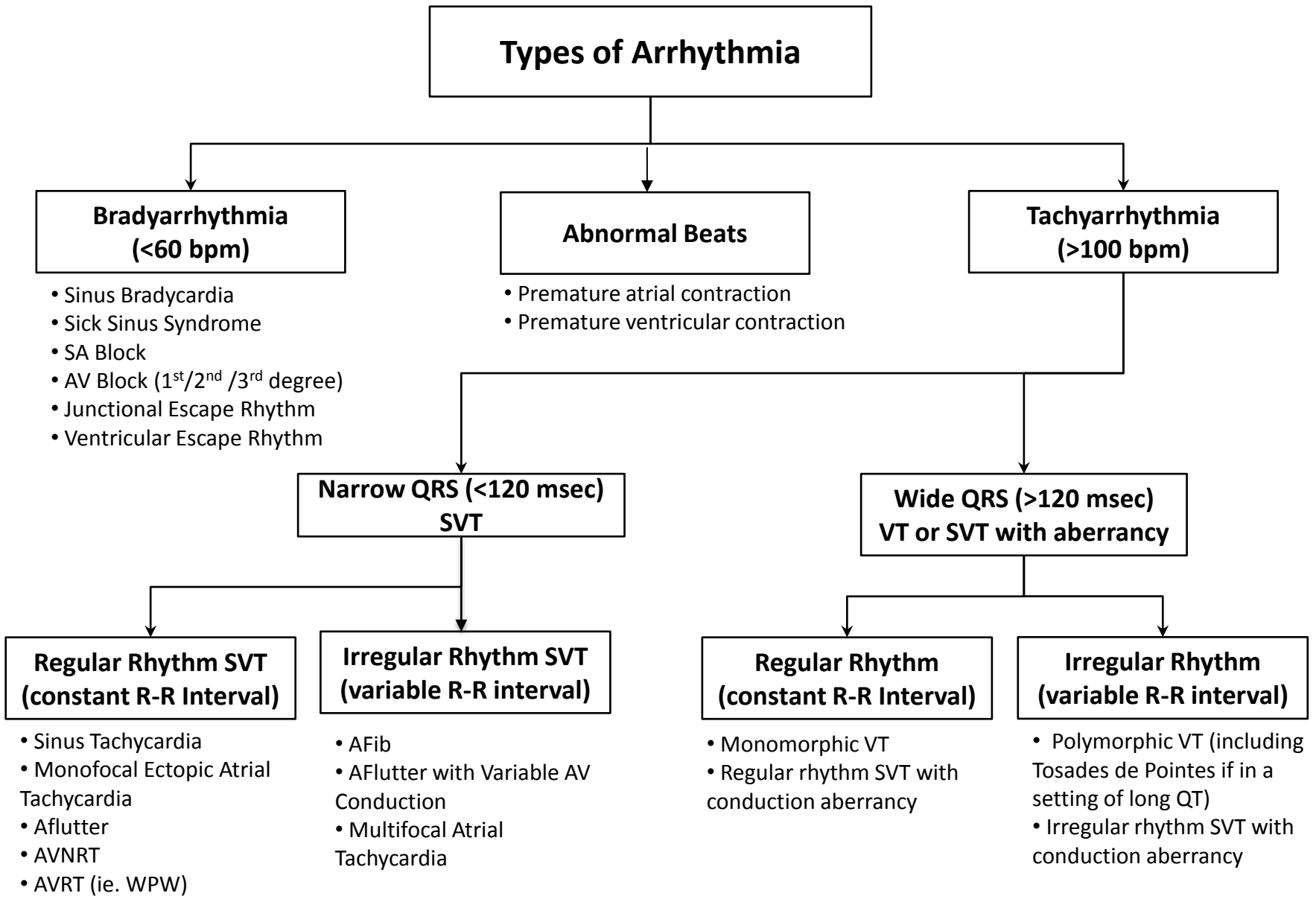
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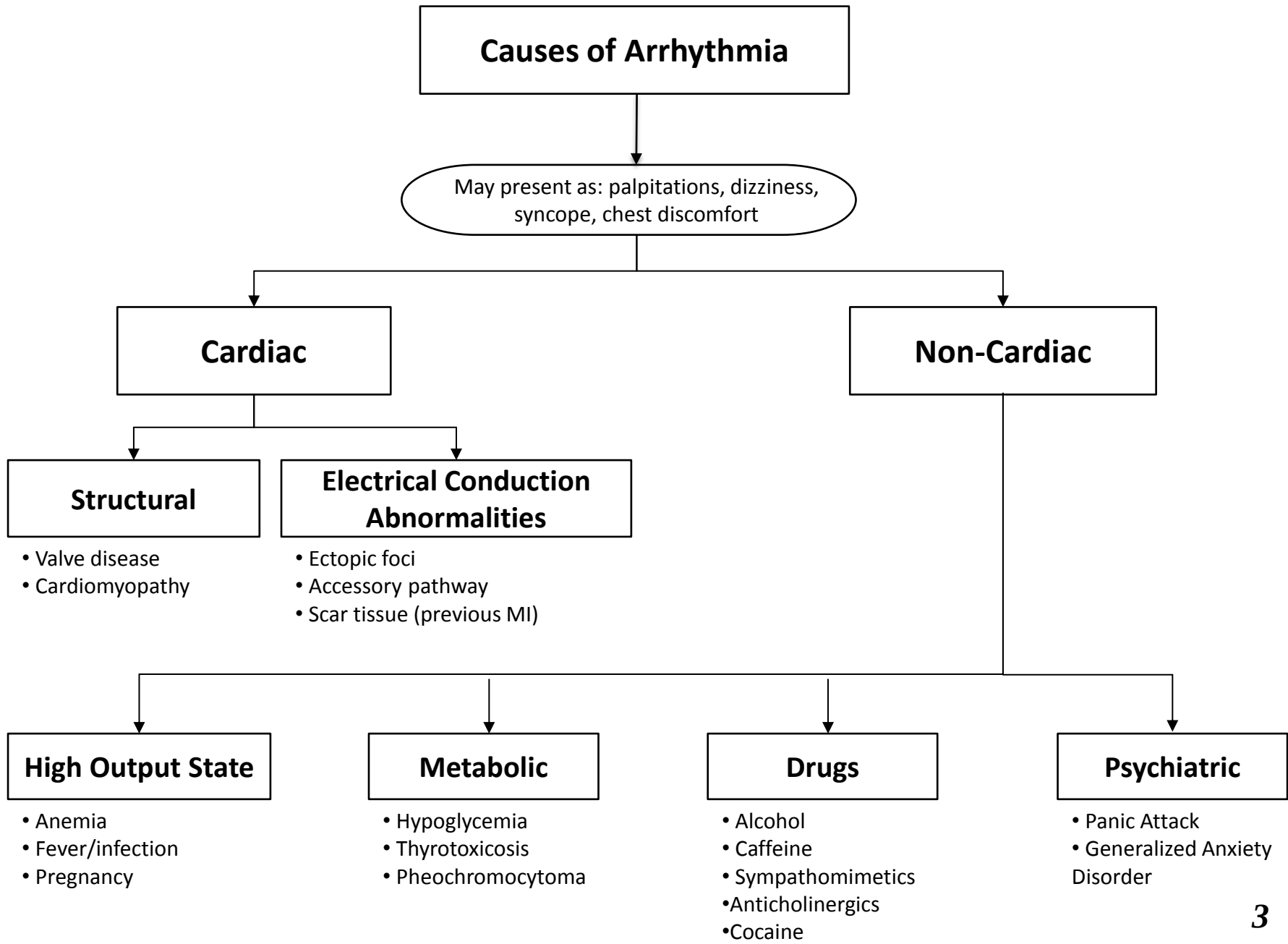
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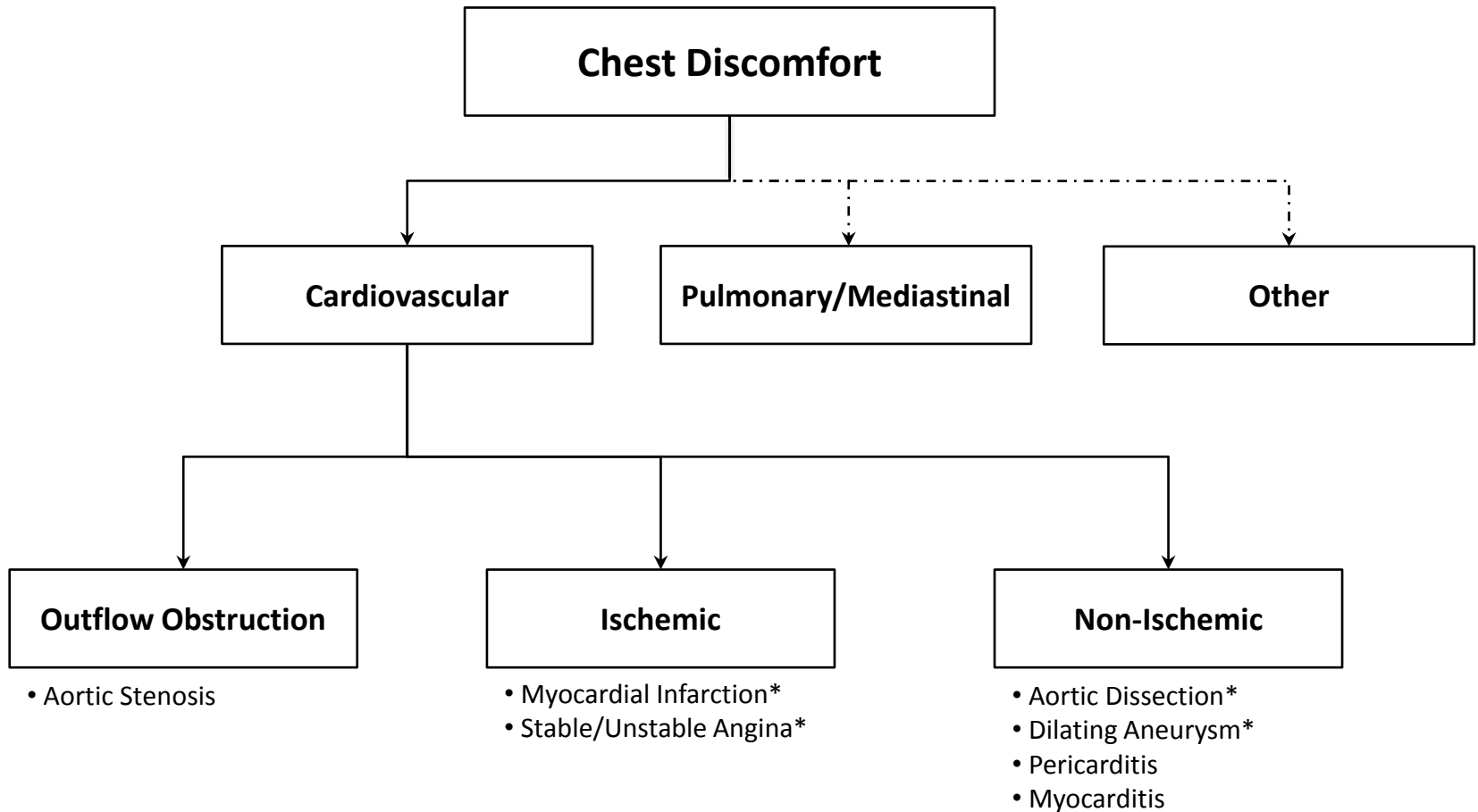
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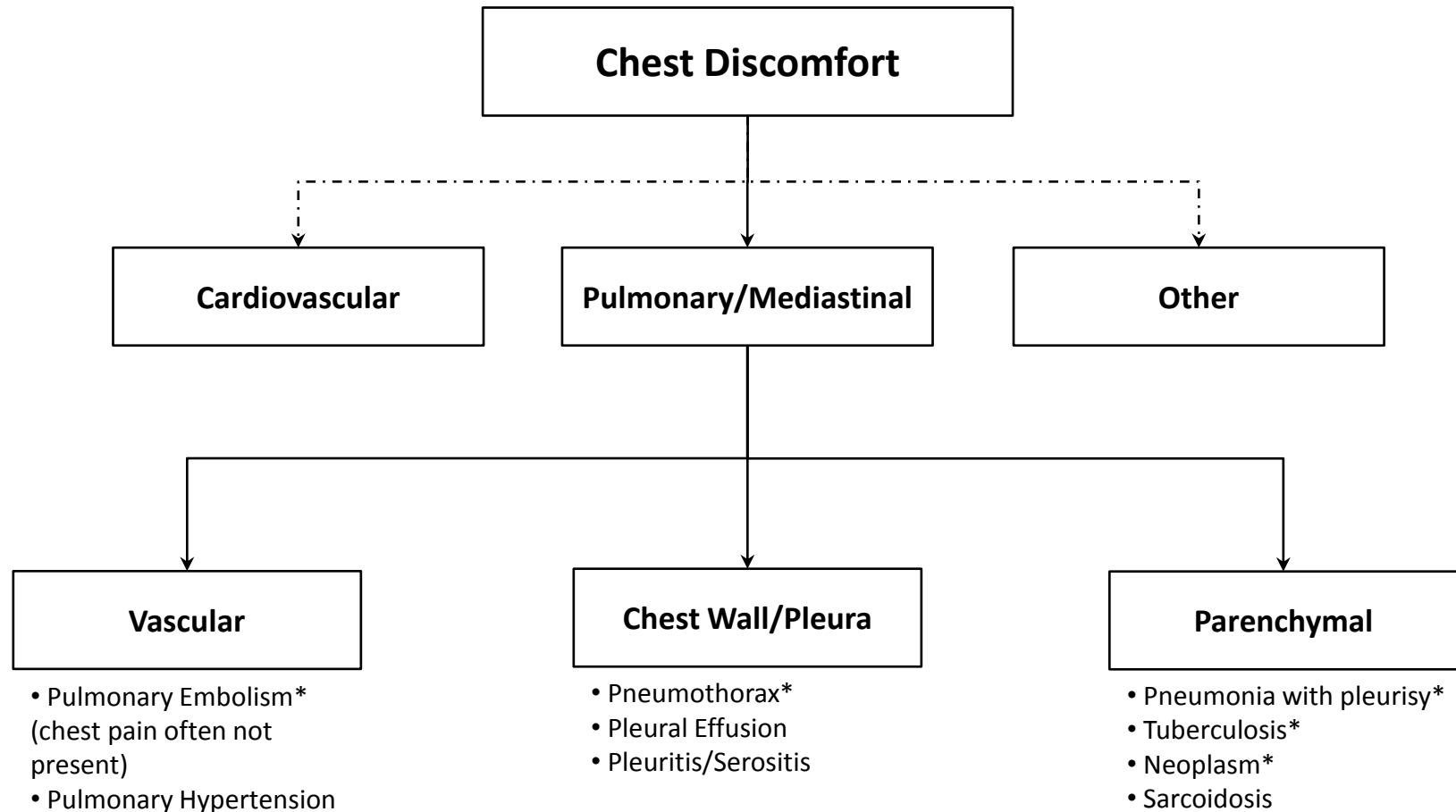


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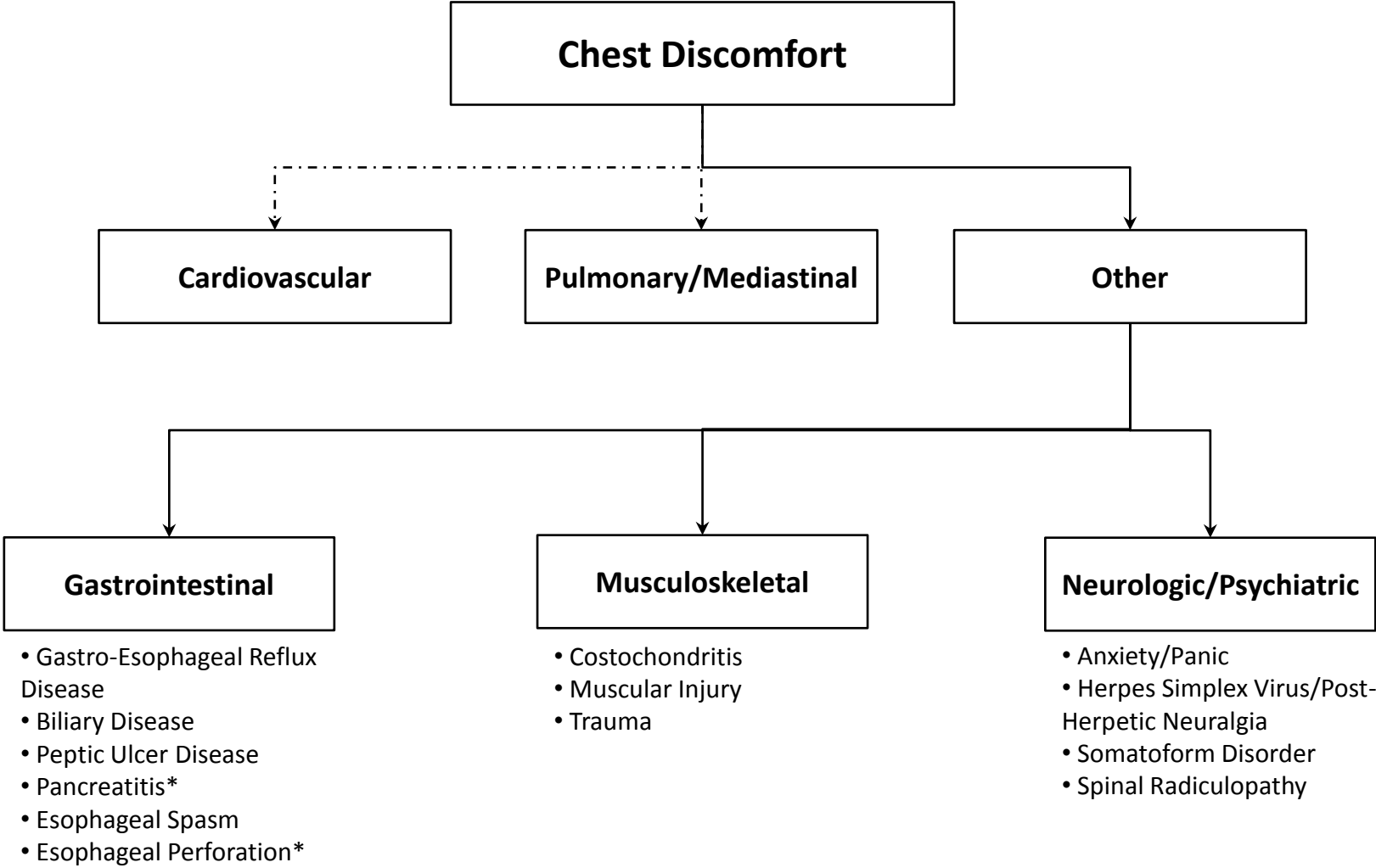
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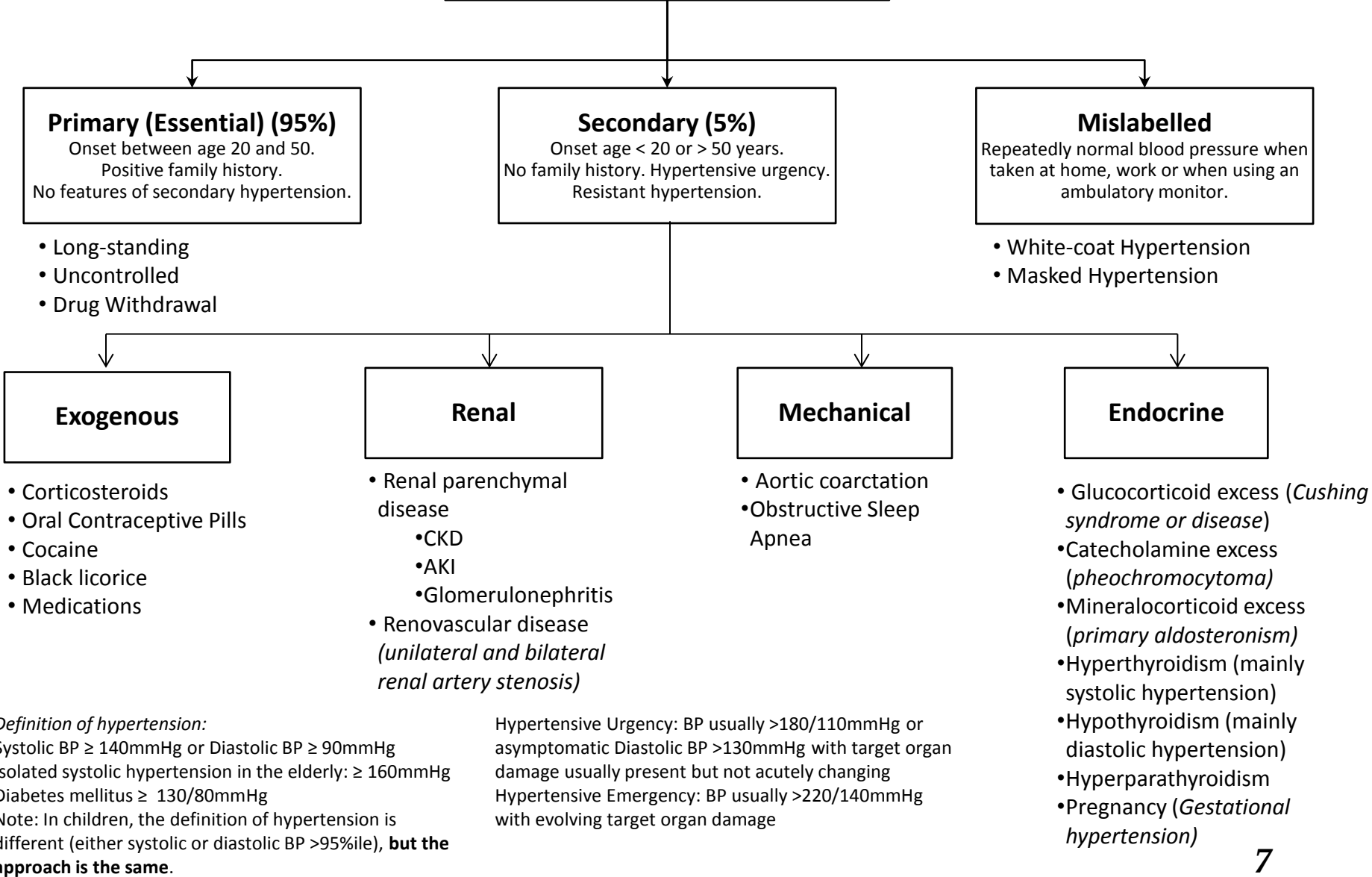
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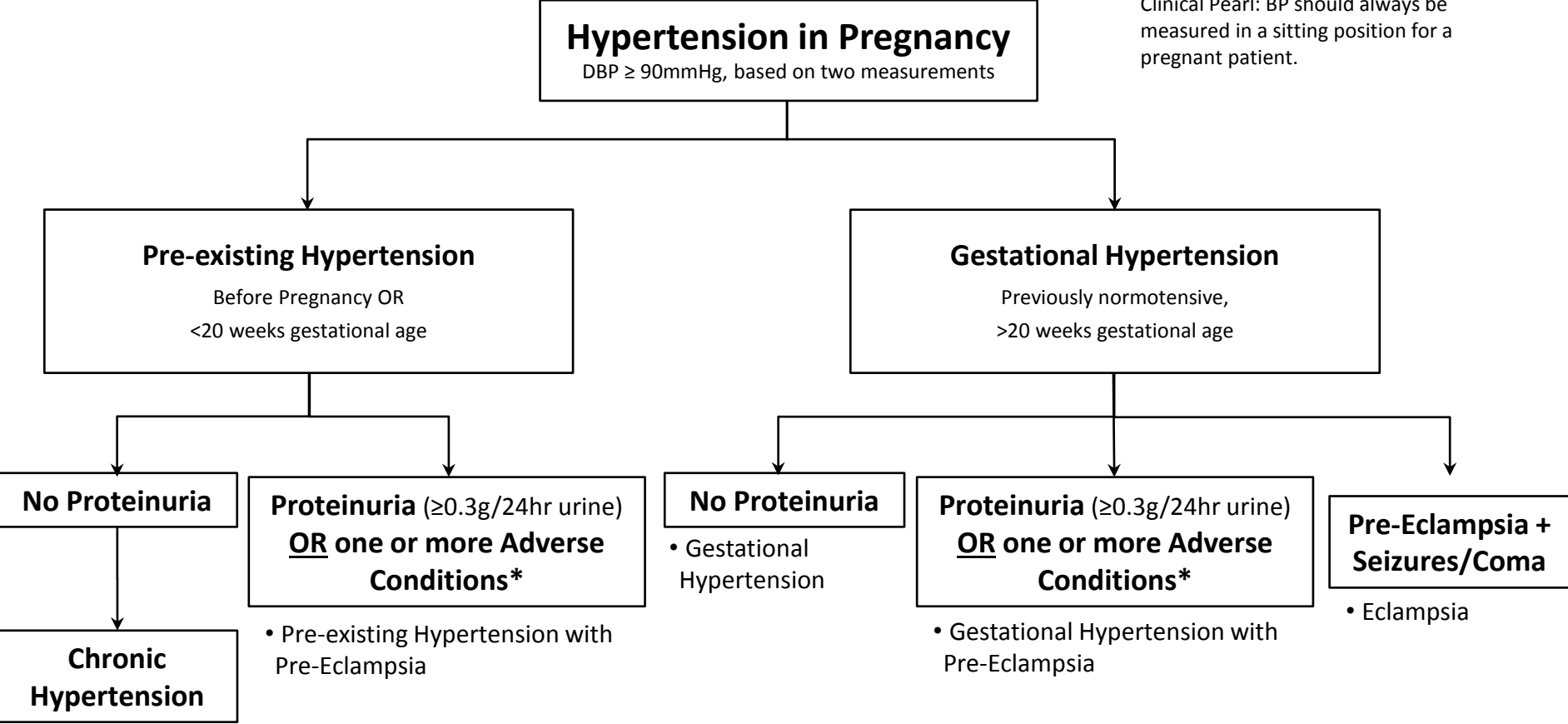
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Hypertension



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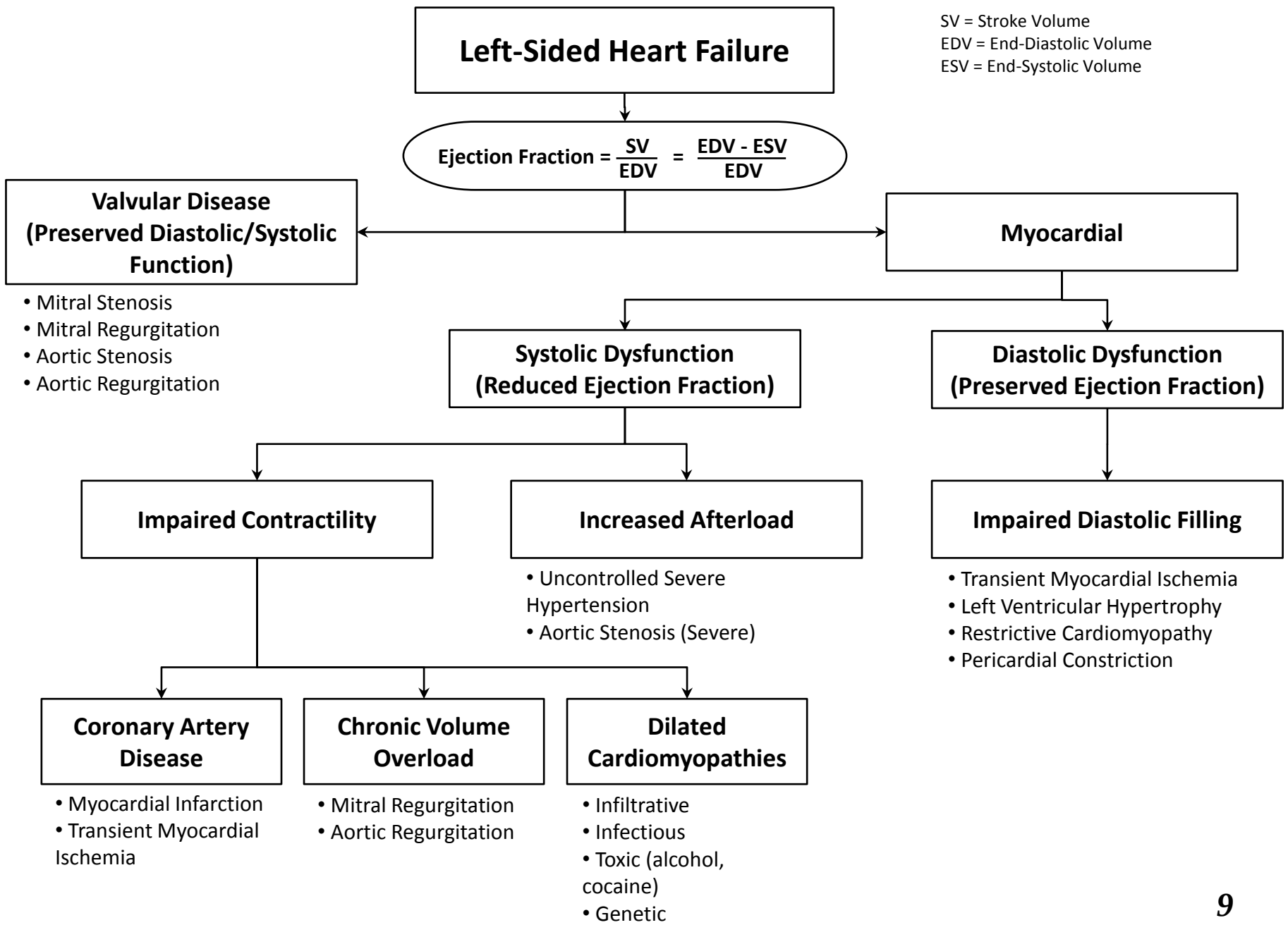
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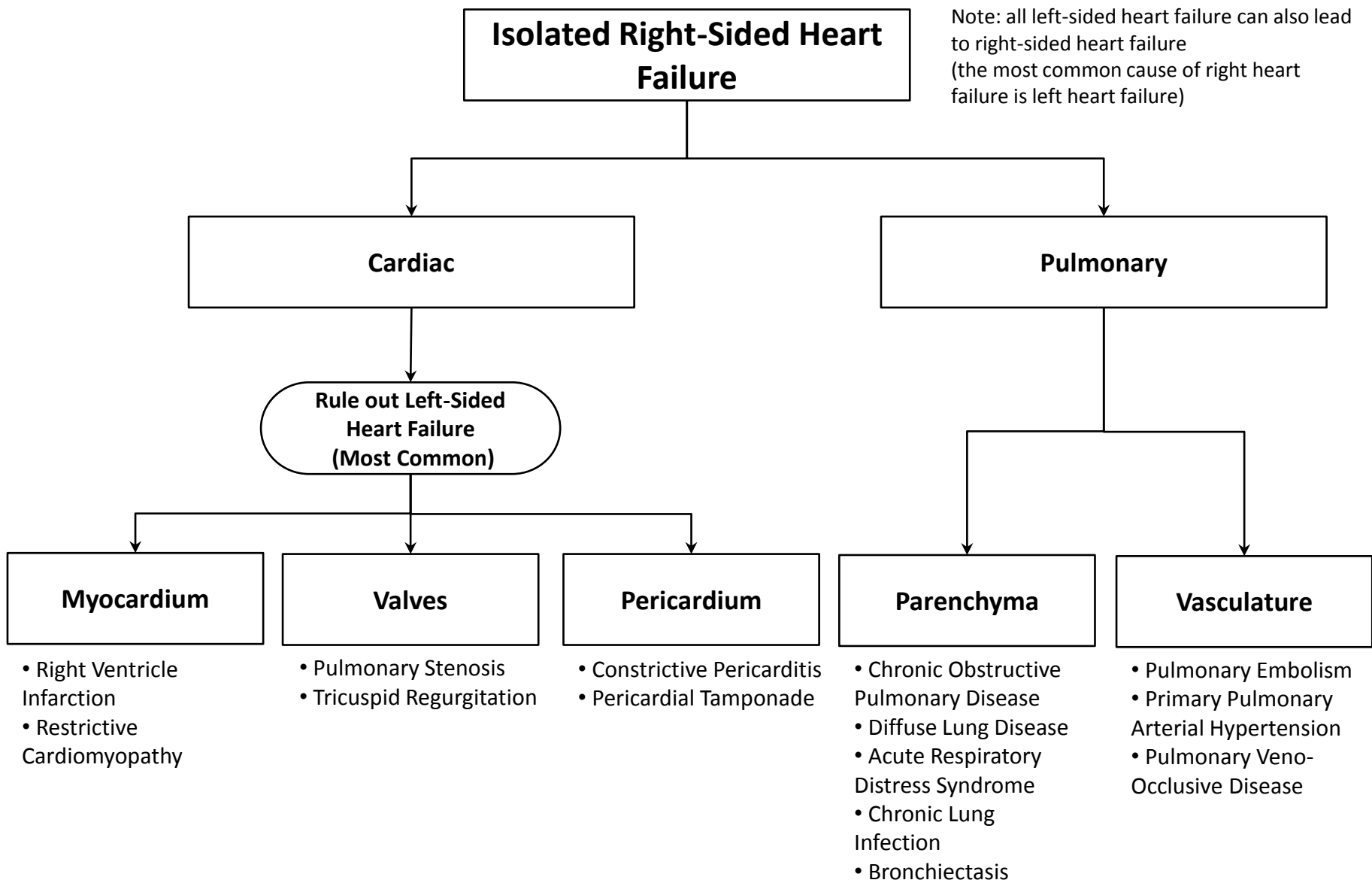
	Maternal	Fetal
*Adverse Conditions: (SOGC, 2008)	• Persistent or new/unusual headache • Visual disturbances • Persistent abdominal/RUQ pain • Severe nausea or vomiting • Chest pain/dyspnea • Severe hypertension • Pulmonary Edema • Suspected placental abruption • Elevated serum creatinine/AST/ALT/LDH • Platelet <100x109/L • Serum albumin <20g/L	• Oligohydramnios • Intrauterine growth restriction • Absent/reversed end-diastolic flow in the umbilical artery • Intrauterine fetal death

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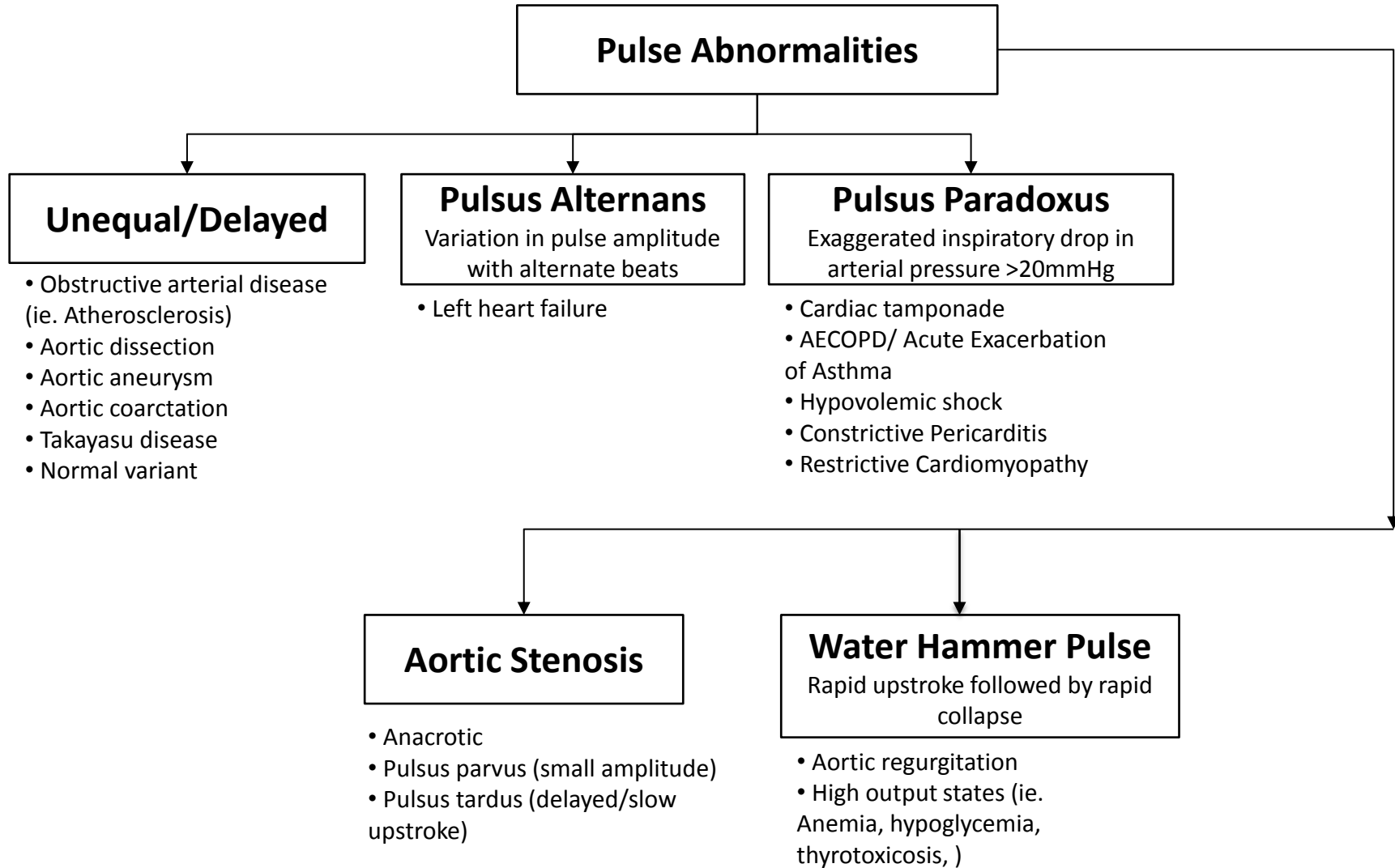


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EDV = End-Diastolic Volume
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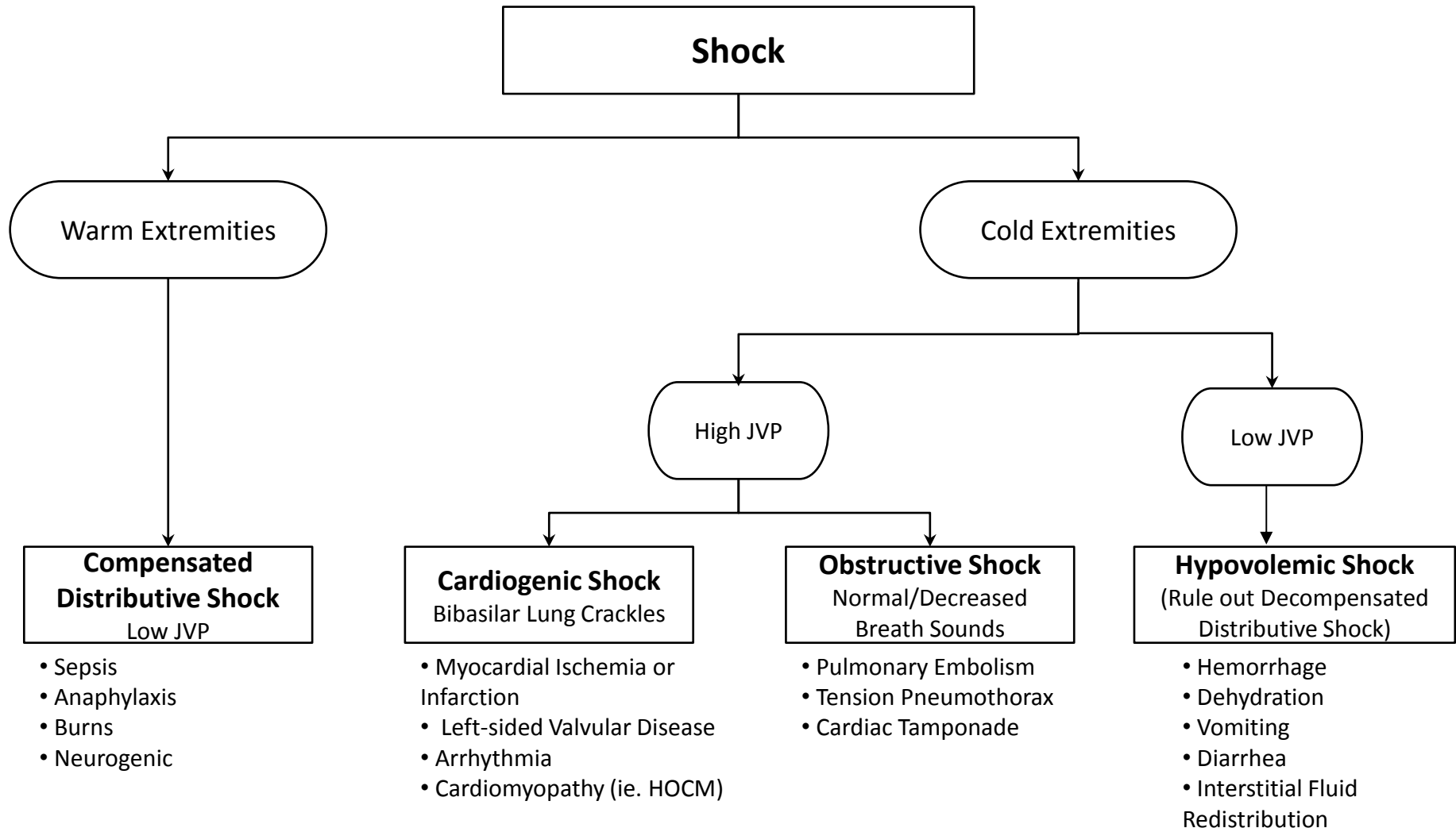
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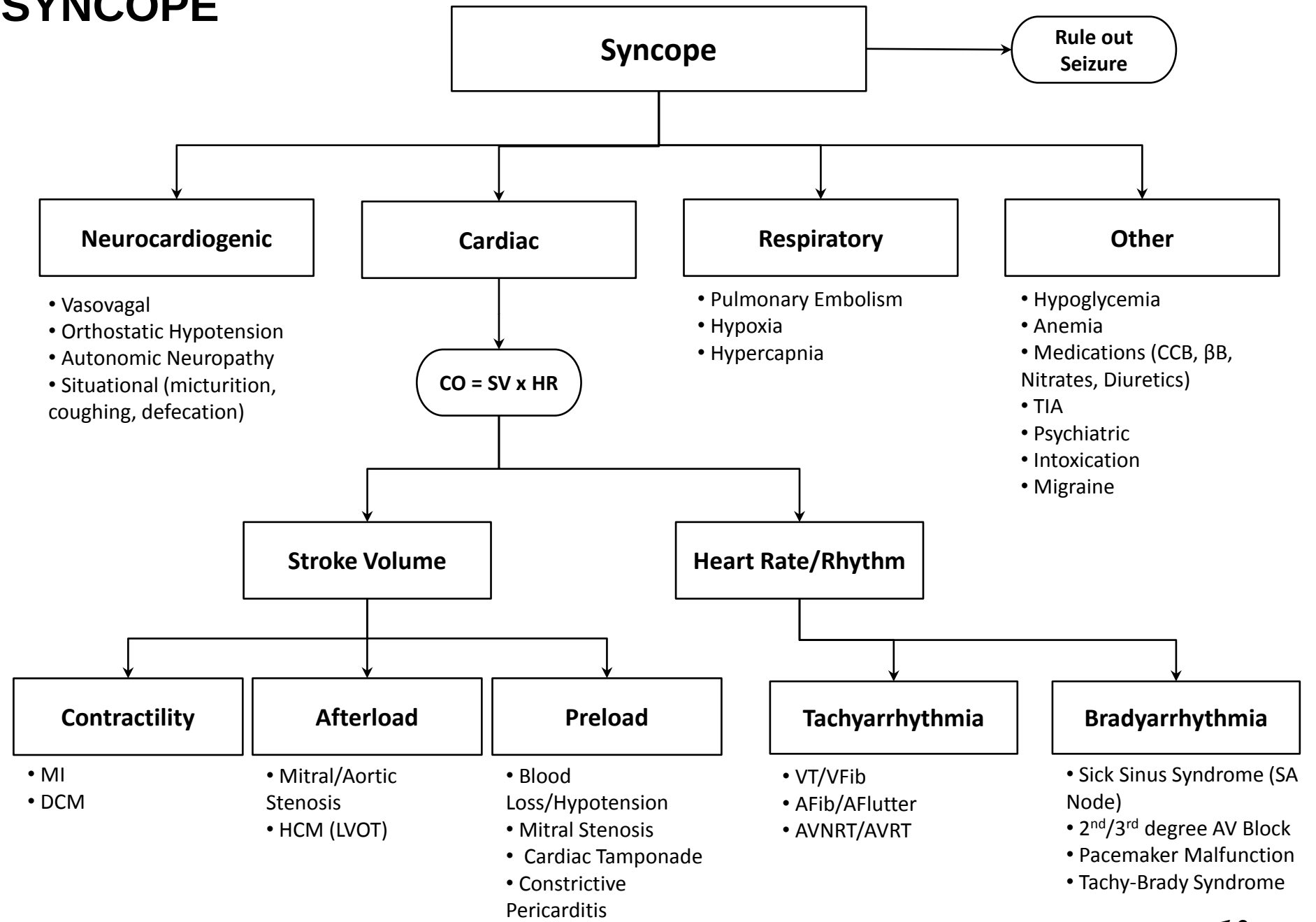
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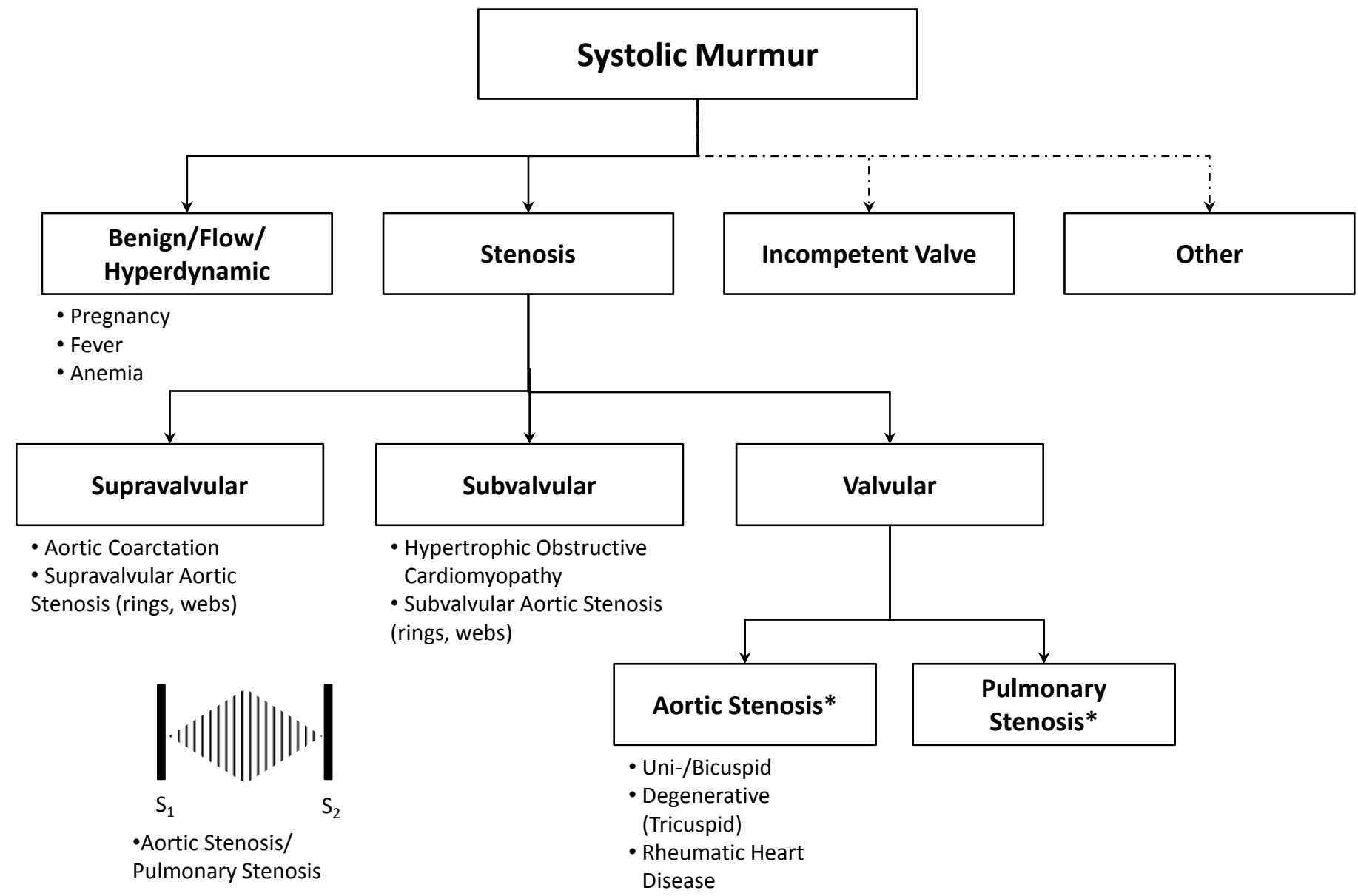
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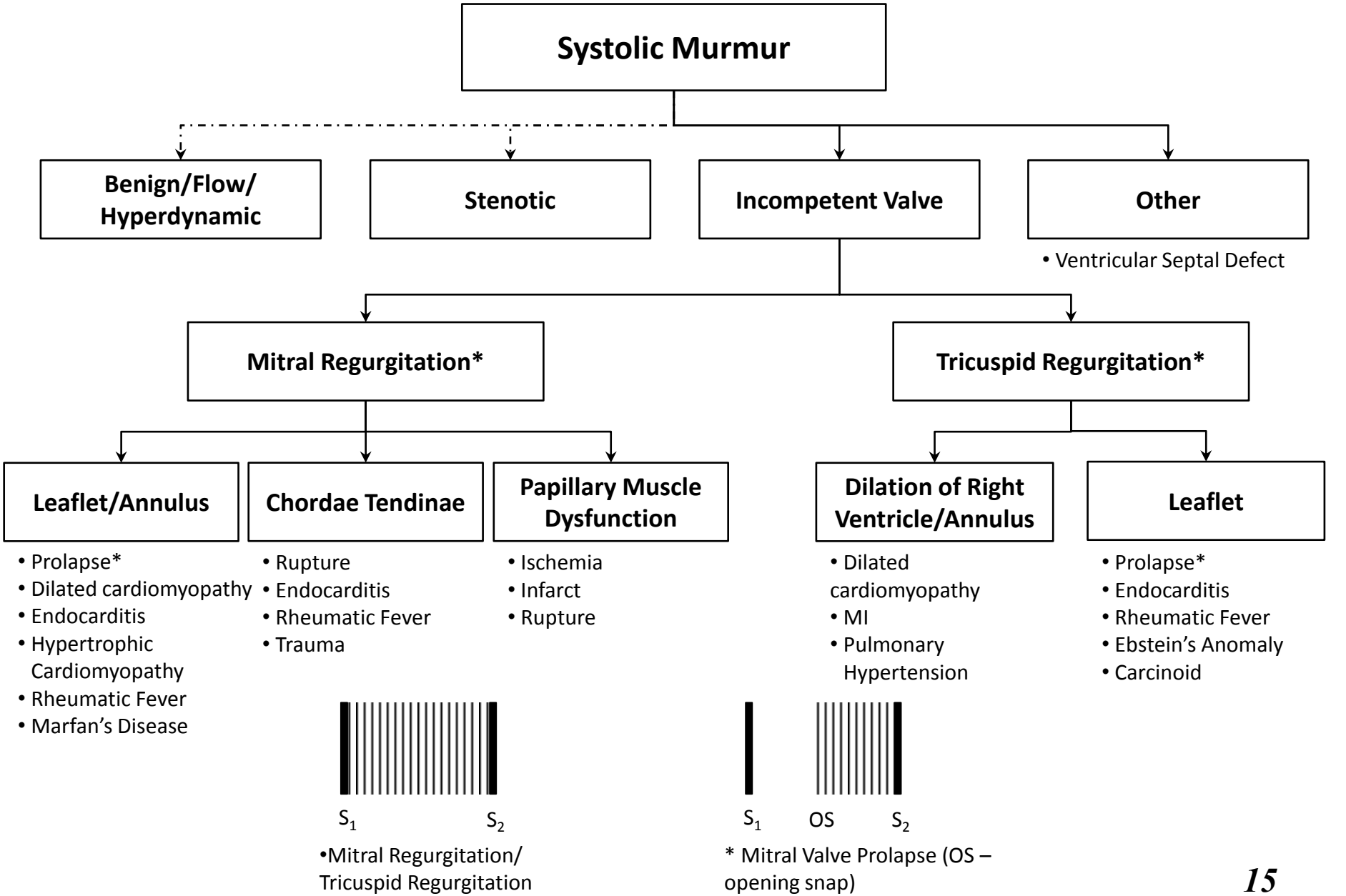
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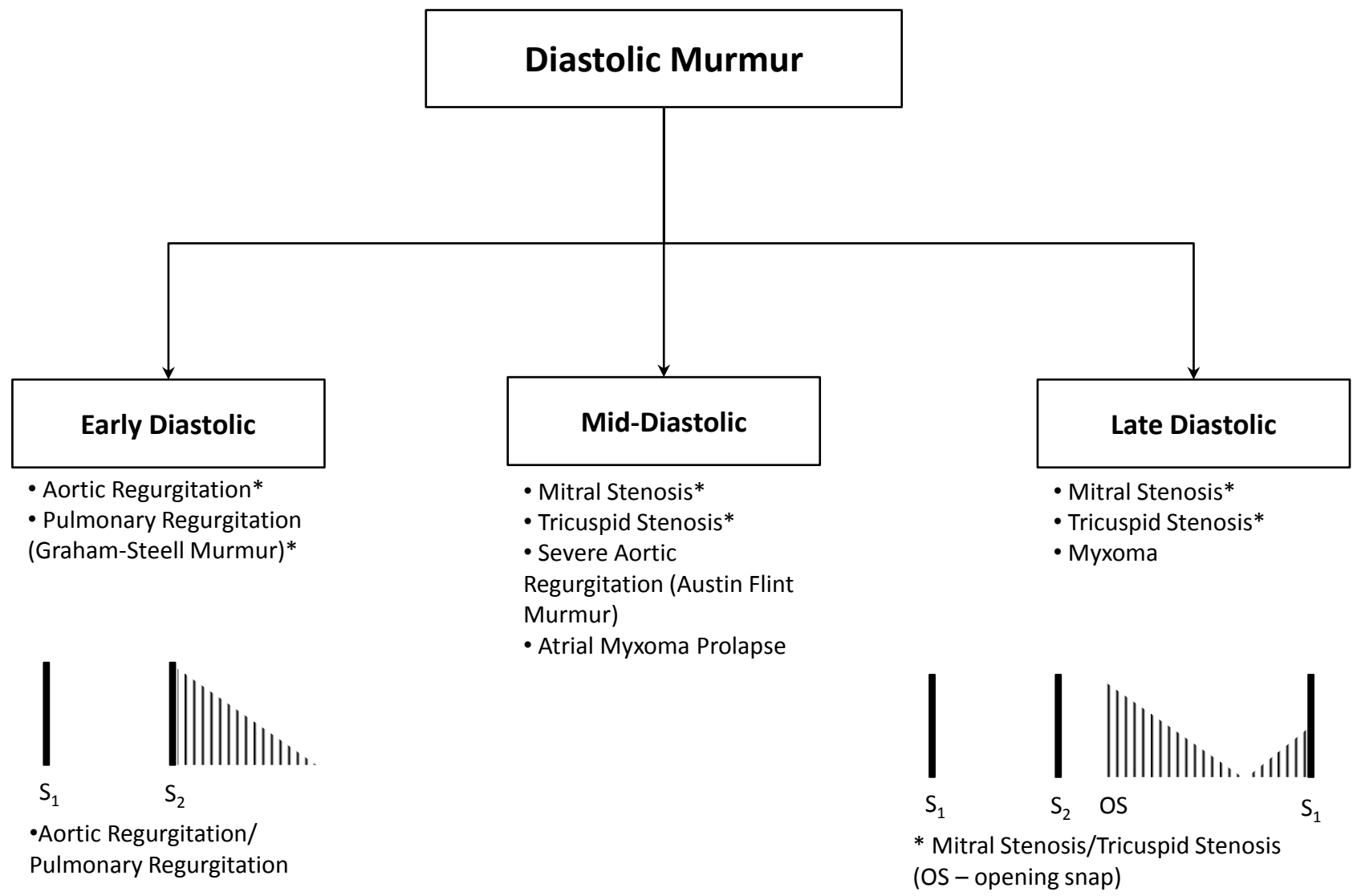
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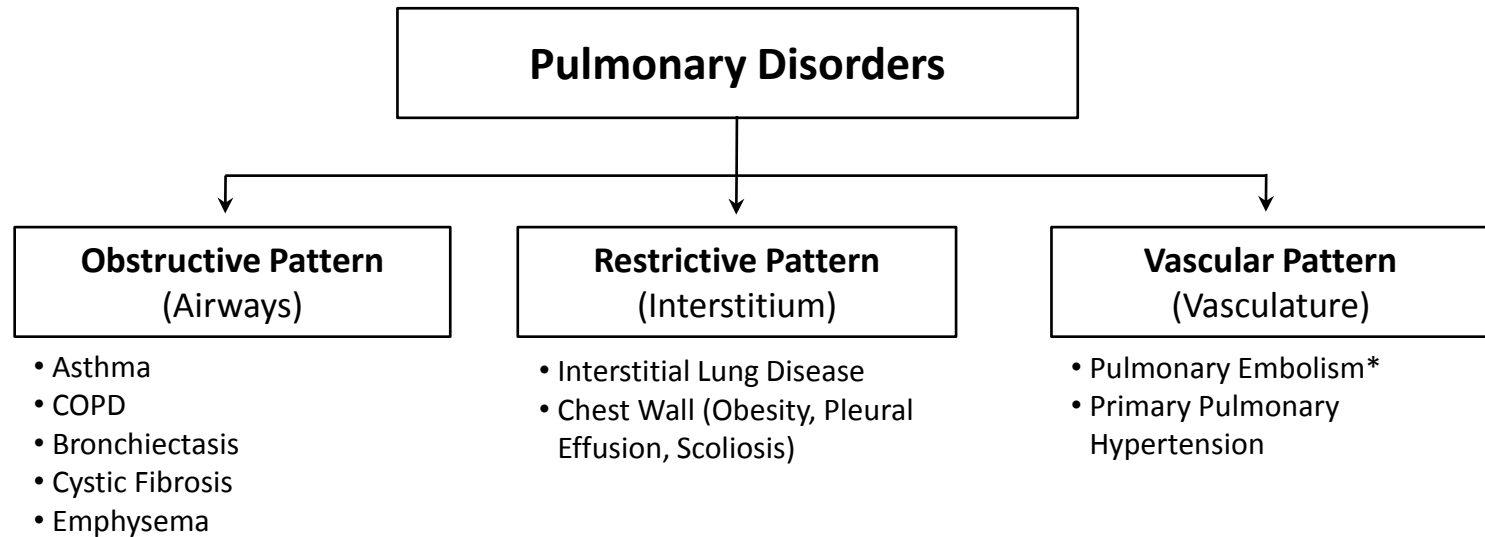
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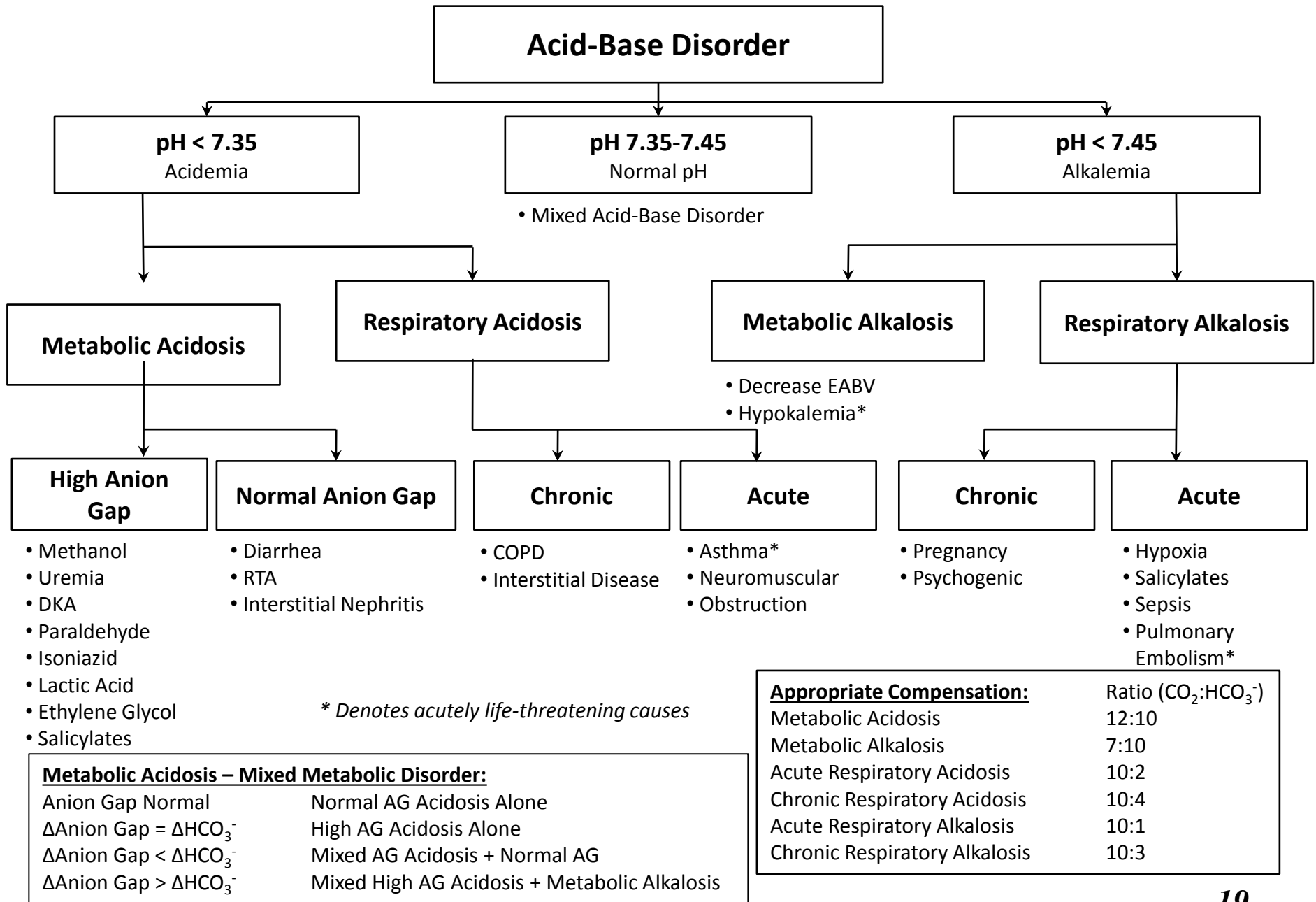
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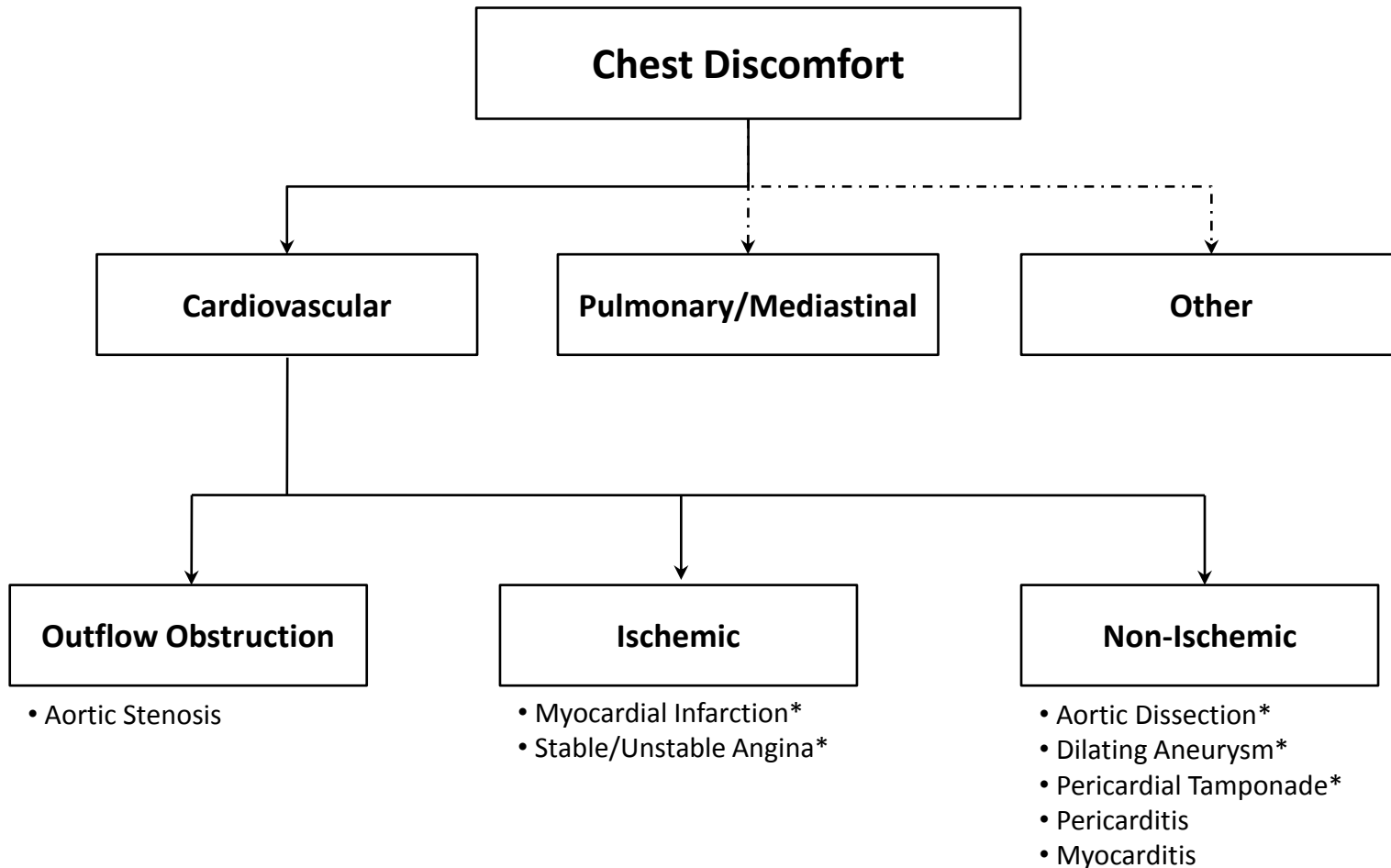
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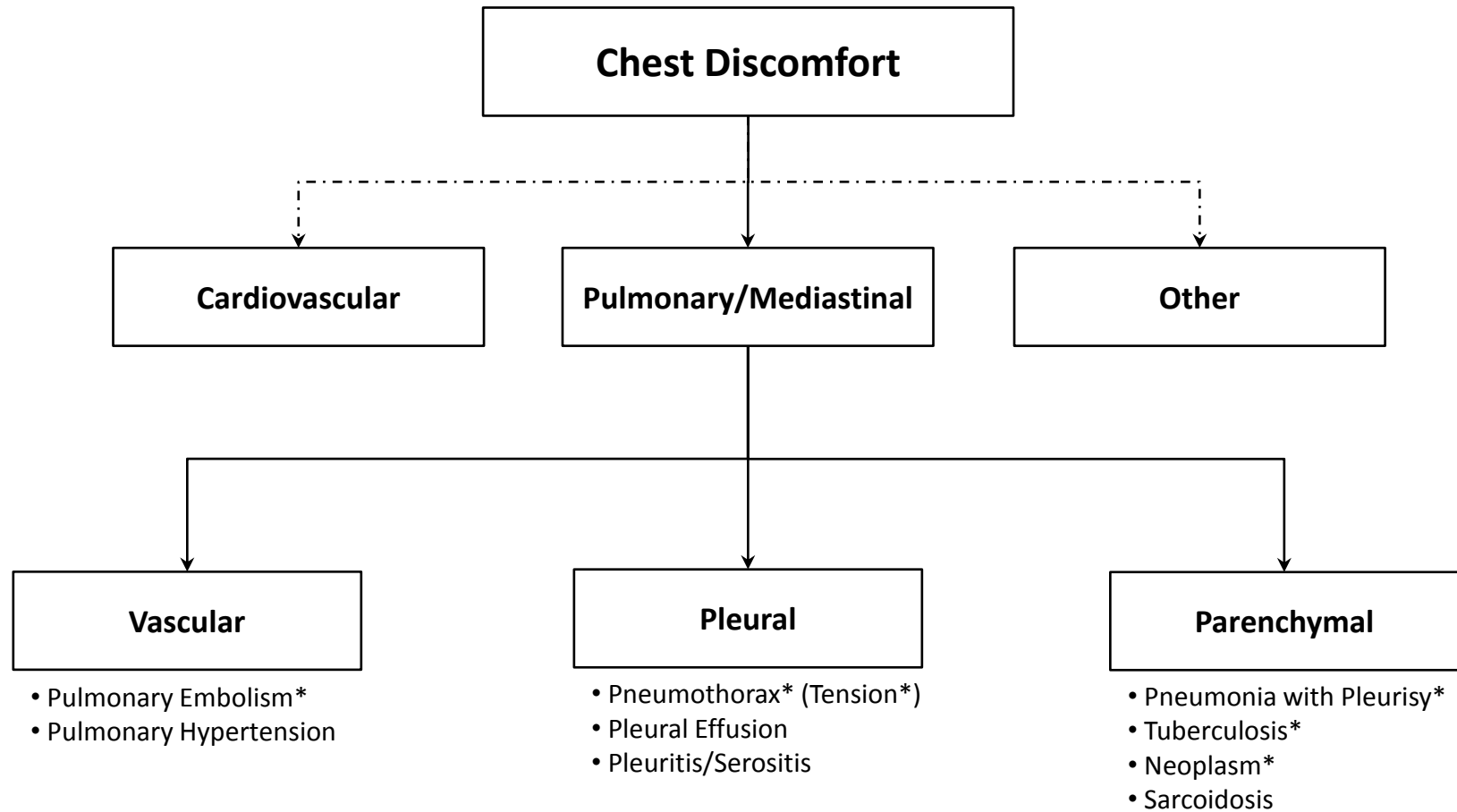
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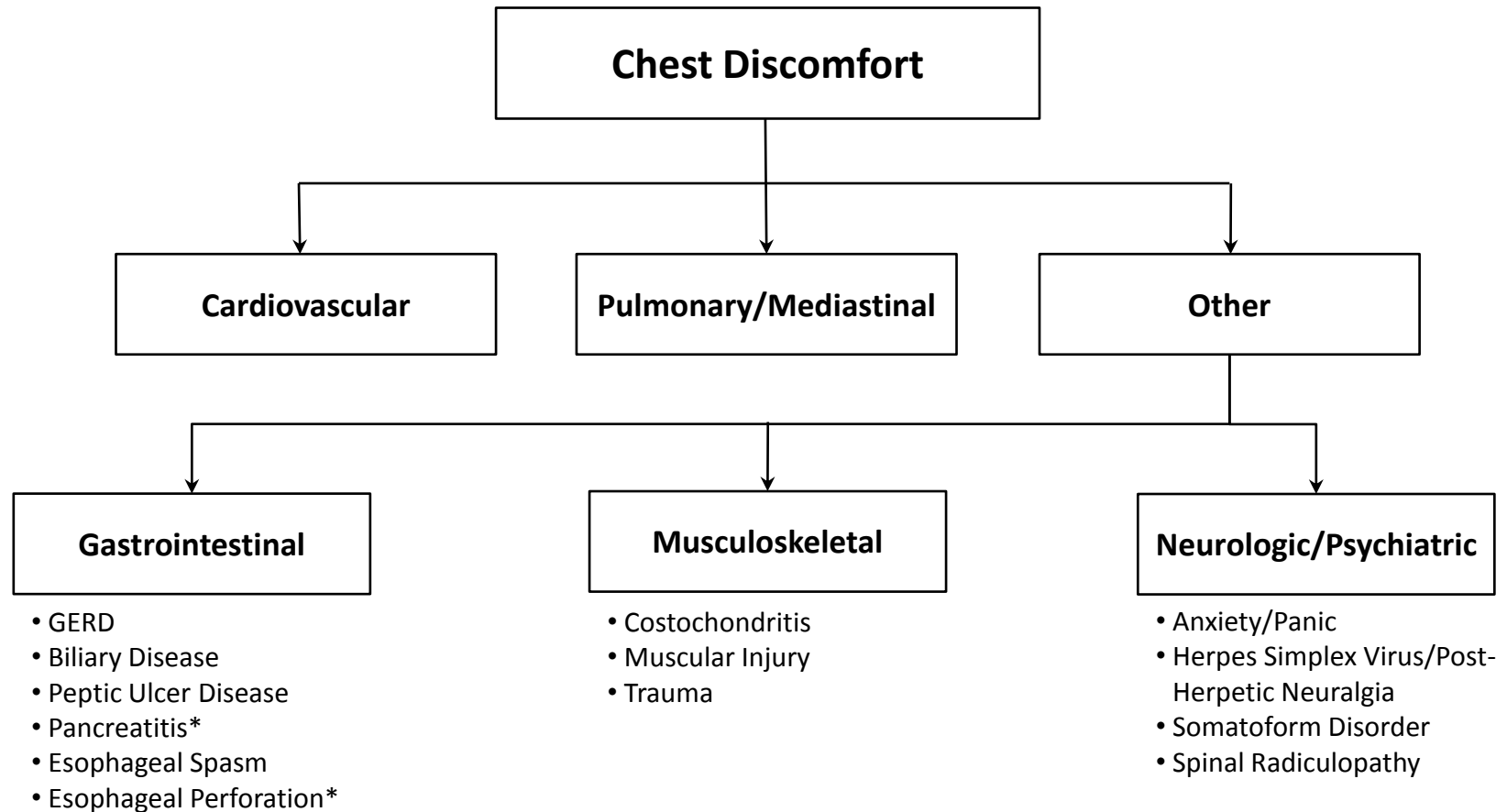


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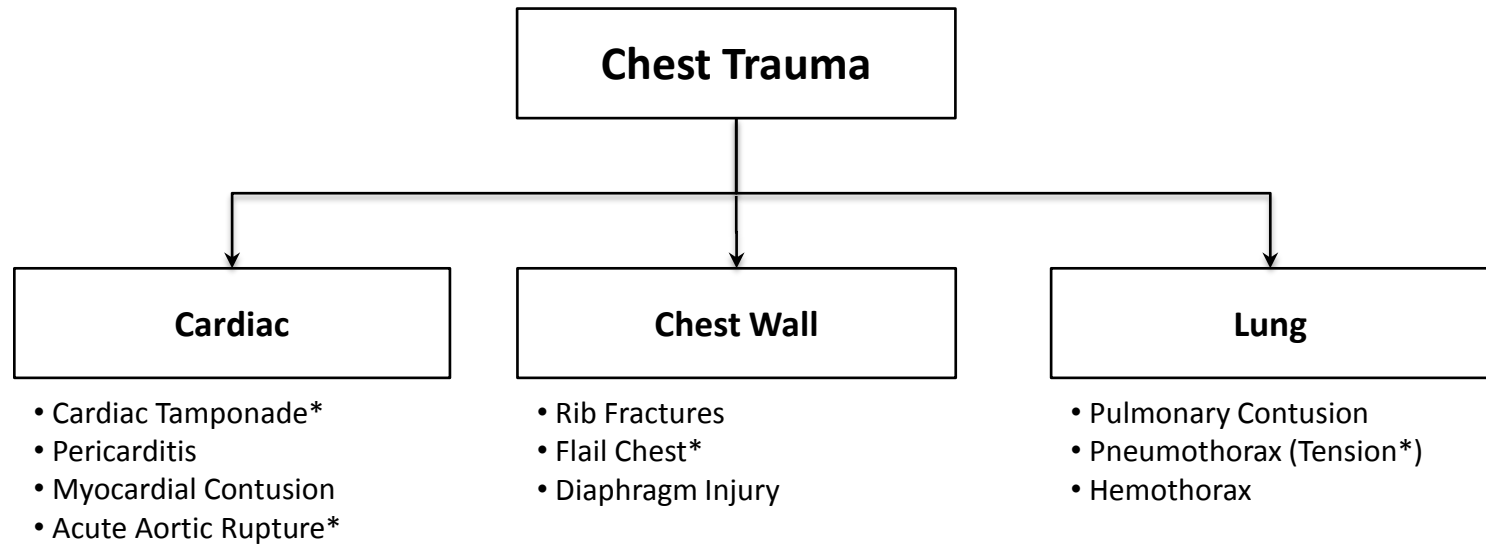


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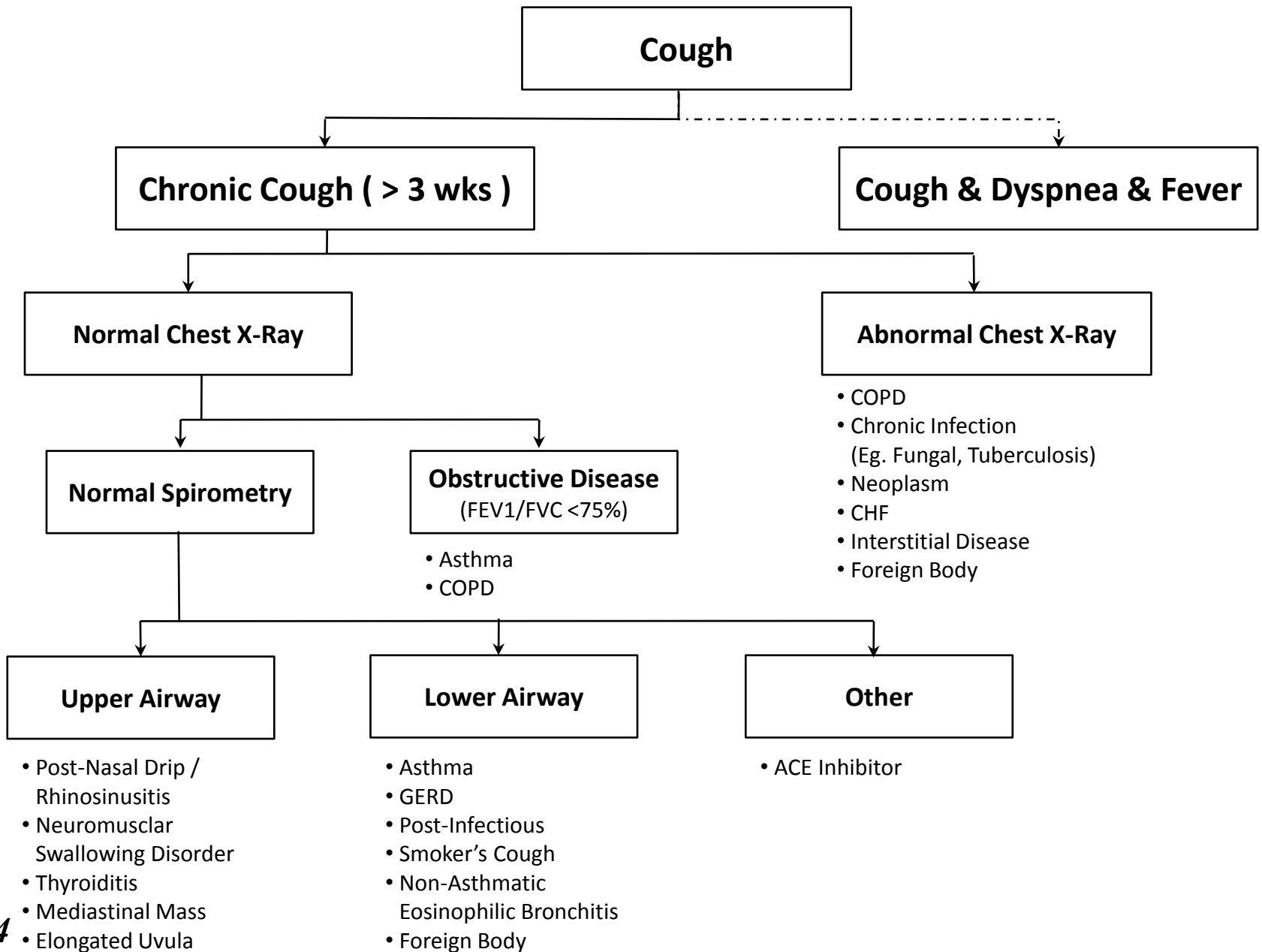


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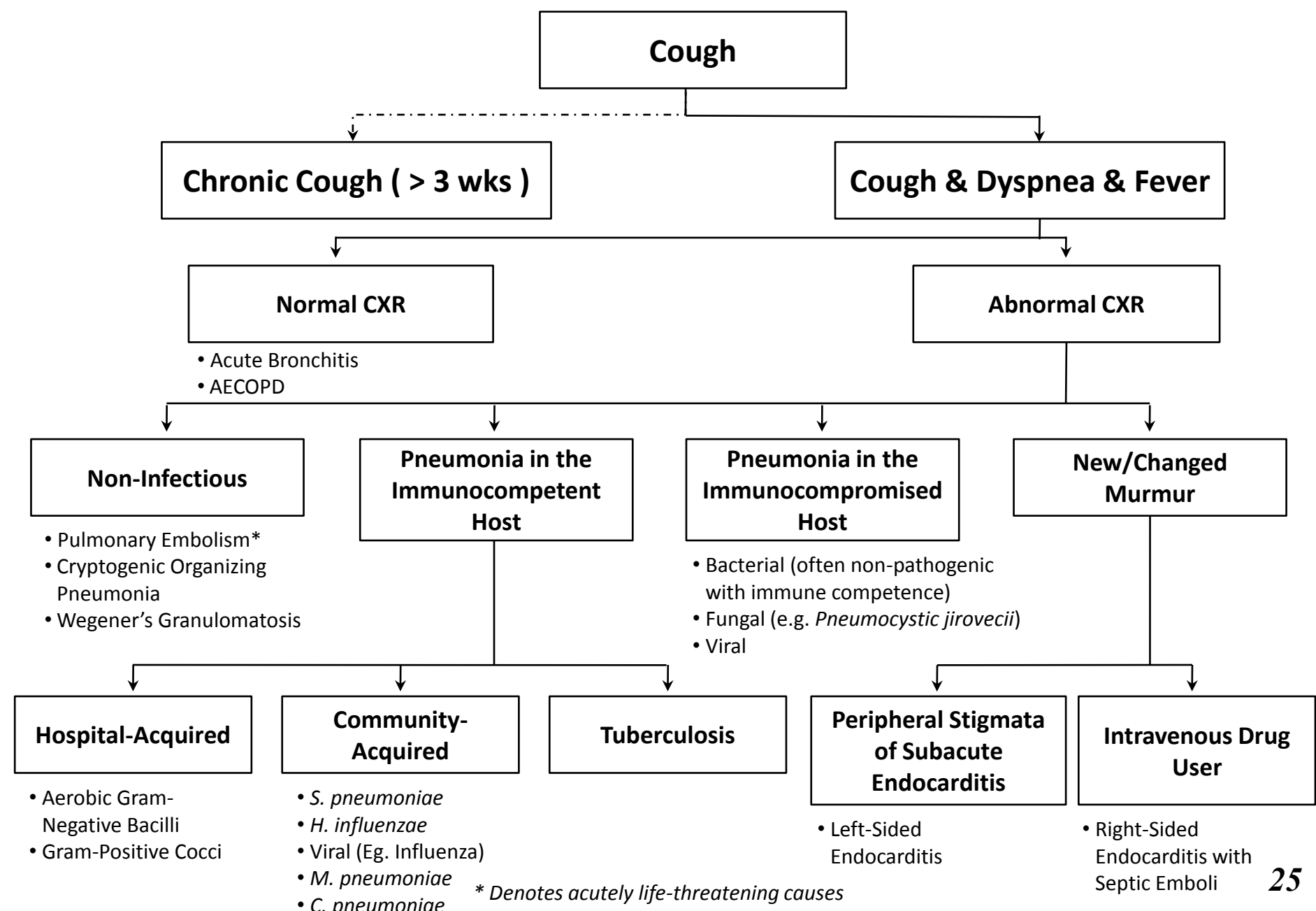


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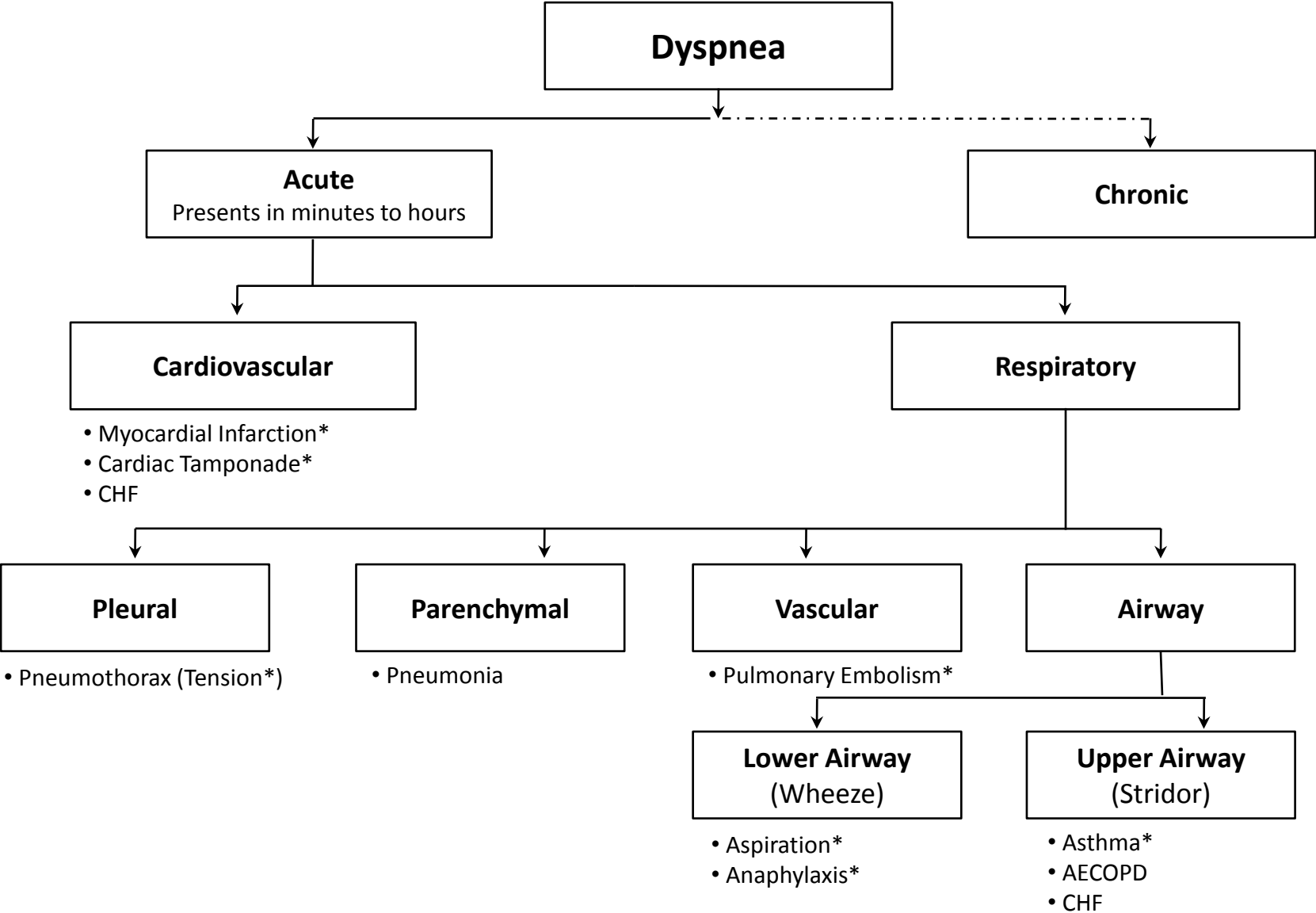
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COUGH: Dyspnea & Fever

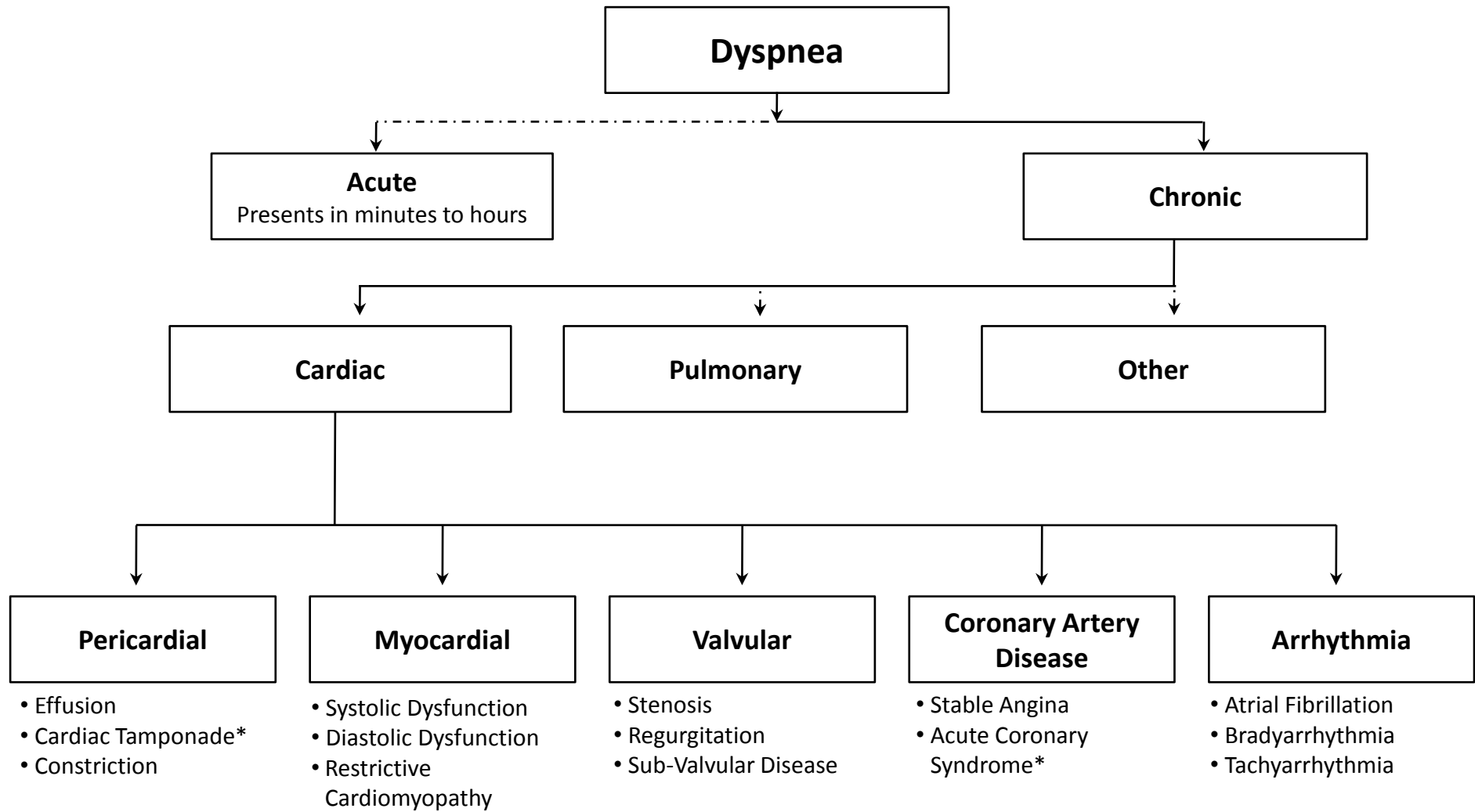


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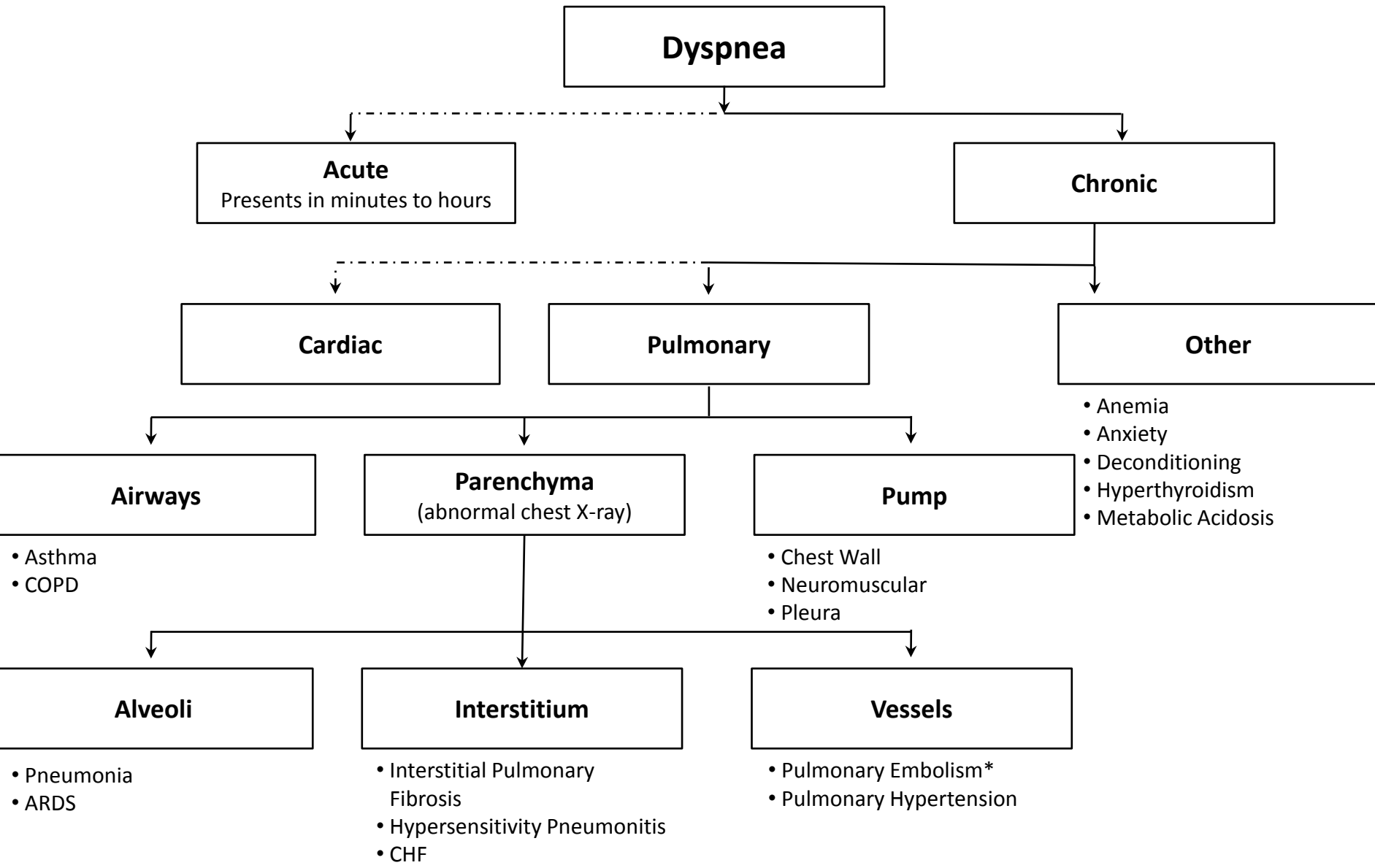
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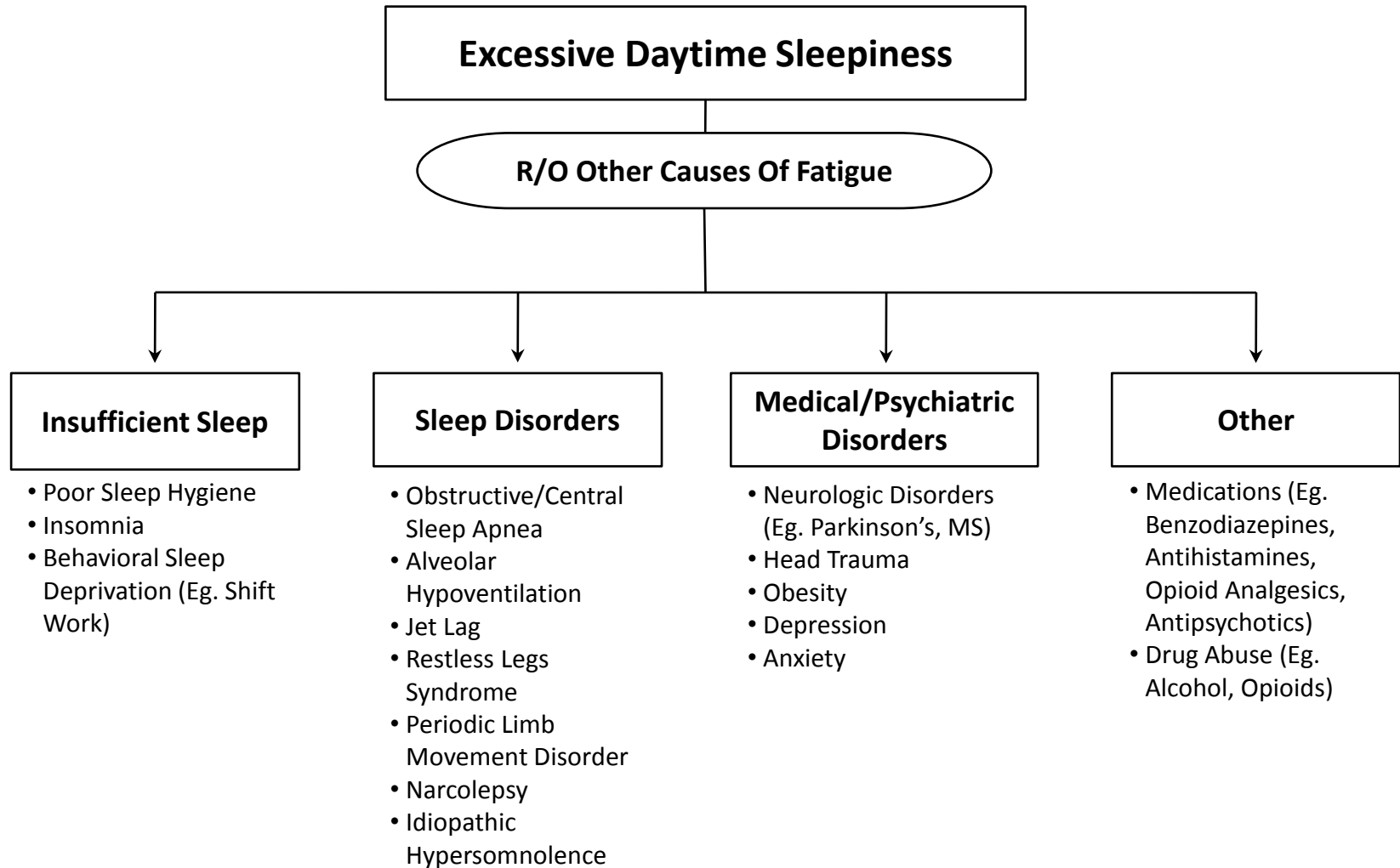


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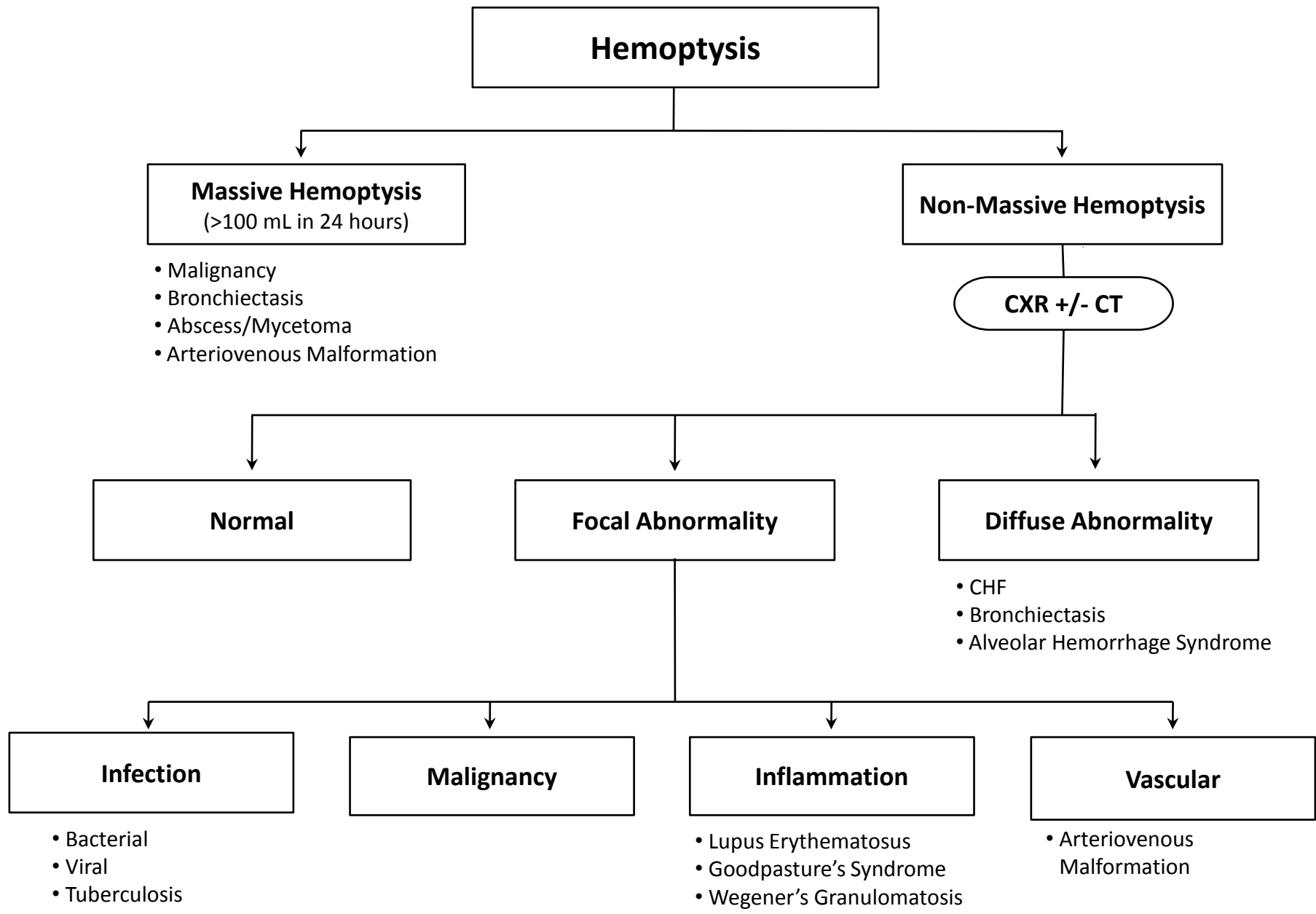
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EXCESSIVE DAYTIME SLEEPINESS



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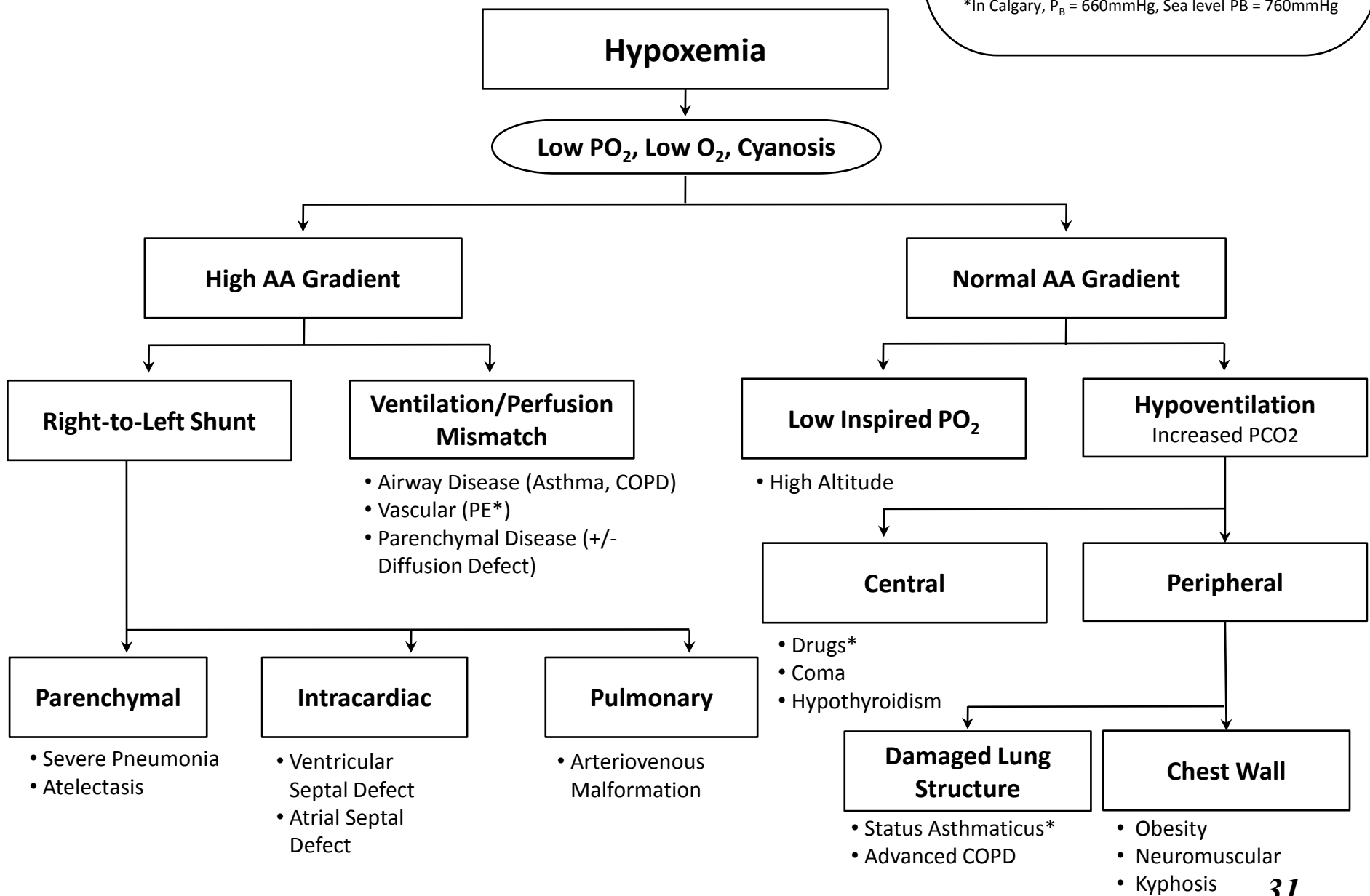


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Alveolar-Arterial Gradient = $P_{A}O_2 - P_{a}O_2$

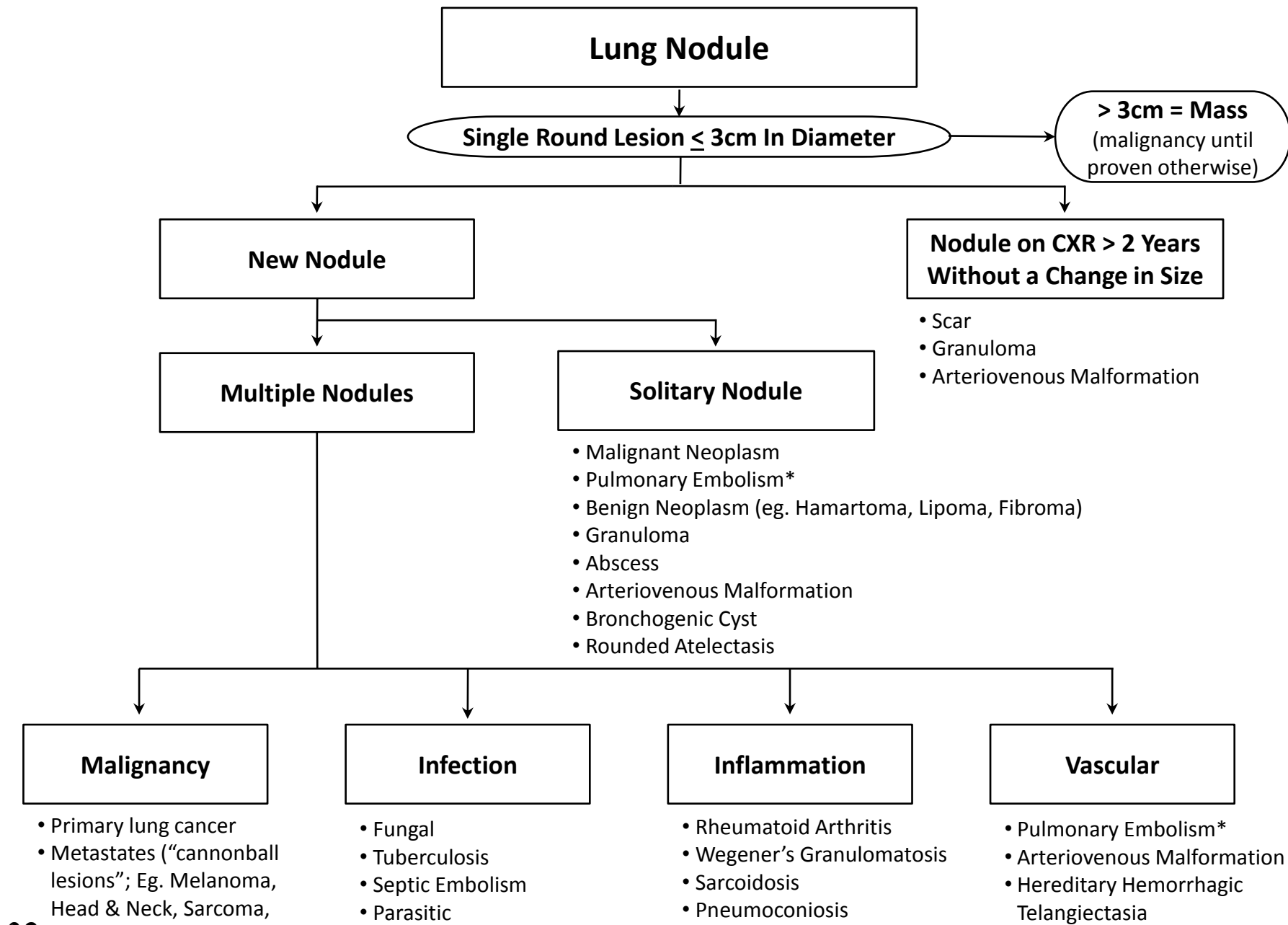
$$P_{A}O_2 = F_iO_2 (P_B - PH_2O) - (P_aCO_2/0.8)$$

*In Calgary, $P_B = 660\text{mmHg}$, Sea level $PB = 760\text{mmHg}$



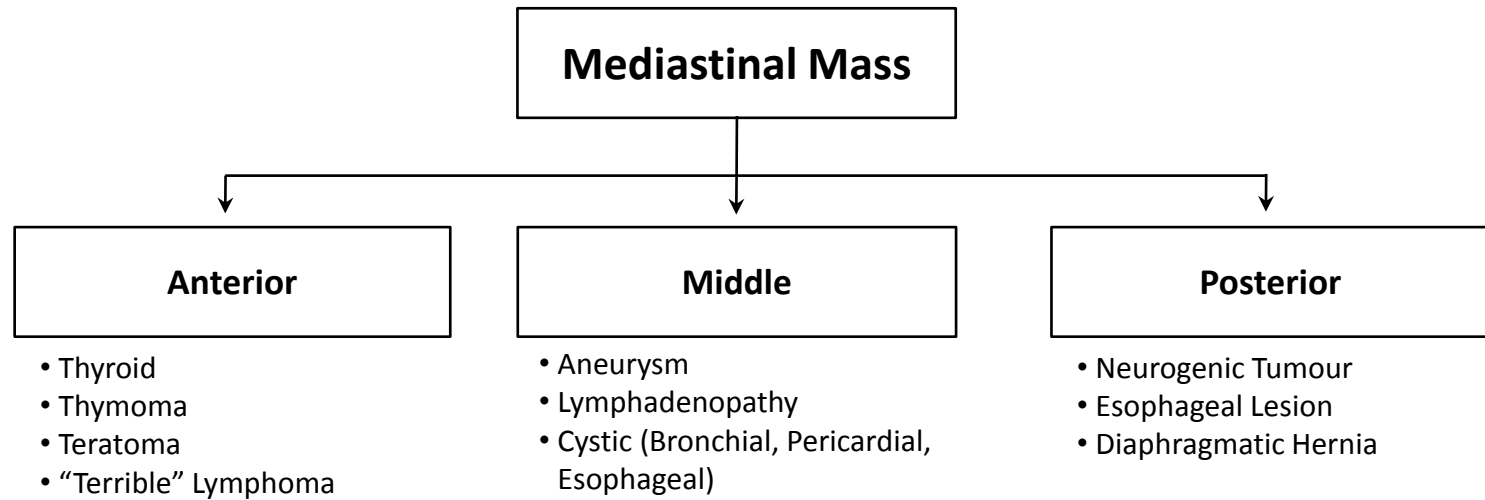
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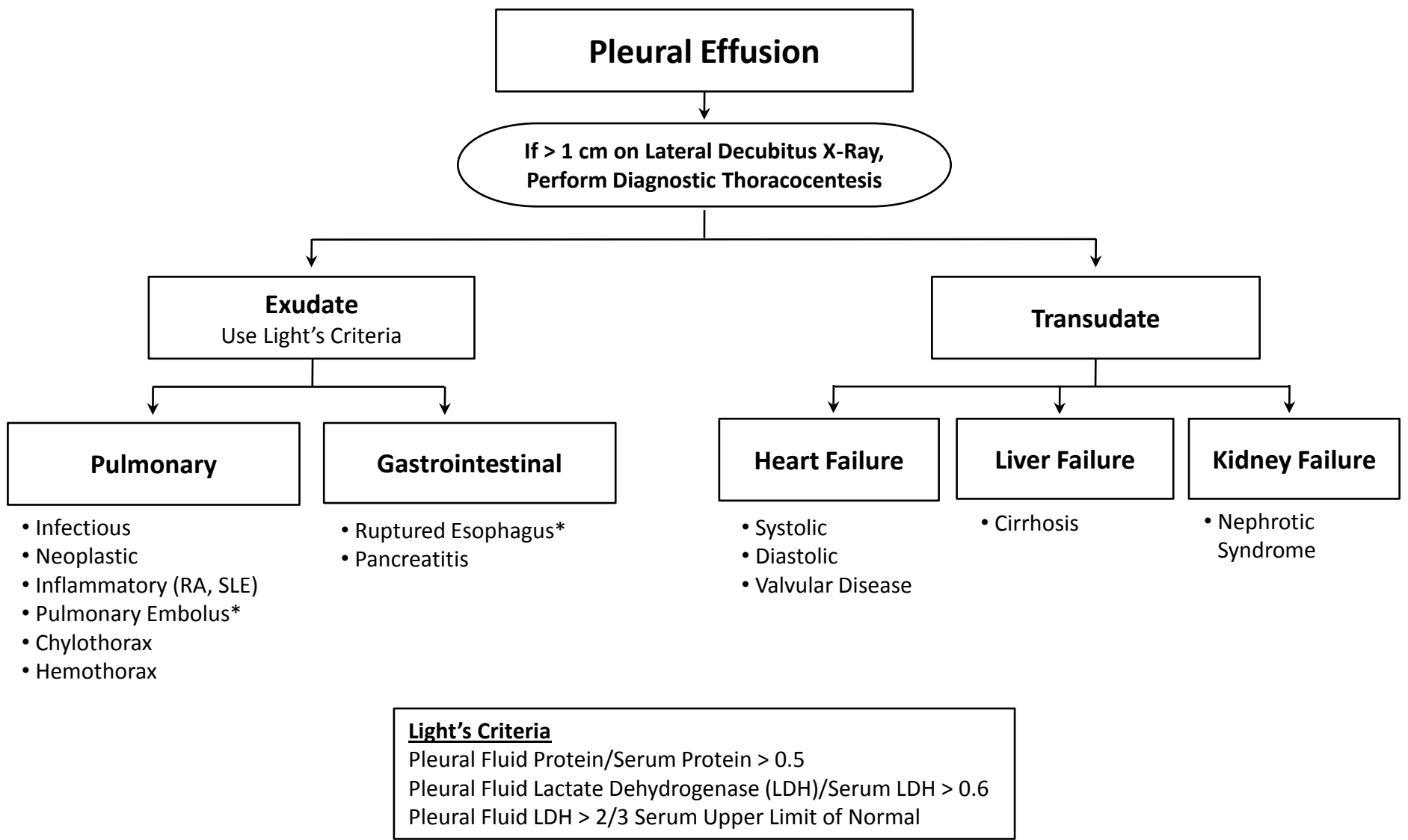


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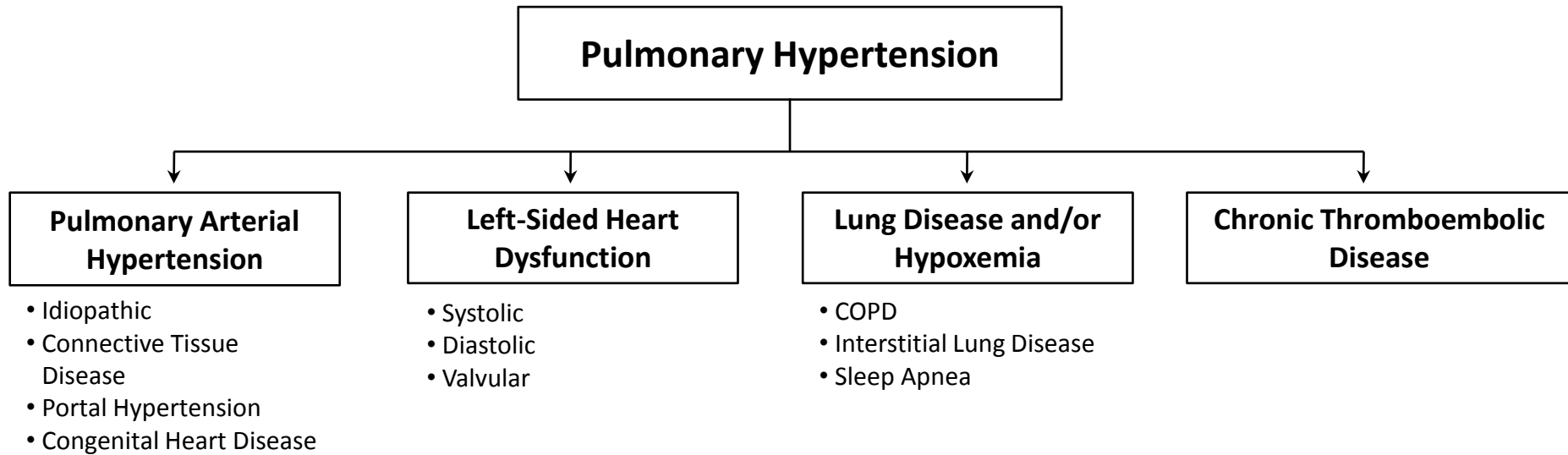


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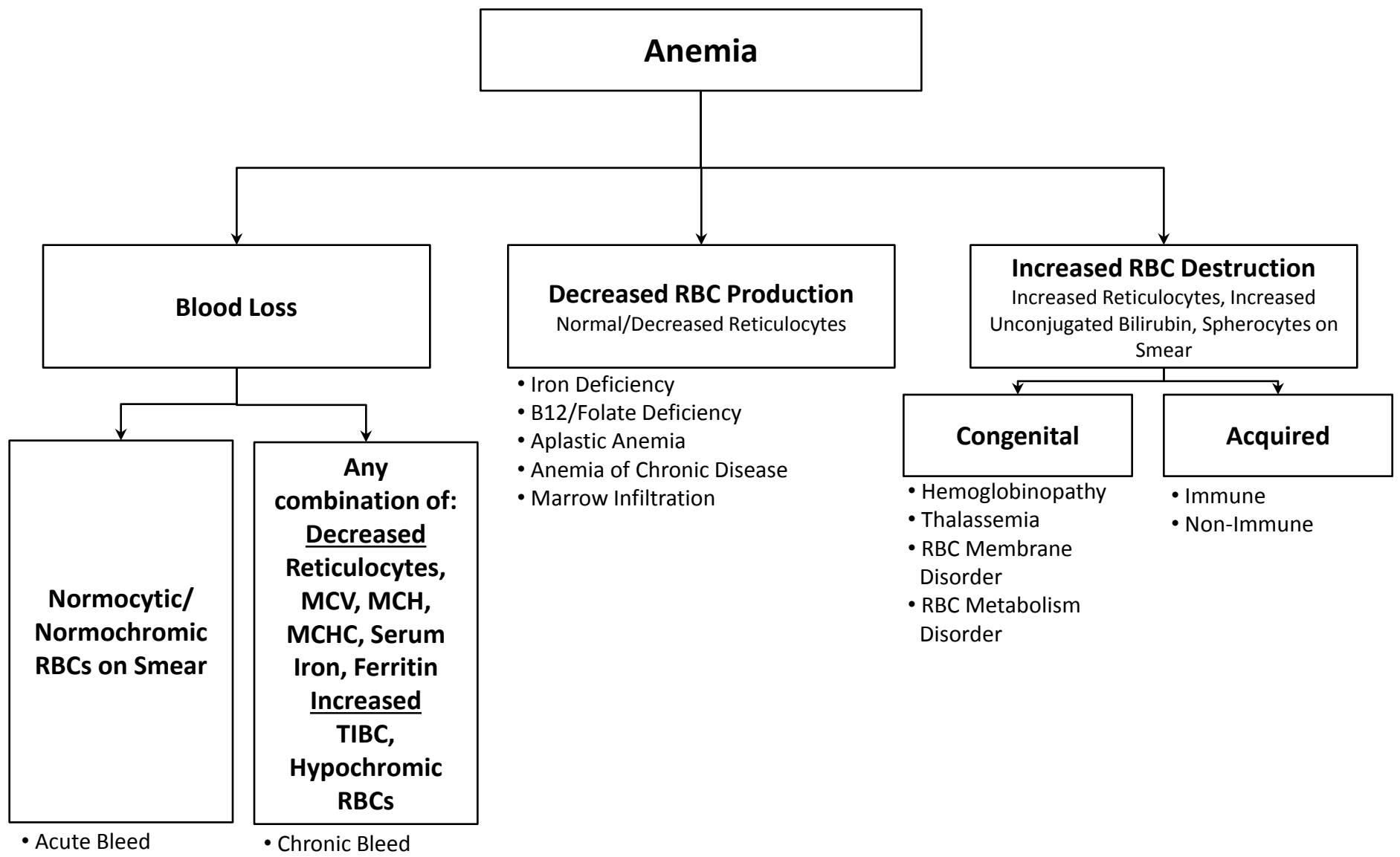
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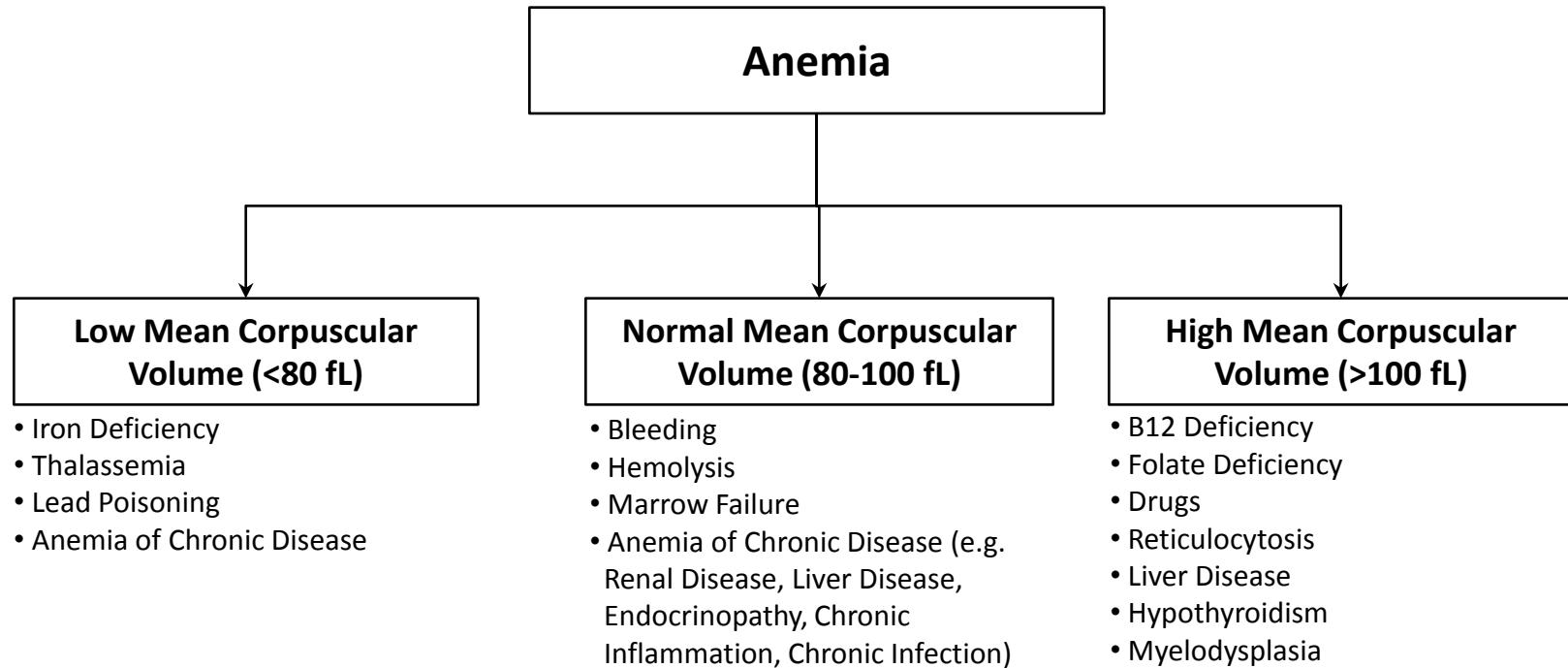
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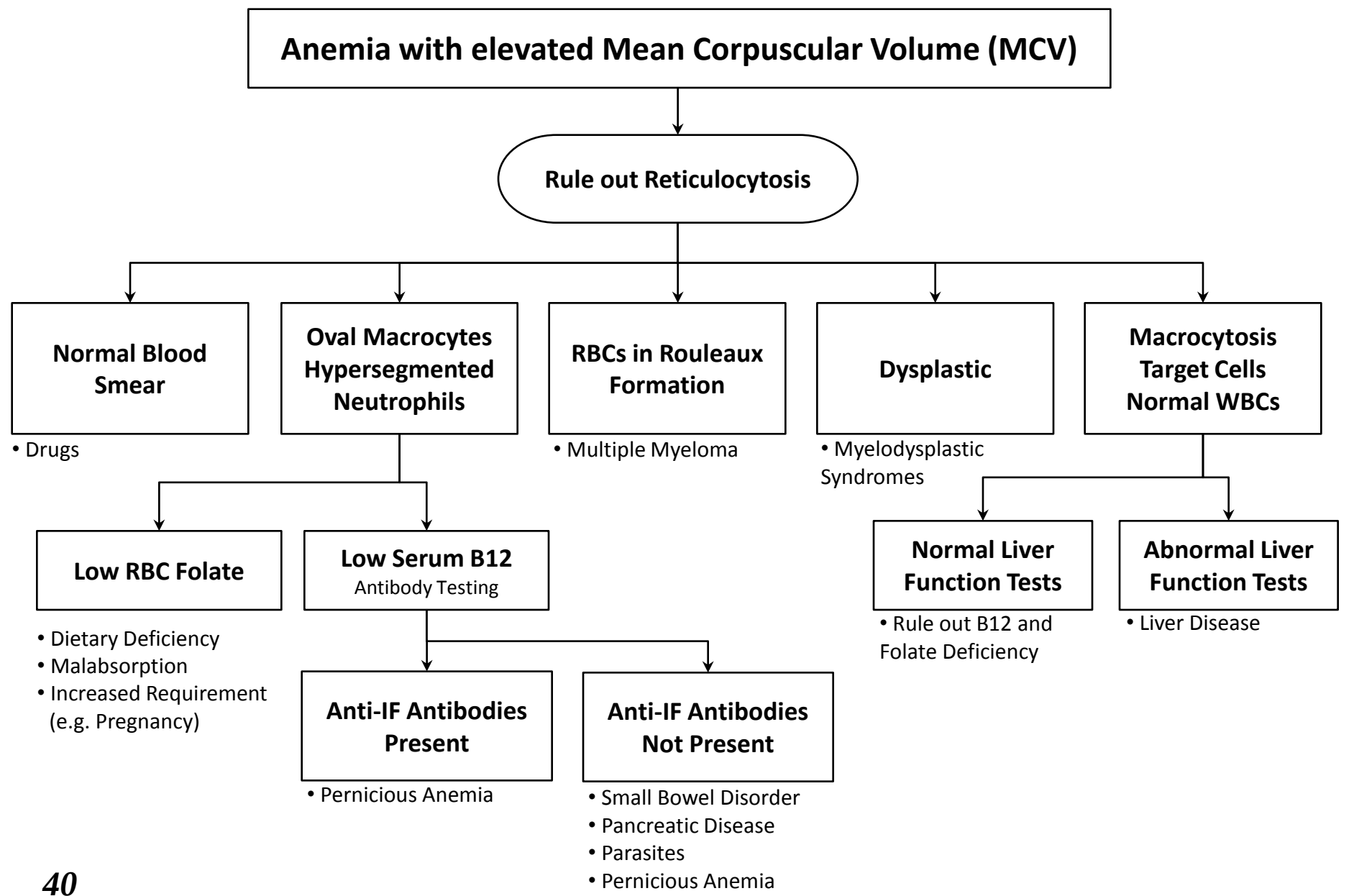
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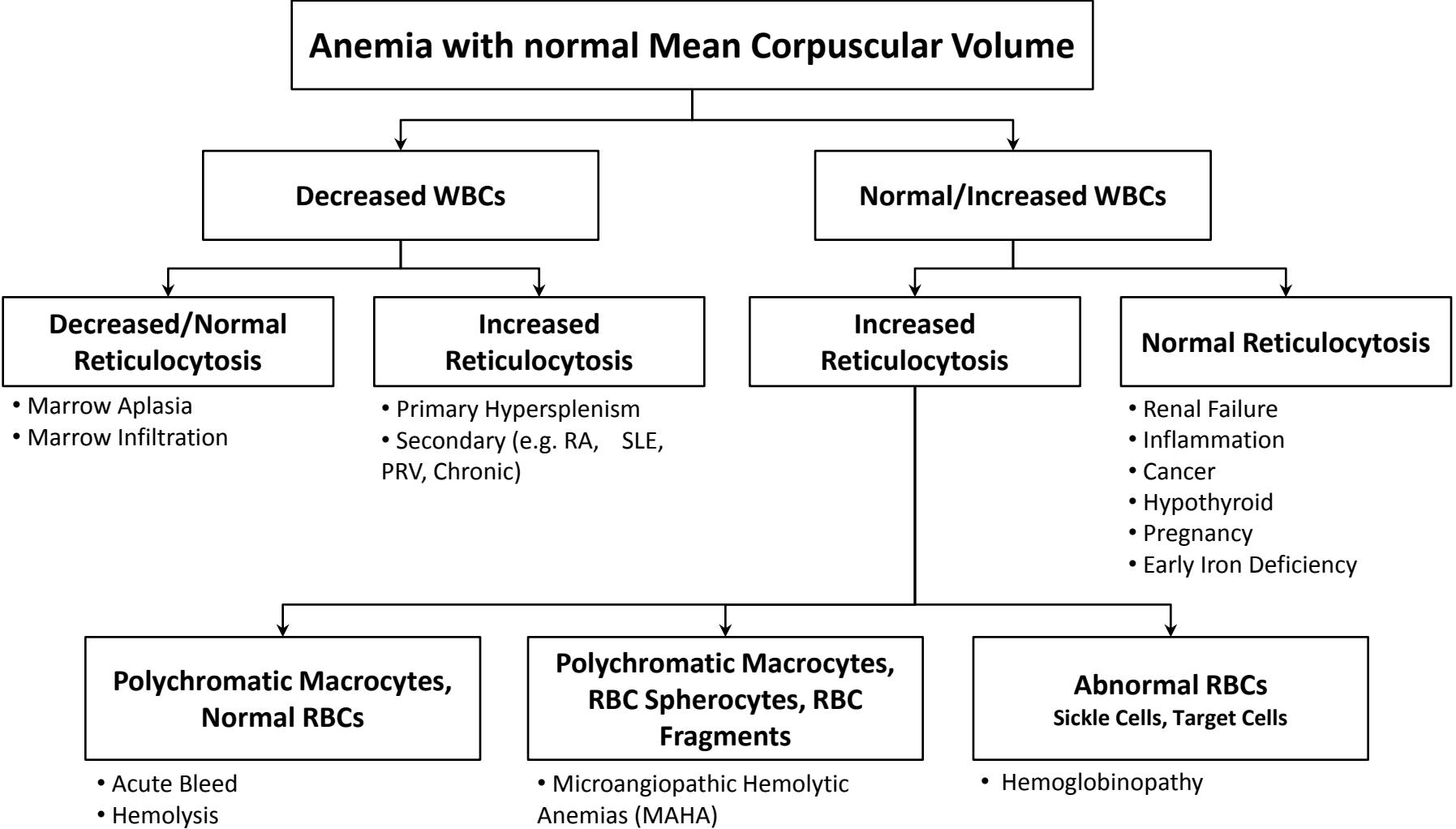
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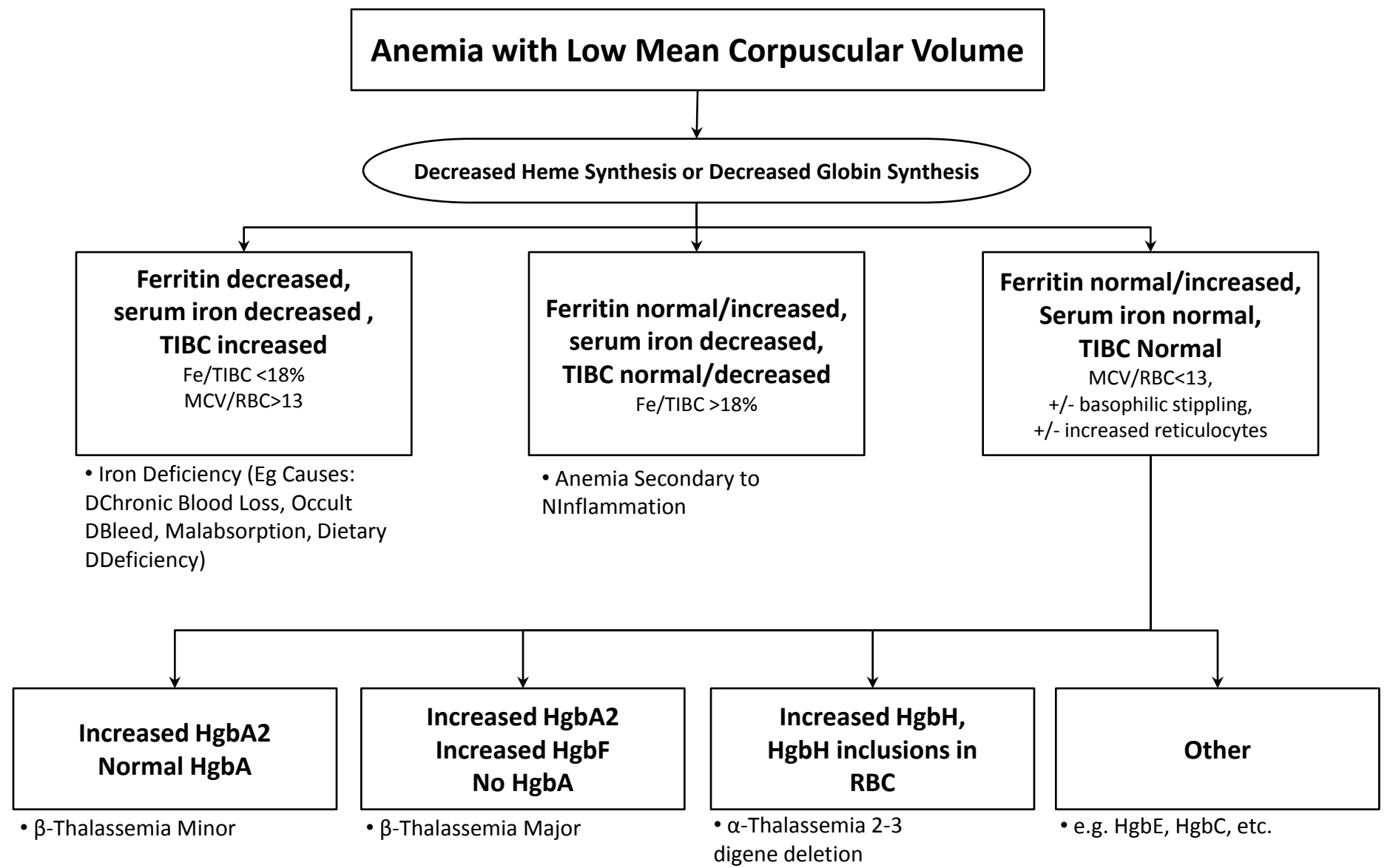
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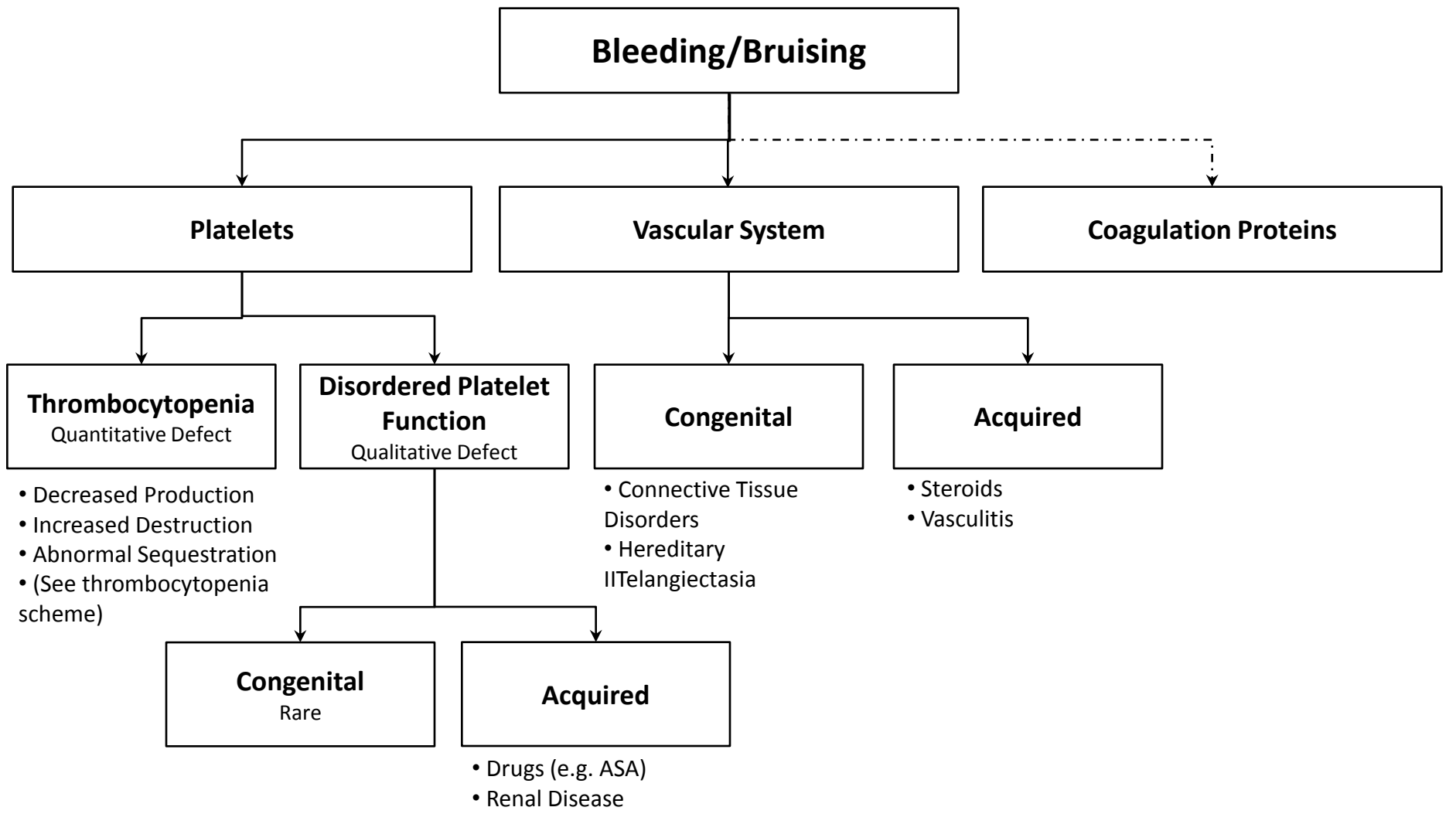


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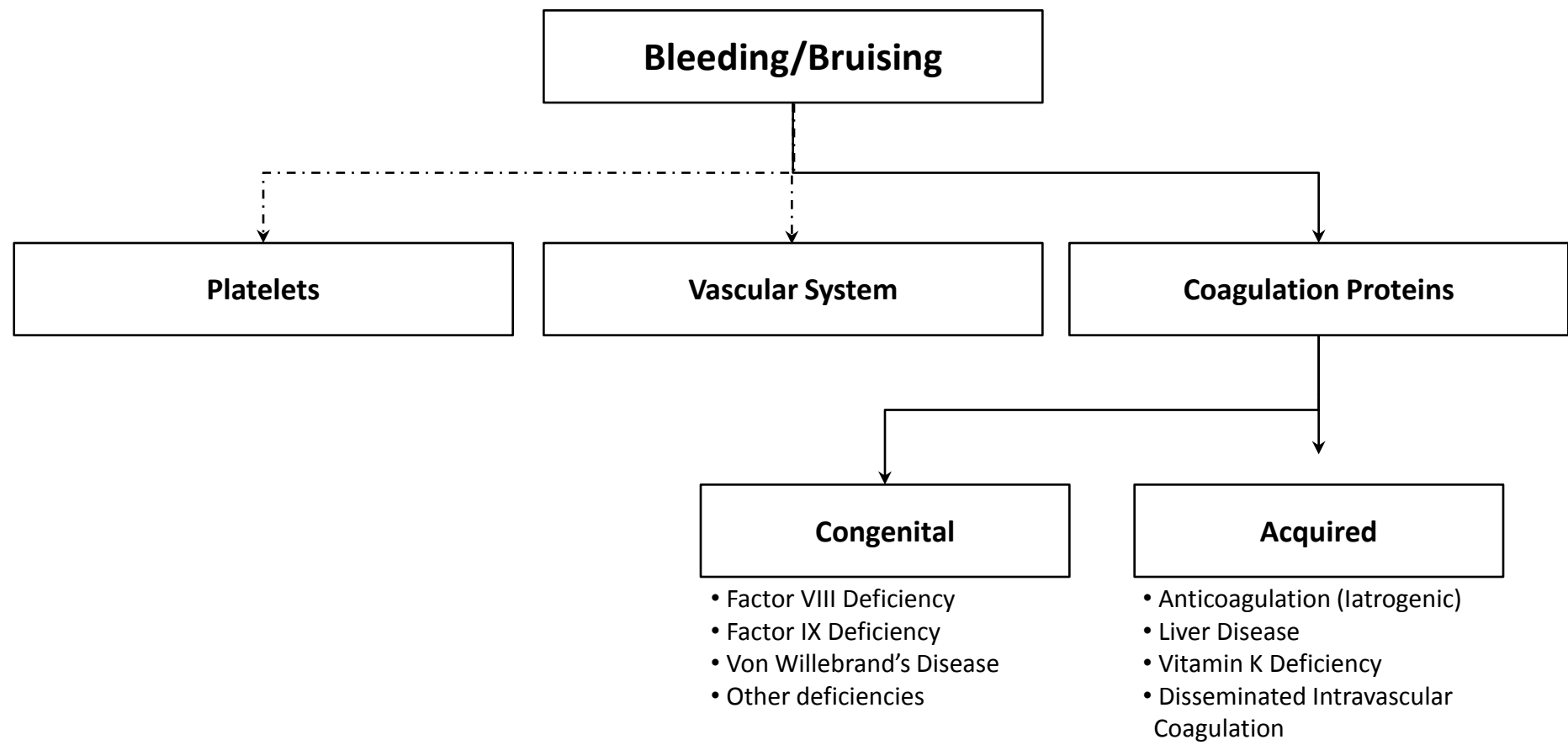


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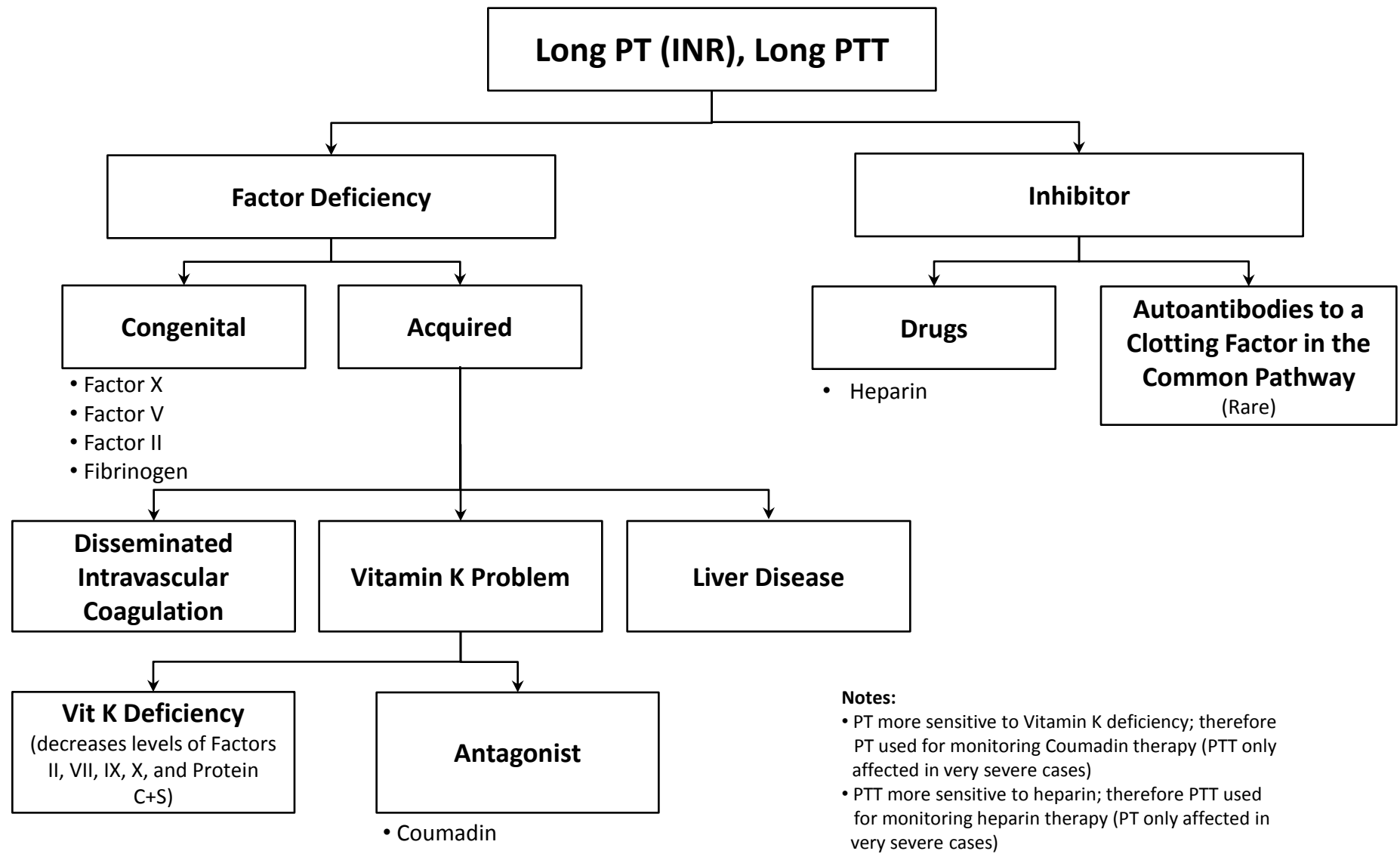
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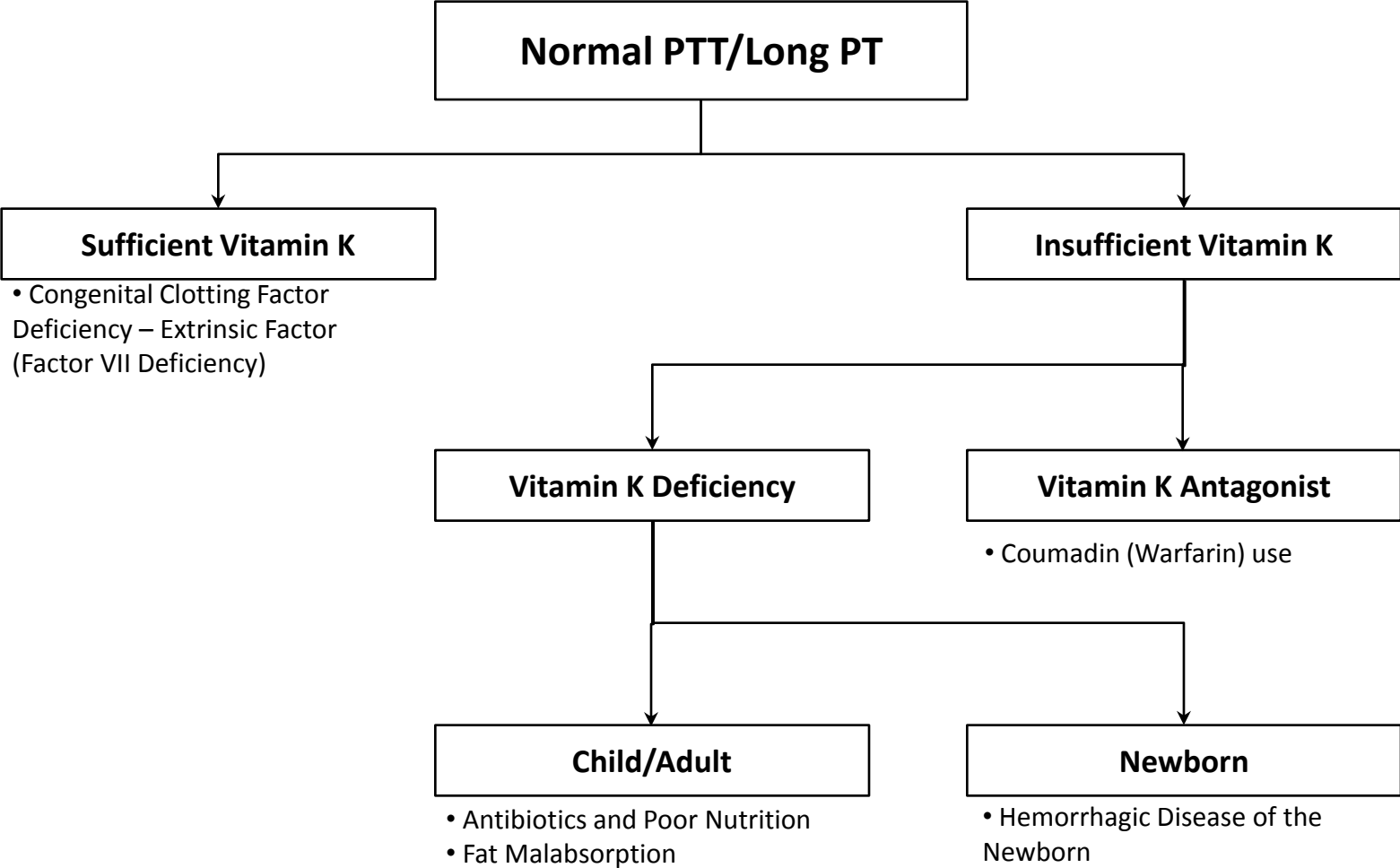
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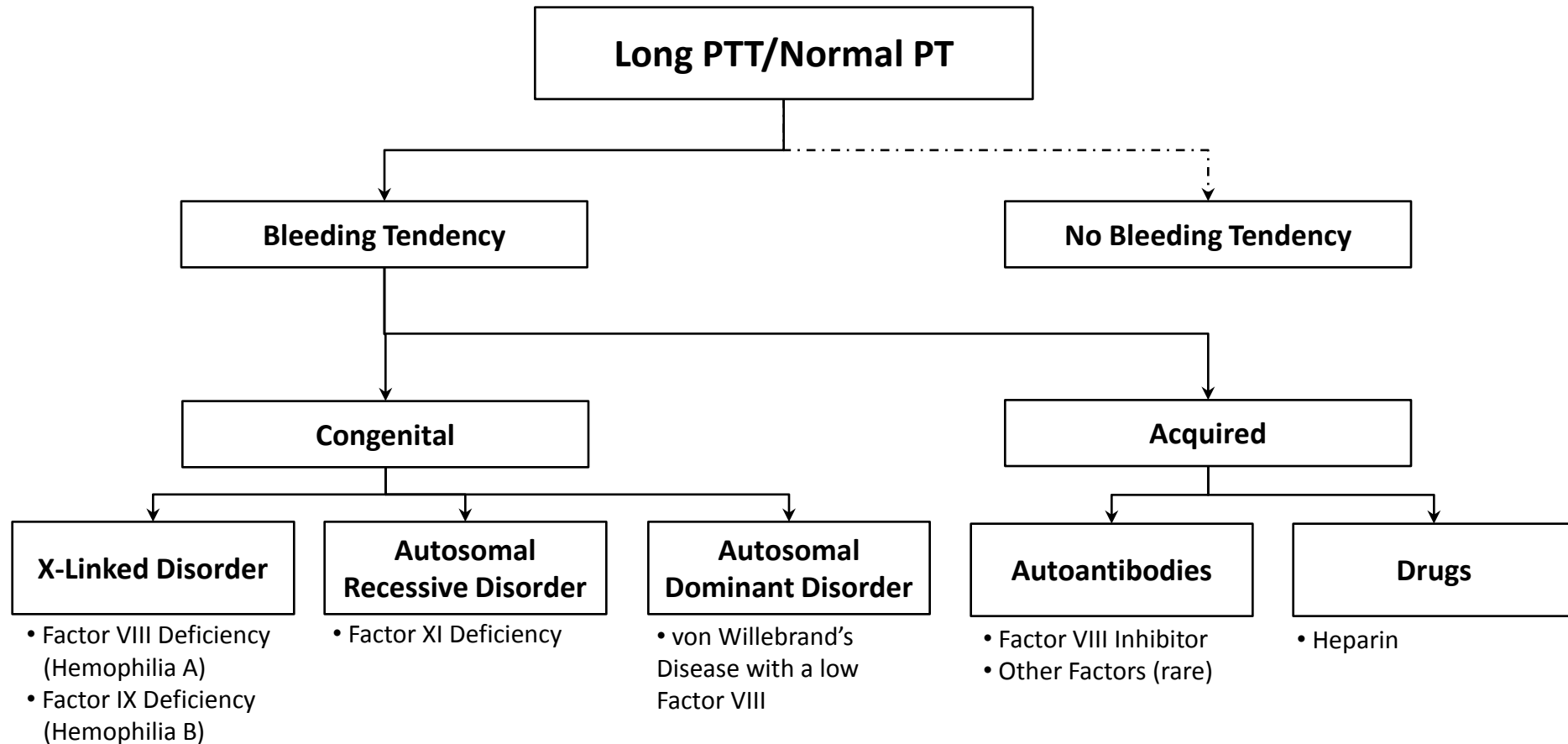
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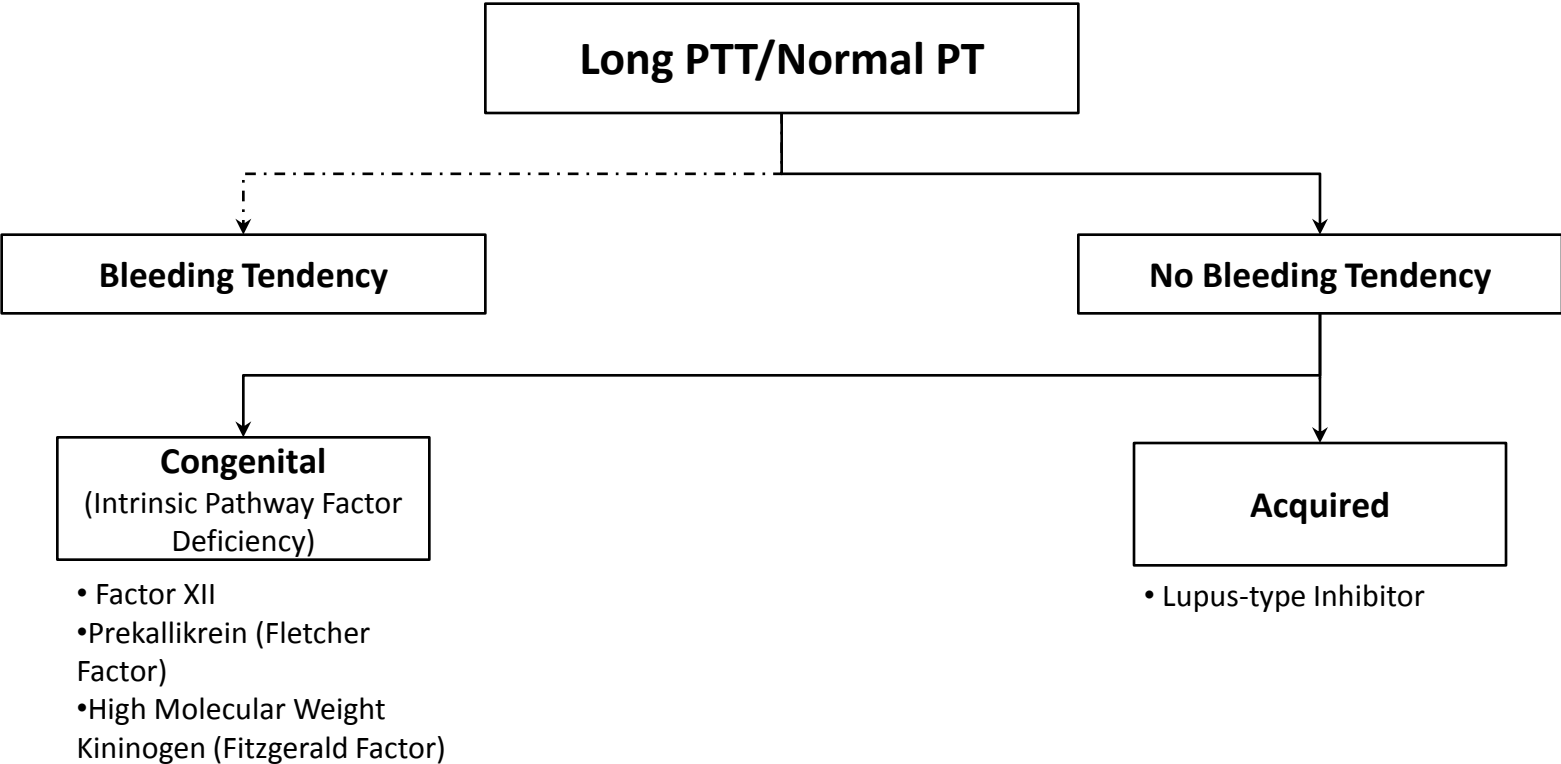
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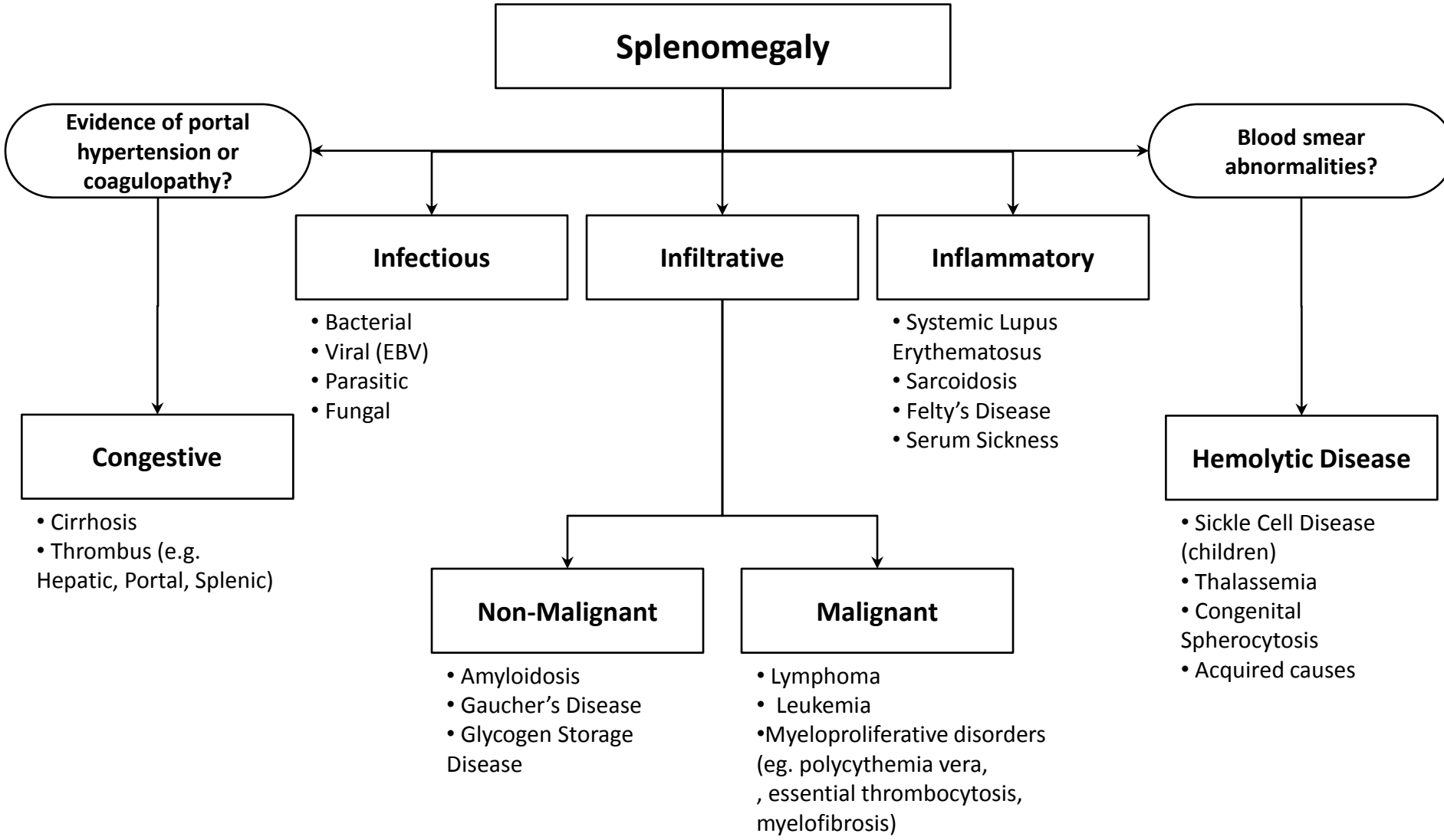
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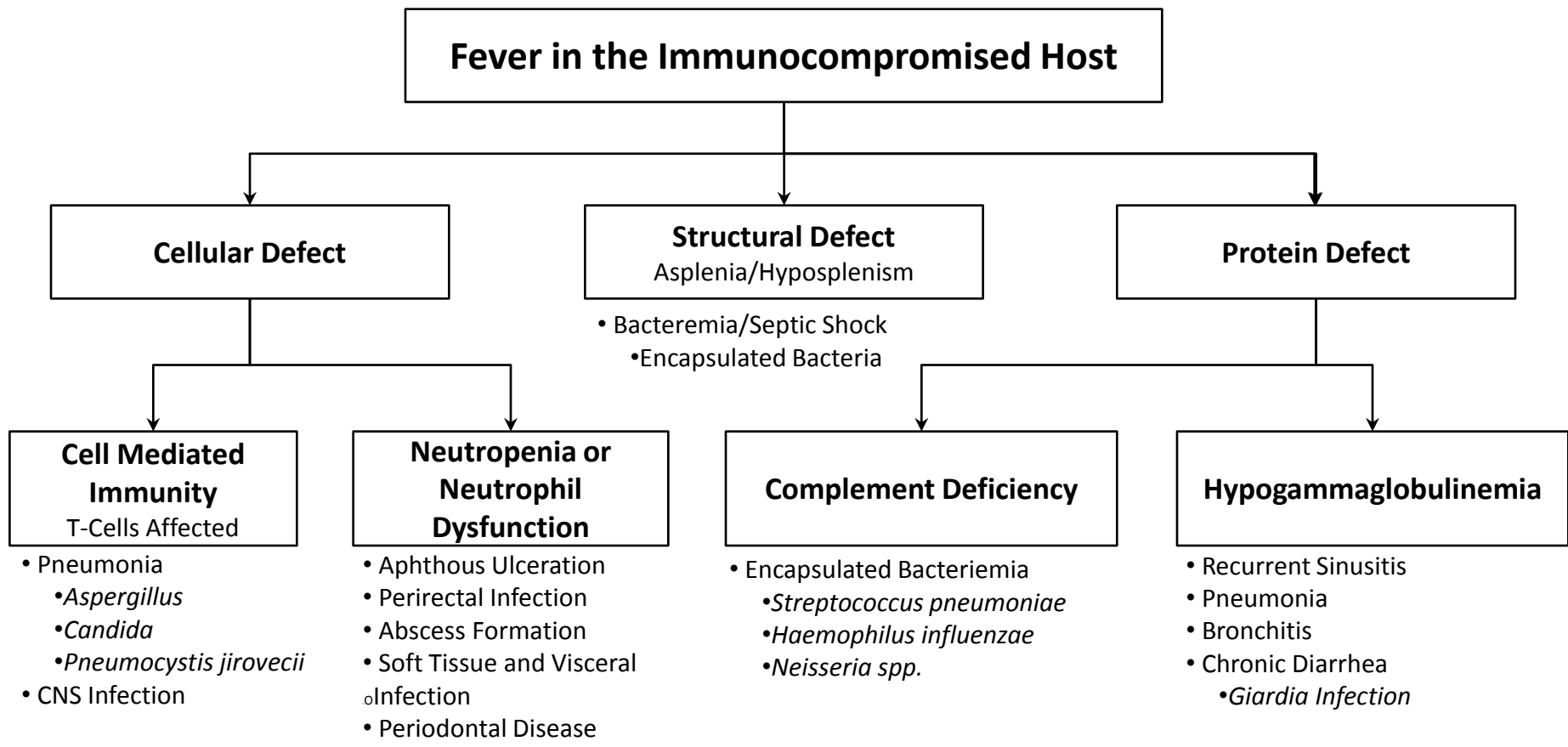
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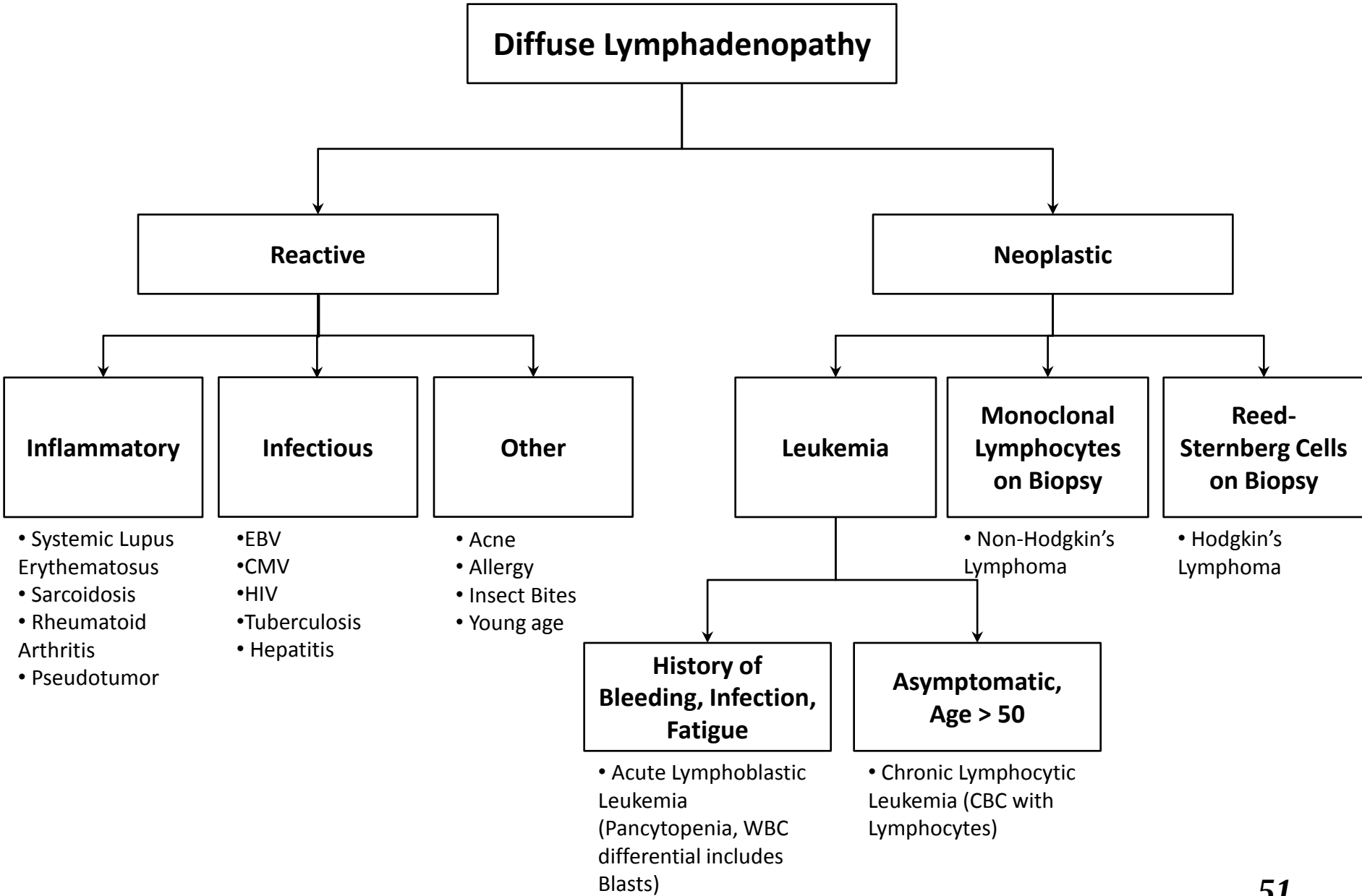
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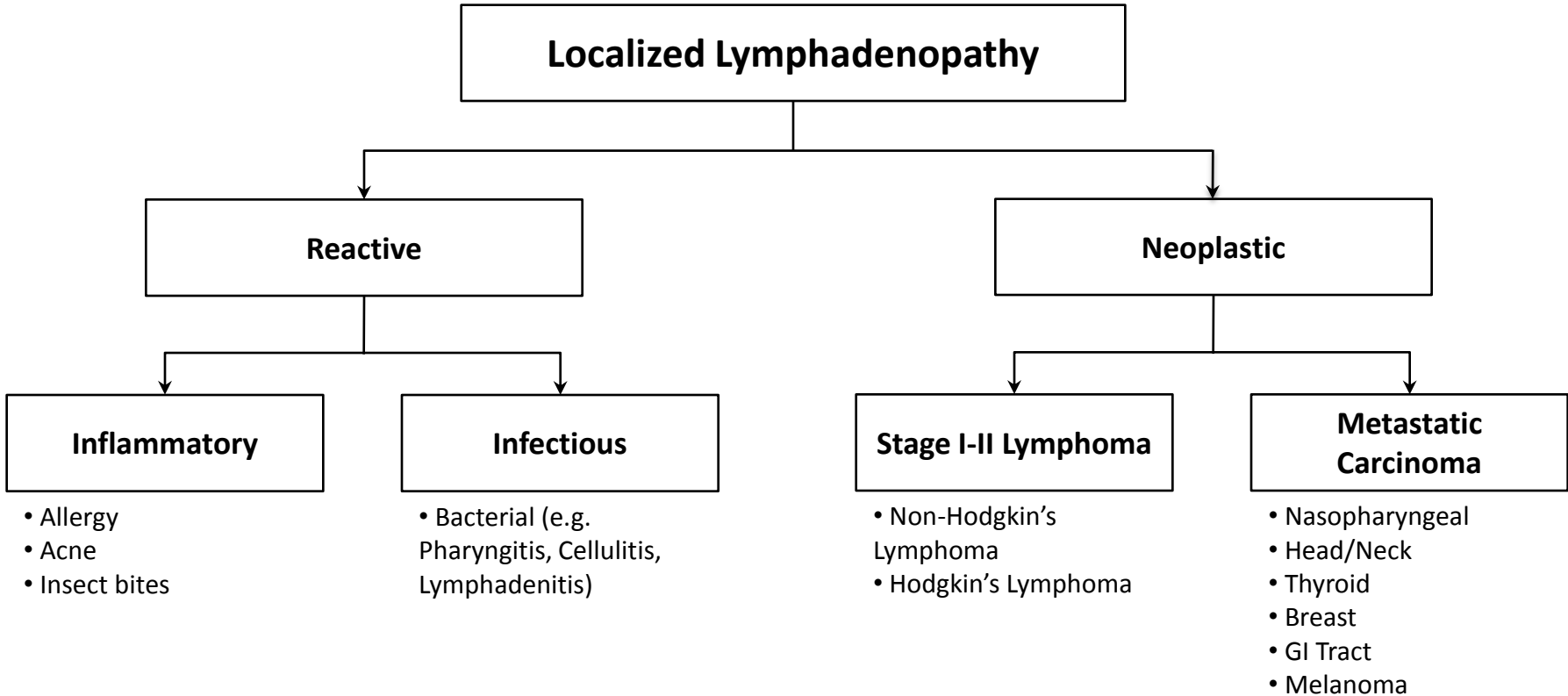
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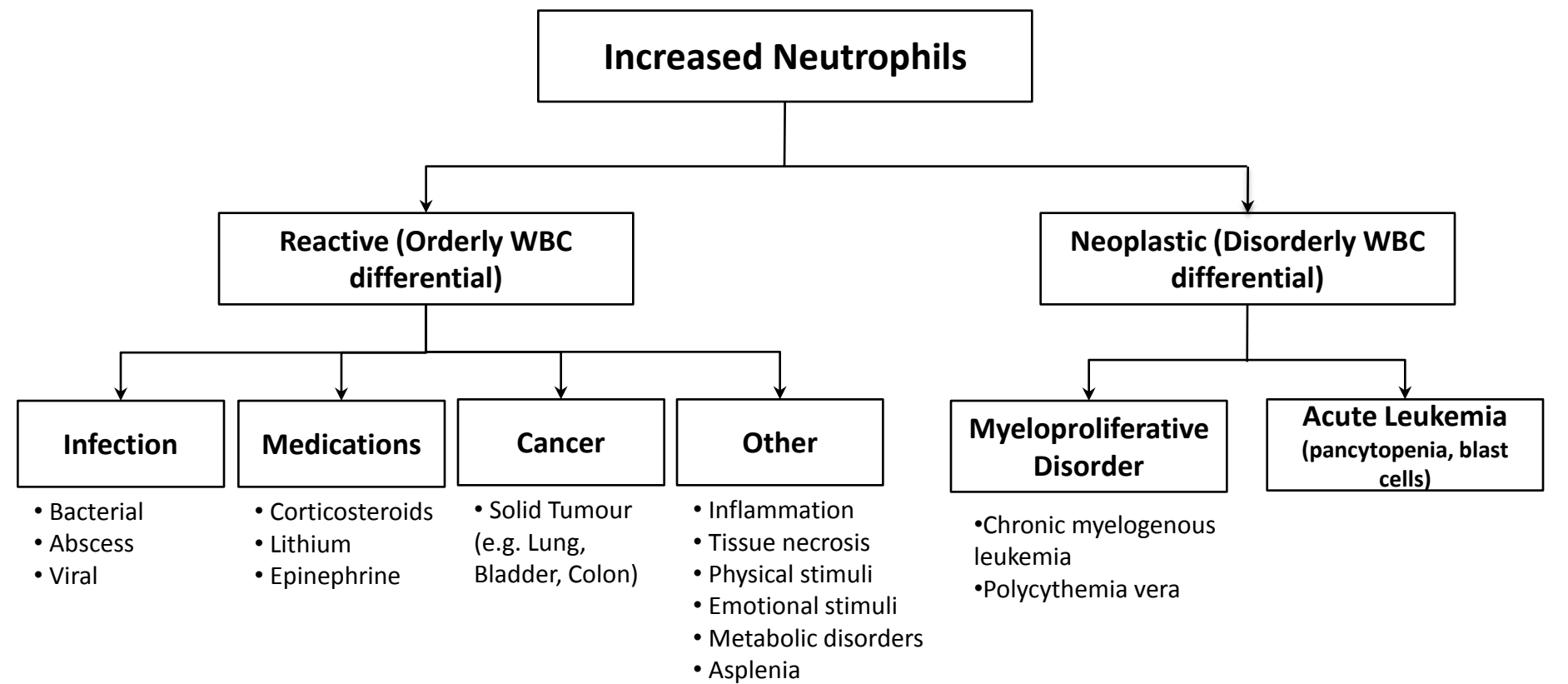


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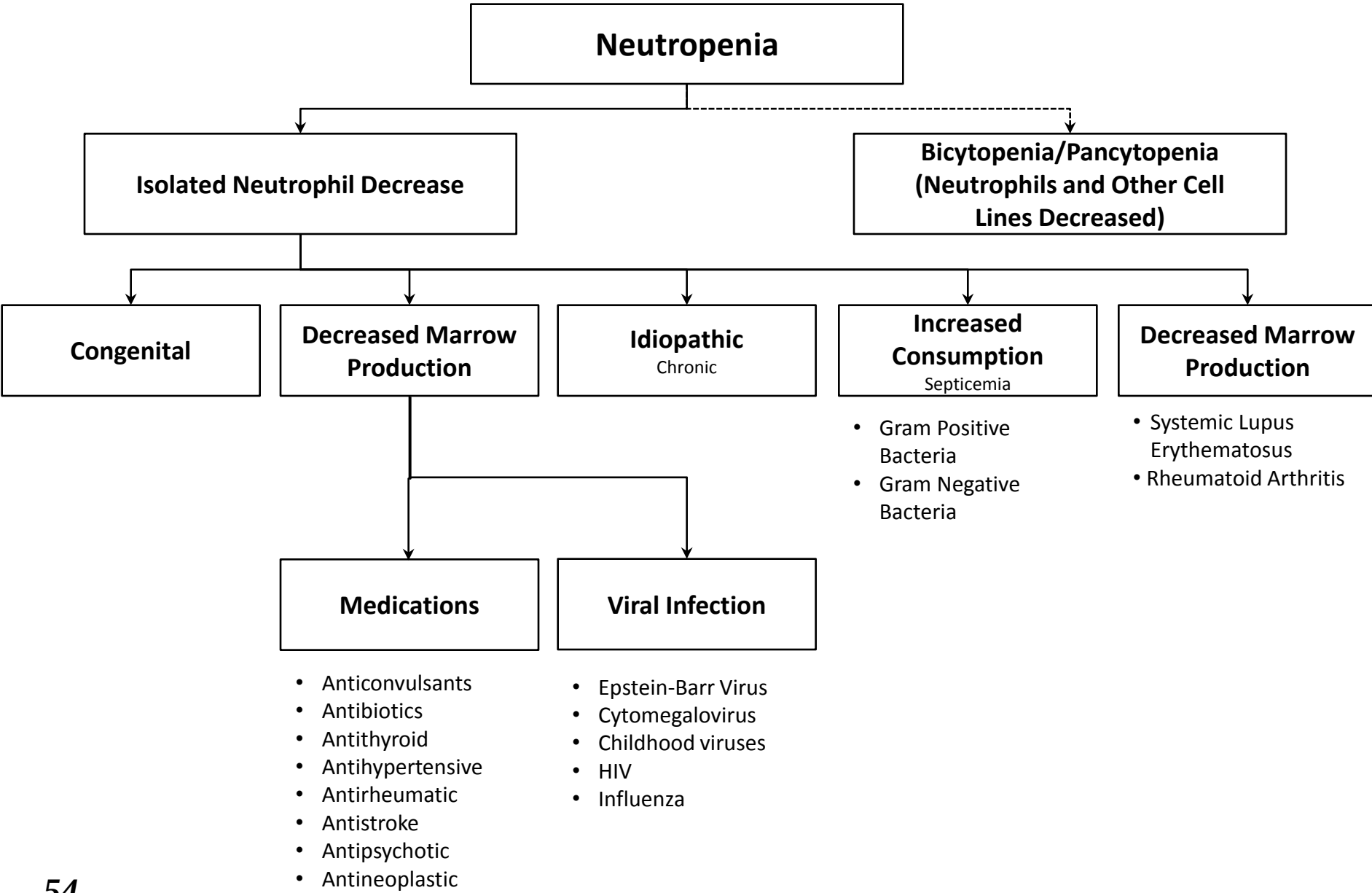


Cervical	Supraclavicular	Axillary	Epitrochlear (Always pathologic)	Inguinal
<u>Anterior</u> • Infection (e.g. Mononucleosis, Toxoplasmosis) <u>Posterior</u> • TB • Lymphoma • Kikuchi Disease • Head/Neck Malignancy	• Thoracic Malignancy (Breast, Mediastinum, Lungs, Esophagus) • Abdominal Malignancy (Virchow's Node)	• Infection (Arm, Thoracic Wall, Breast) • Cancer (In absence of infection in upper extremity)	• Infection (Forearm/Hand) • Lymphoma • Sarcoidosis • Tularemia • Secondary Syphilis	• Leg Infection • Sexually Transmitted Infection • Cancer

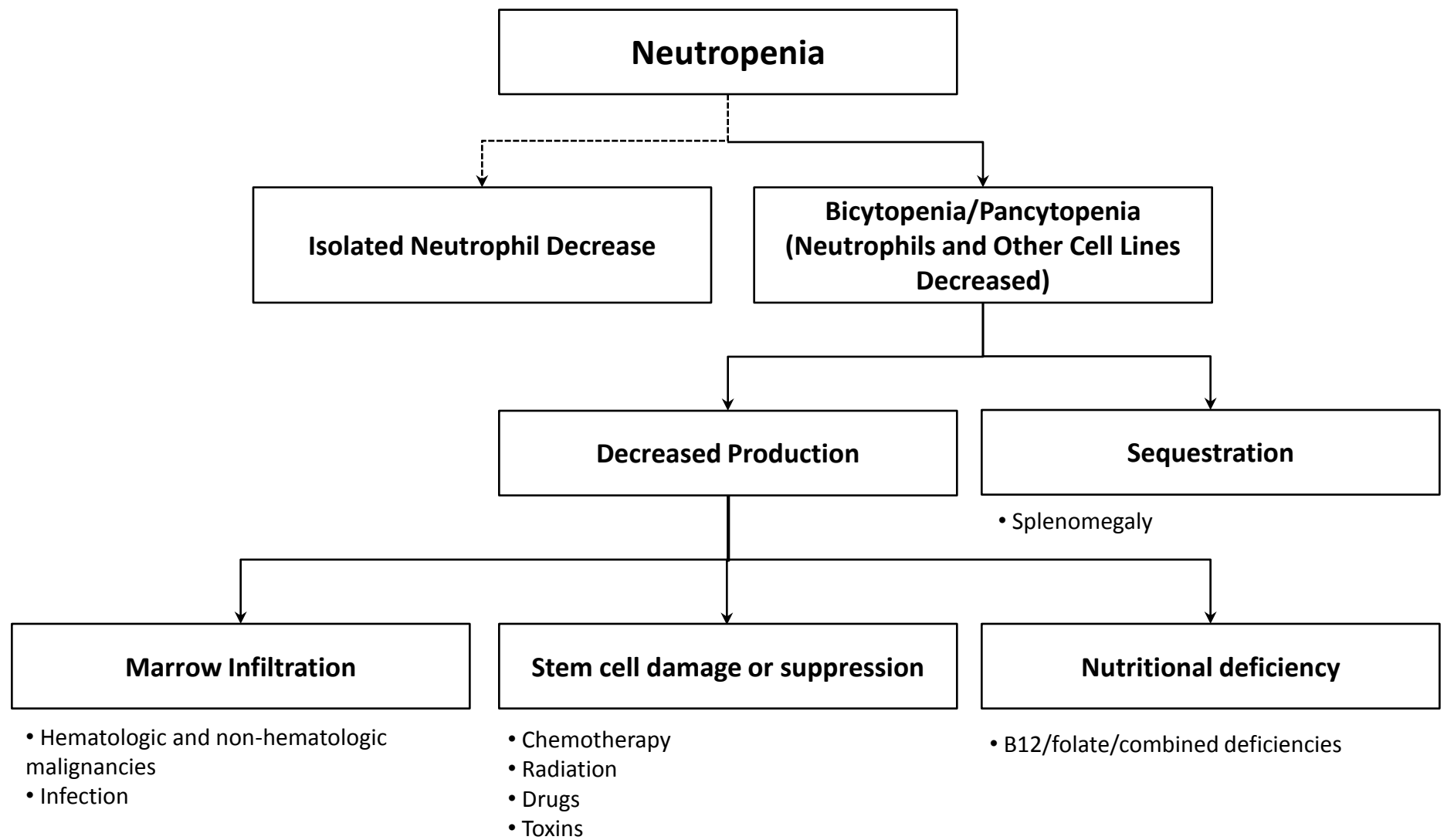
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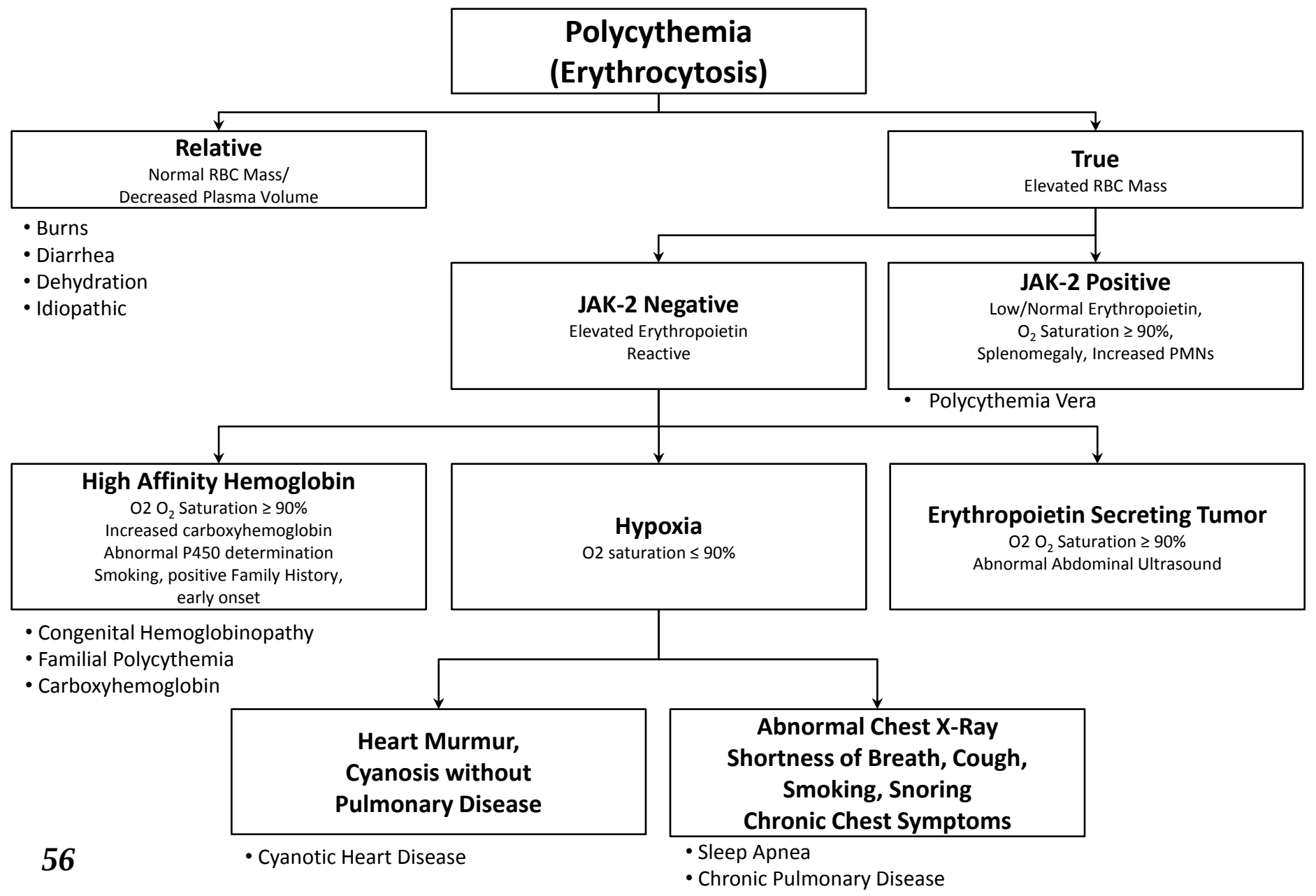
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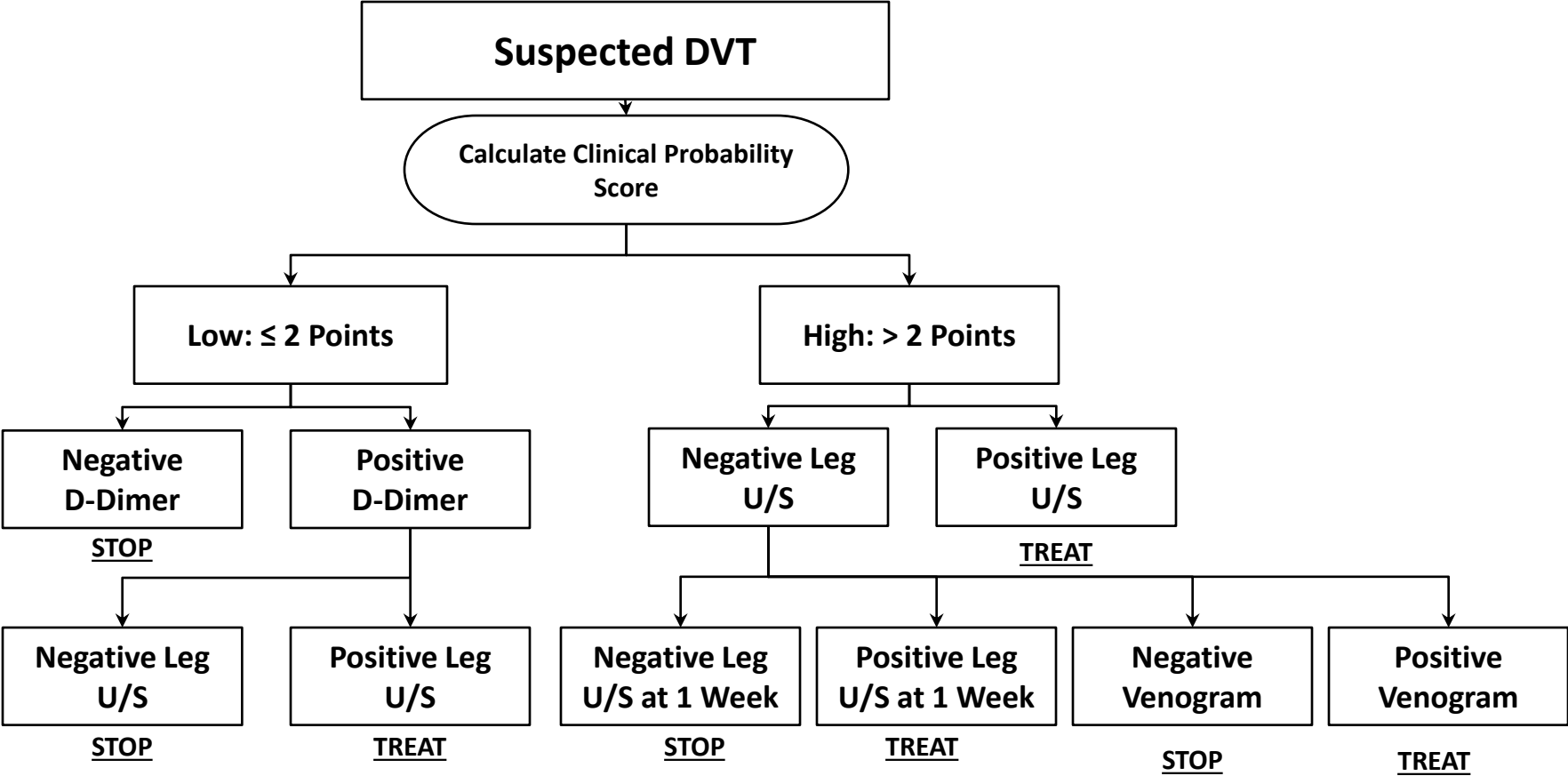
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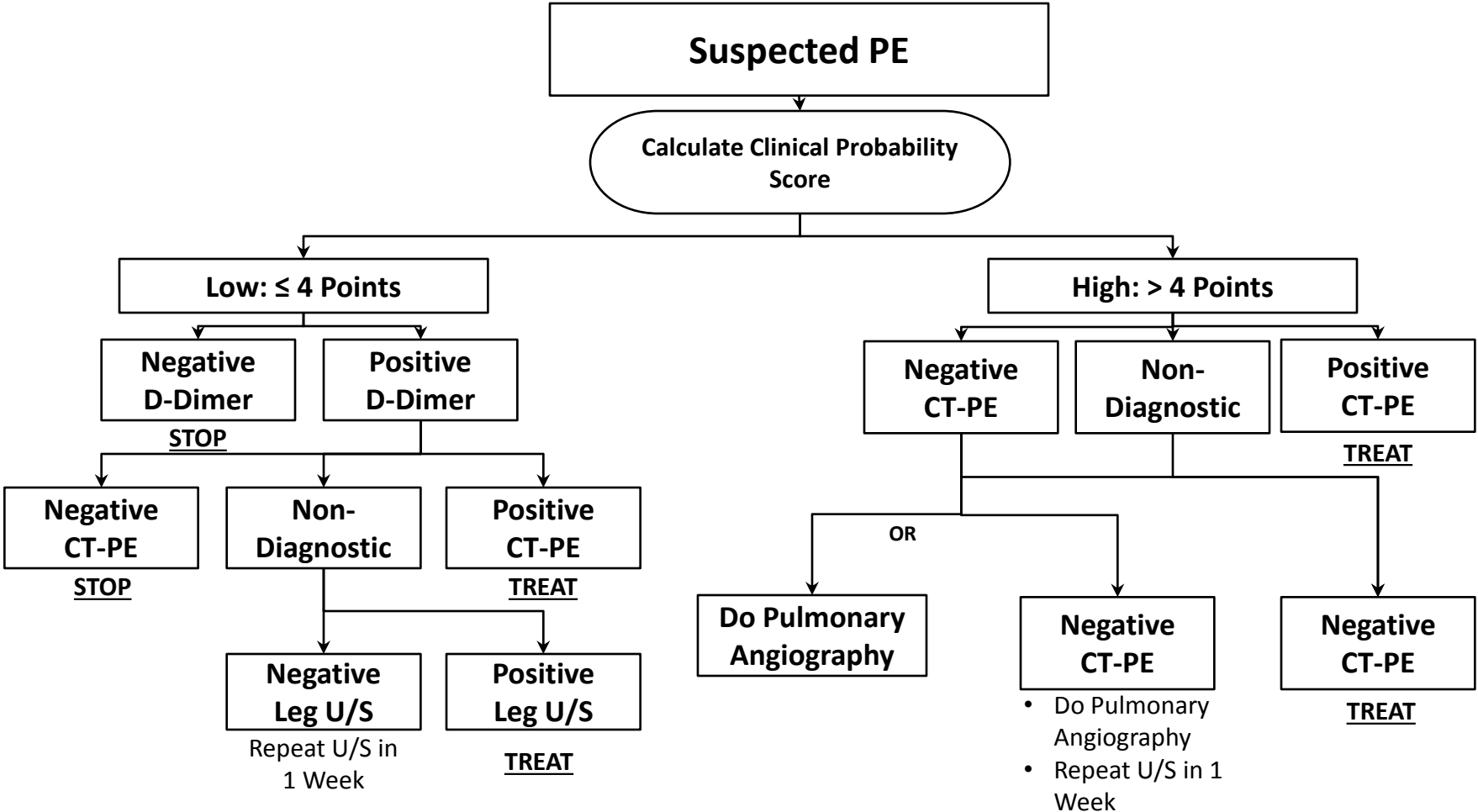
SUSPECTED DEEP VEIN THROMBOSIS (DVT)



Well's Criteria for DVT

Active Cancer	(1)
Paralysis, paresis, recent immobilization of lower extremity	(1)
Recently bedridden for >3days, or major surgery in last 4 weeks	(1)
Localized tenderness along distribution of the deep venous system	(1)
Entire leg swollen	(1)
Calf swelling by >3cm compared to asymptomatic leg	(1)
Pitting edema (greater in symptomatic leg)	(1)
Collateral, nonvaricose superficial veins	(1)
Alternative diagnosis as or more likely than DVT	(-2)

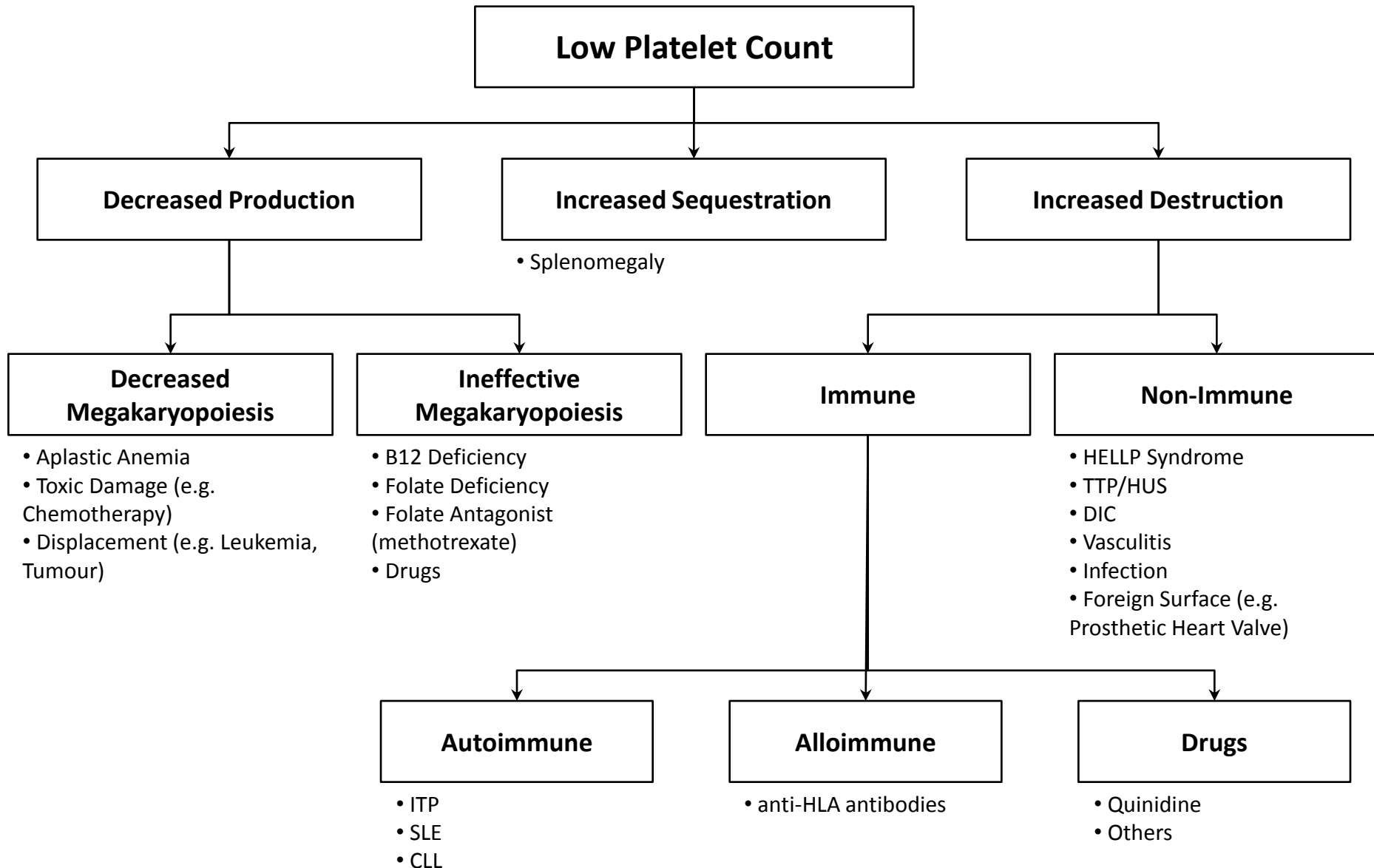
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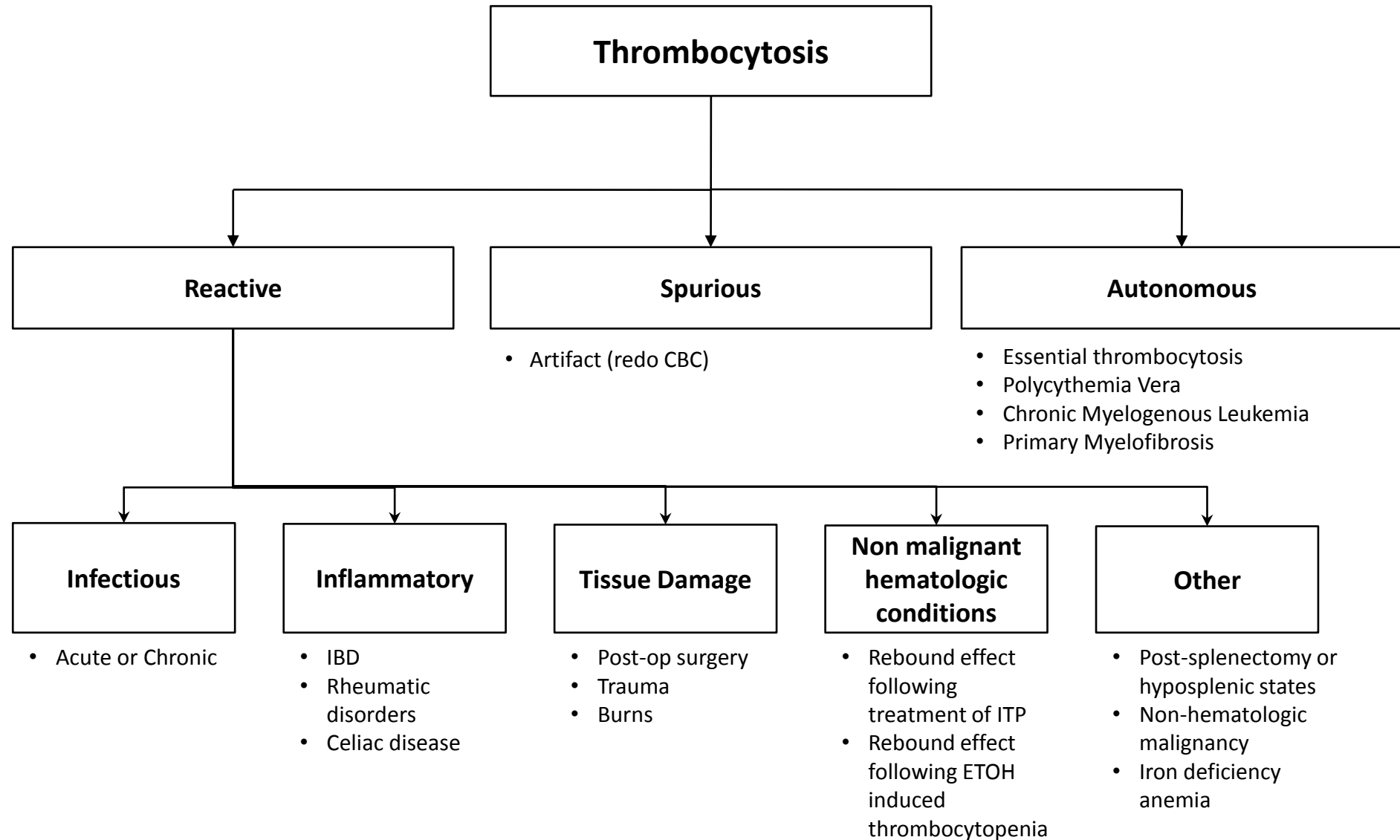
Well's Criteria for PE

Clinical Signs and Symptoms of DVT (leg swelling and pain with palpation of the deep veins)	(3.0)
Alternative diagnosis less likely than PE	(3.0)
Heart rate >100bpm	(1.5)
Immobilization or surgery in last 4 weeks	(1.5)
Previous DVT or PE	(1.5)
Hemoptysis	(1.0)
Malignancy (ongoing or previous 6 months)	(1.0)

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THROMBOCYTOSIS



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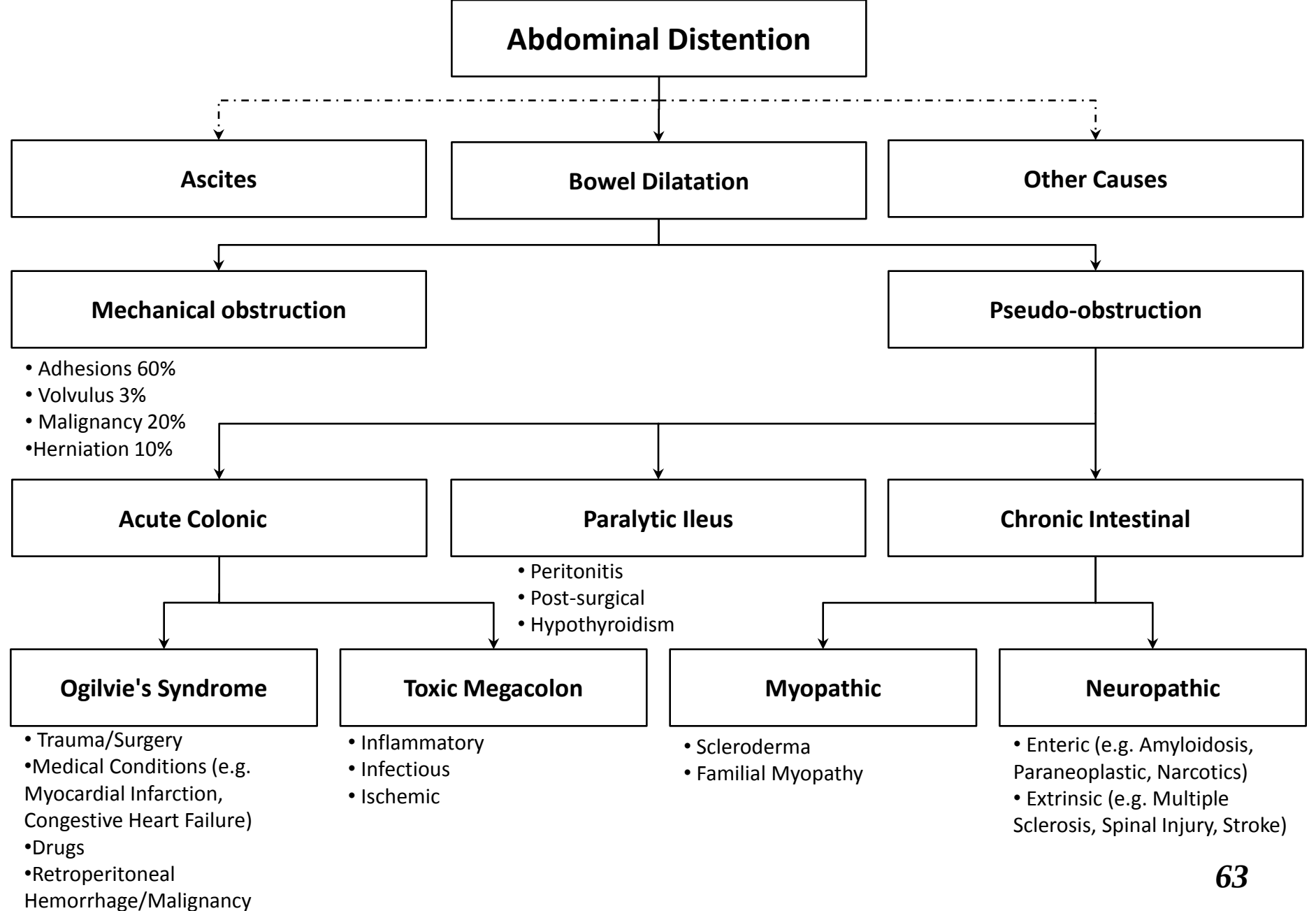
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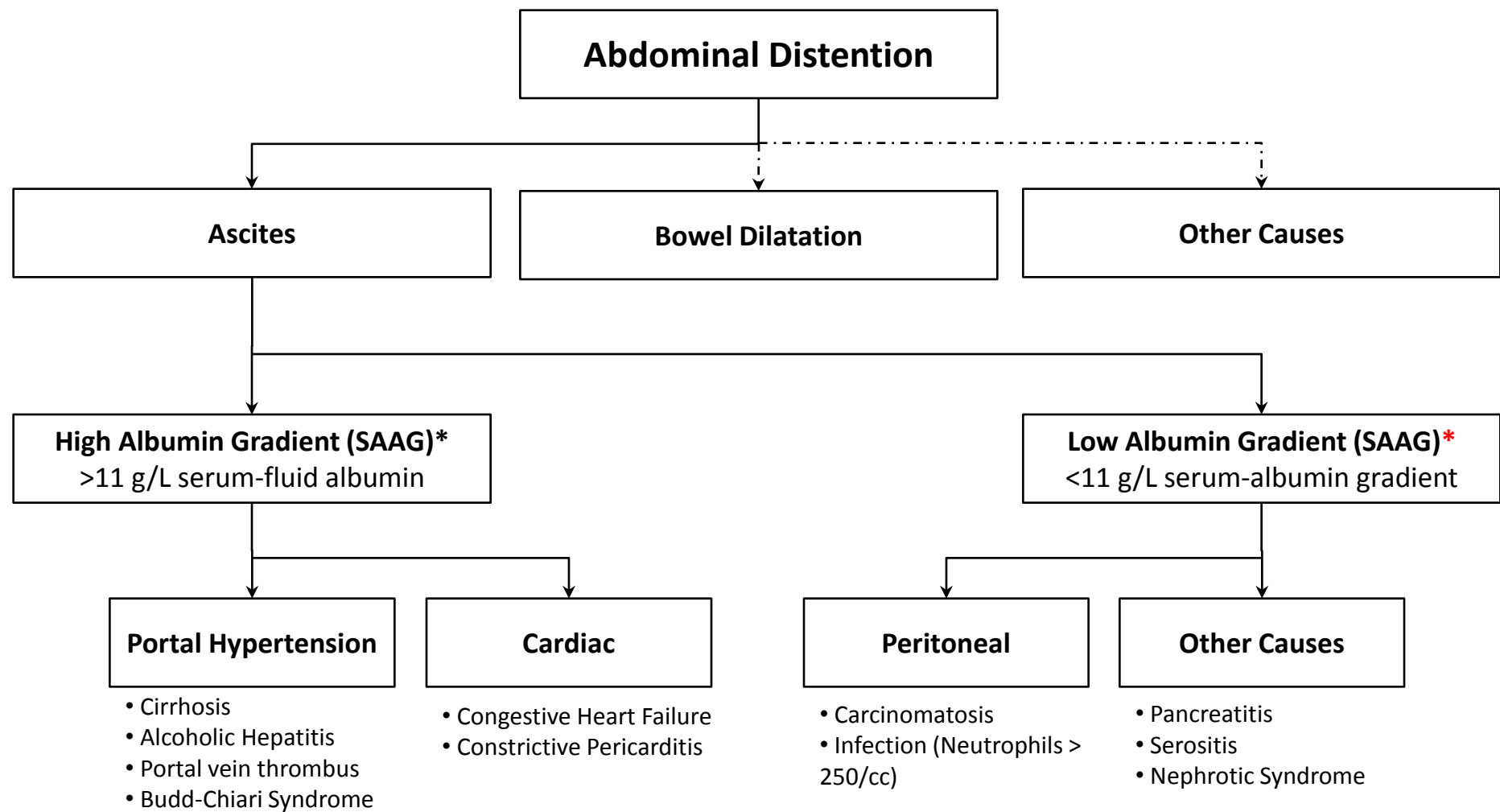
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ABDOMINAL DISTENTION: Abdominal Distention



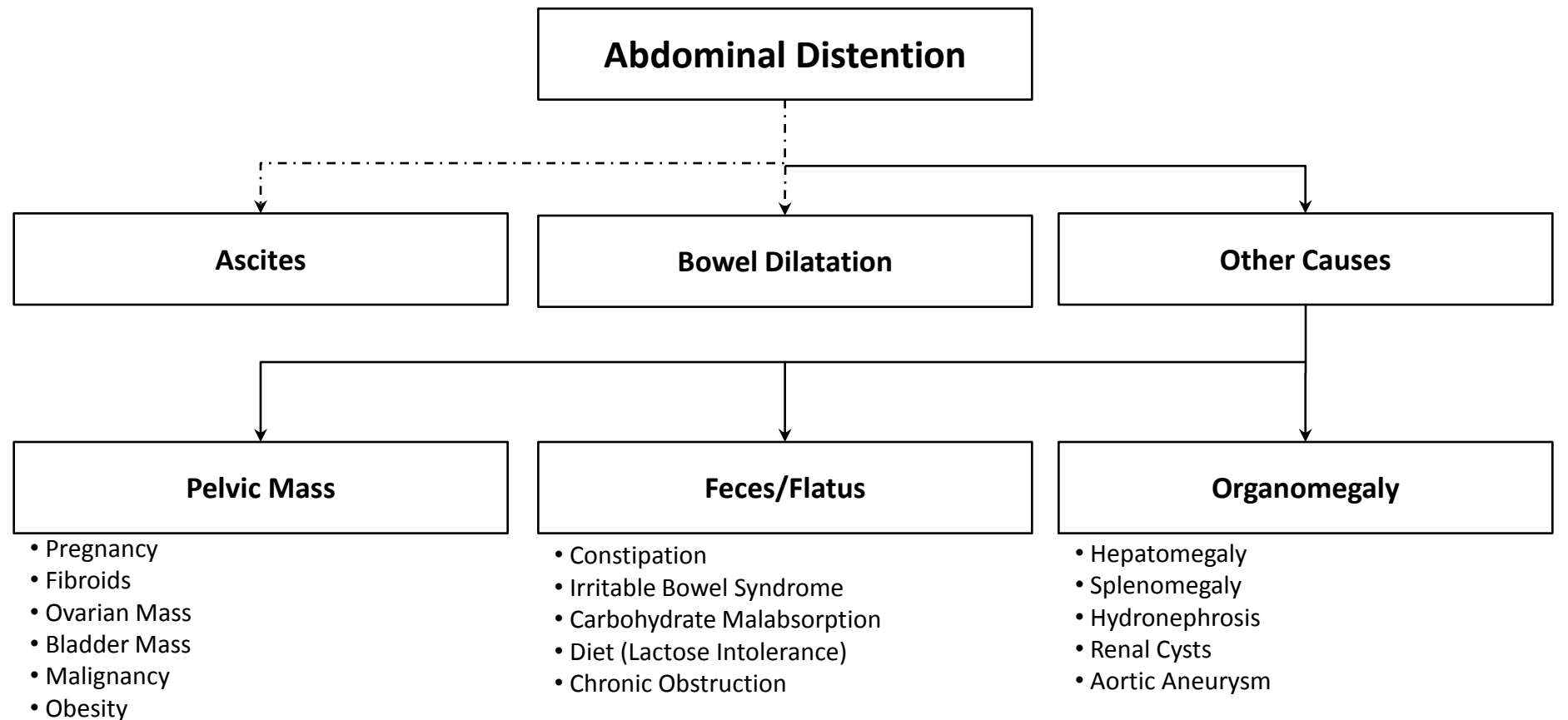
ABDOMINAL DISTENTION: Ascites



Clinical pearl: “rule of 97”: SAAG 97% accurate. If high SAAG, 97% of time it is cirrhosis/portal hypertension. If low SAAG, 97% time carcinomatosis (and cytology 97% sensitive)

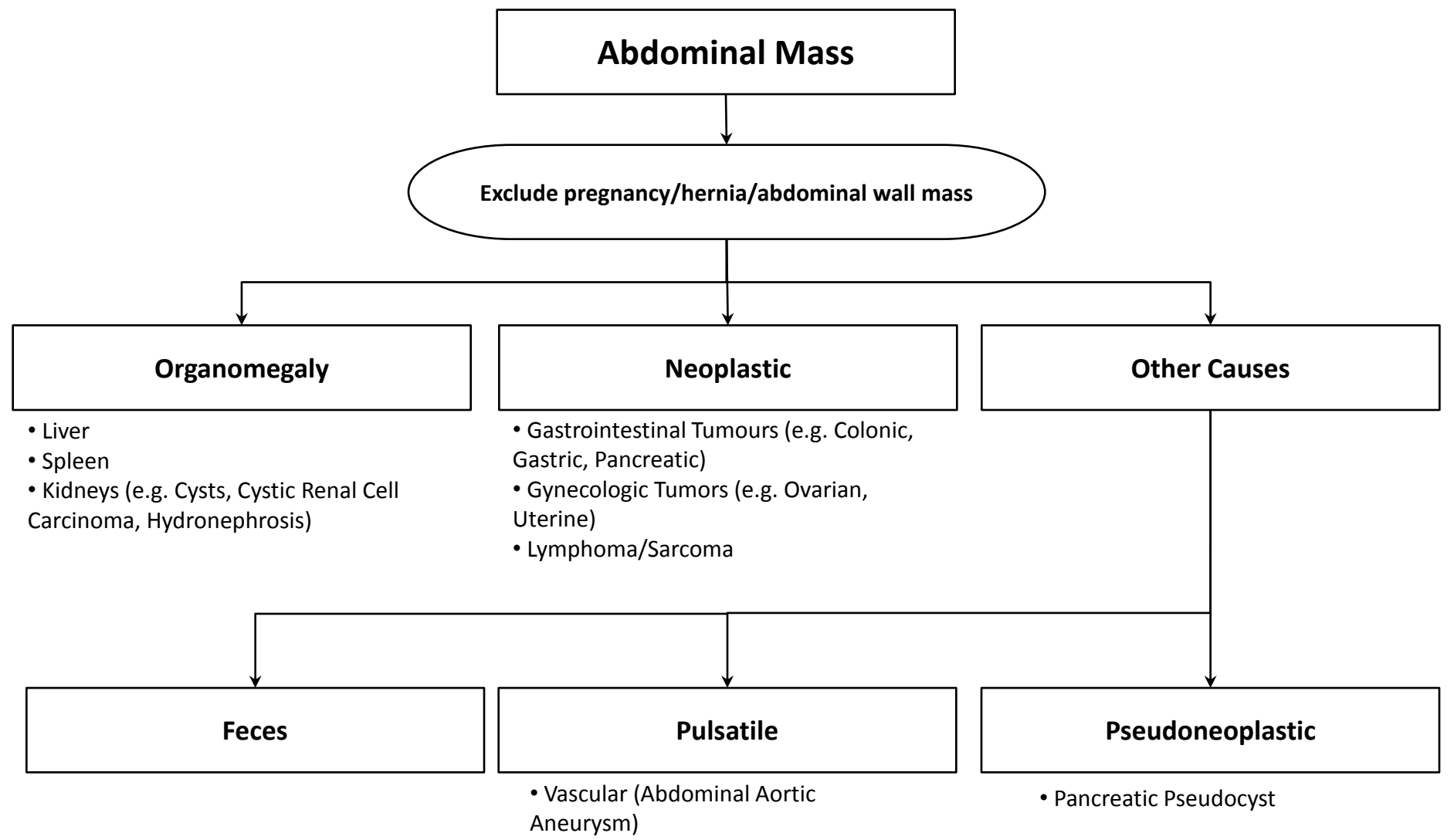
*Serum Ascites Albumin Gradient (SAAG) = [Serum albumin] – [Peritoneal fluid albumin]

ABDOMINAL DISTENTION: Other Causes

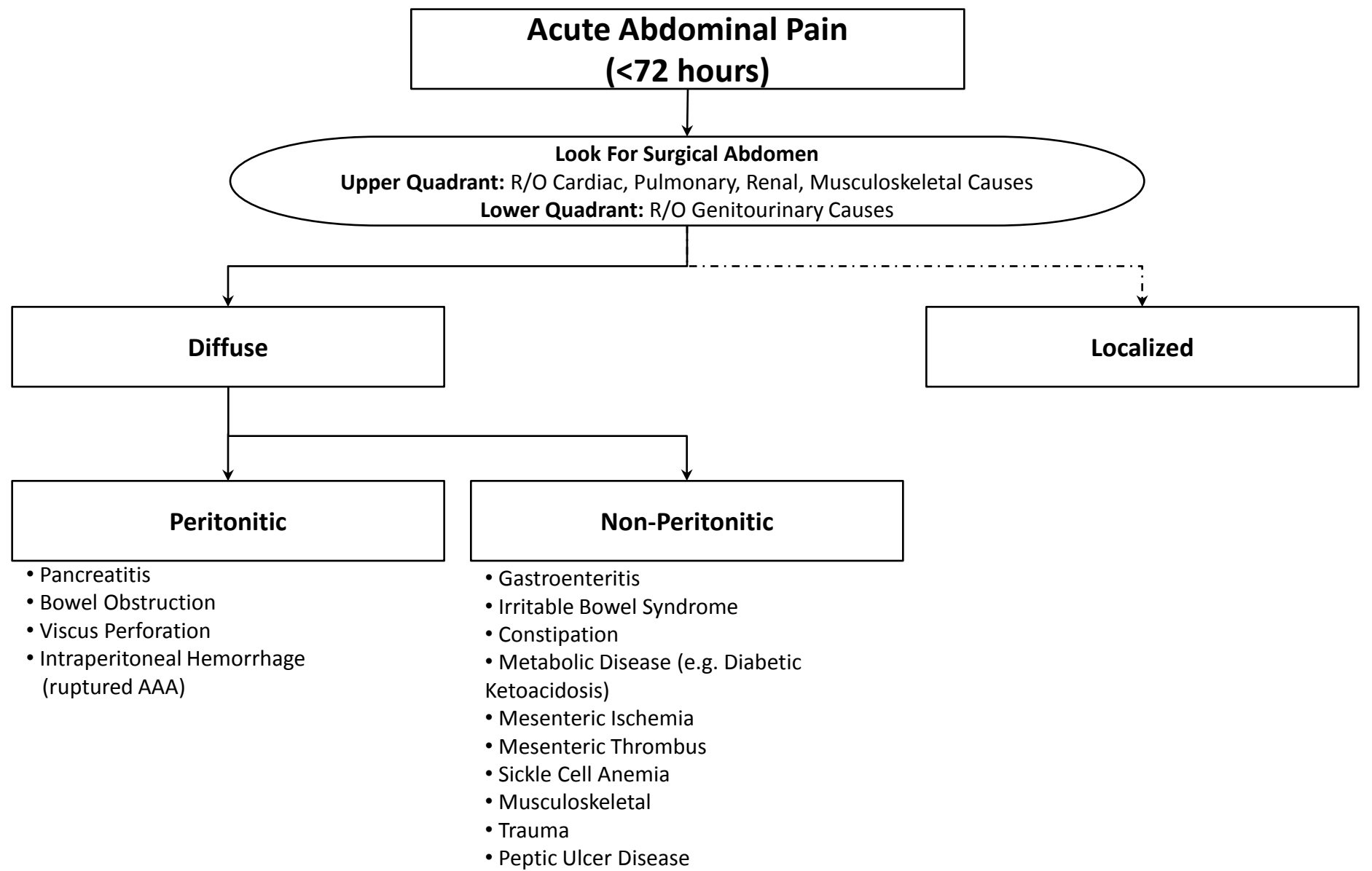


- 6 Fs of Abdominal Distention**
- Fluid
 - Feces
 - Flatus
 - Fetus
 - Fibroids and benign masses
 - Fatal tumour

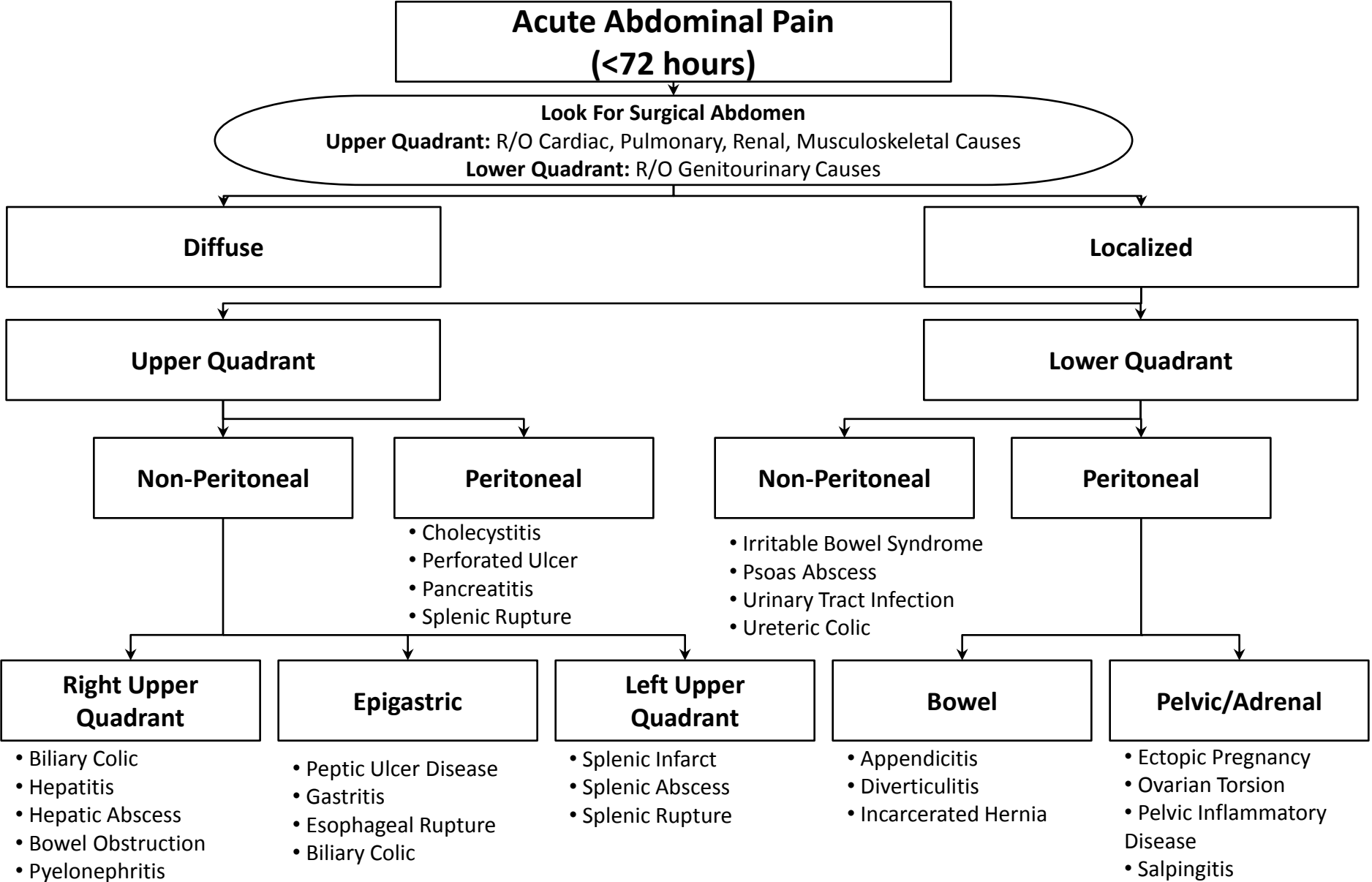
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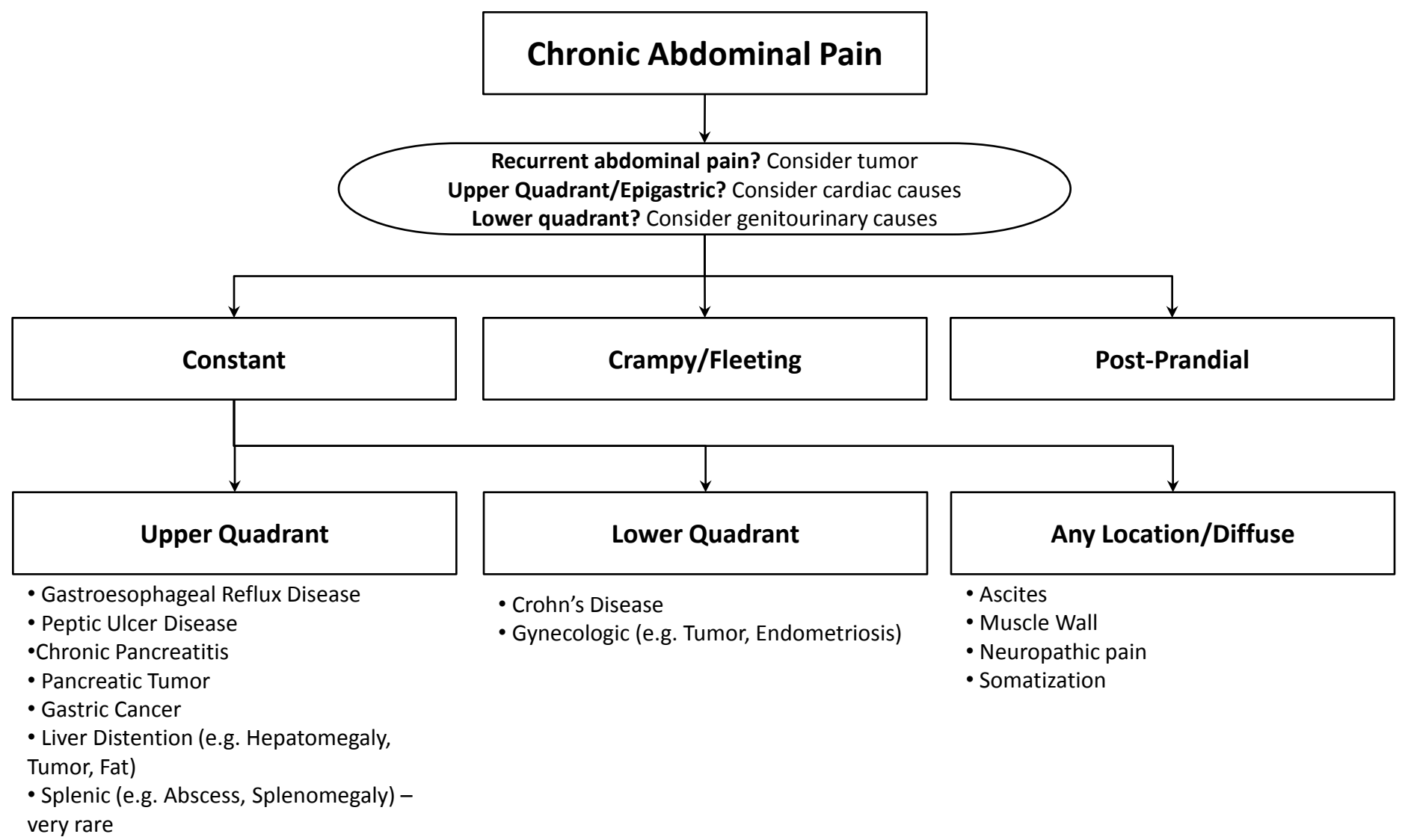
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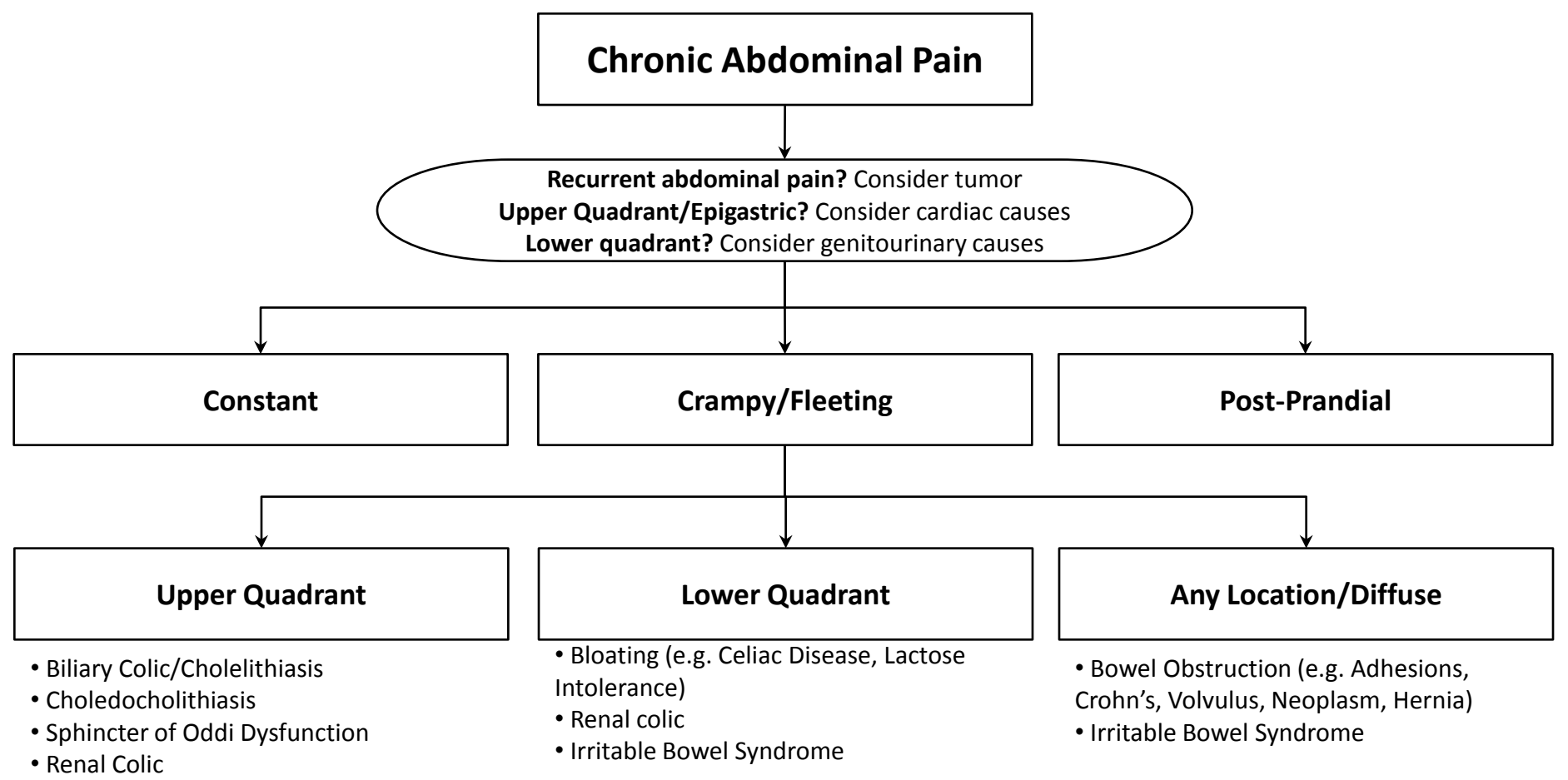
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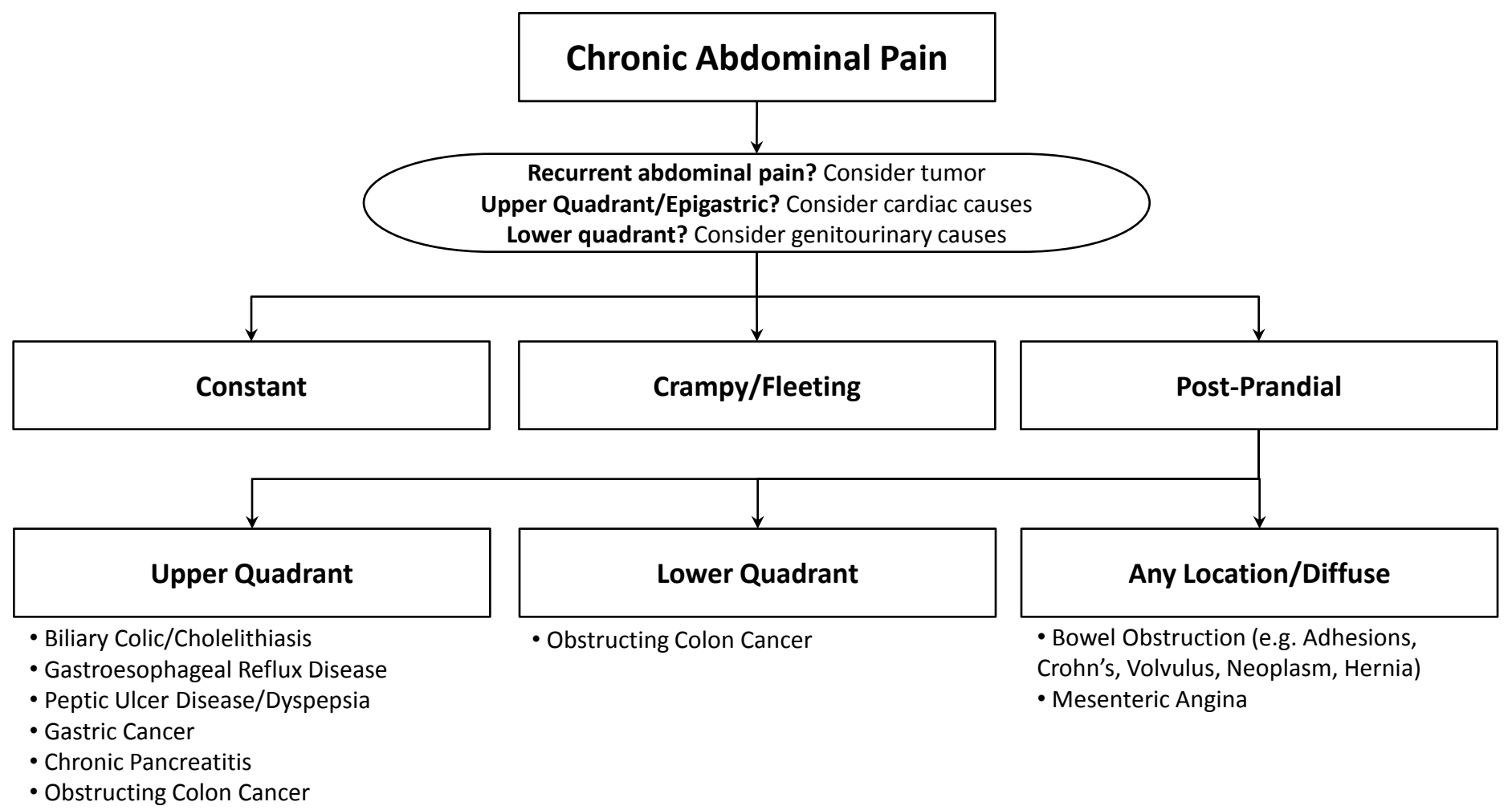
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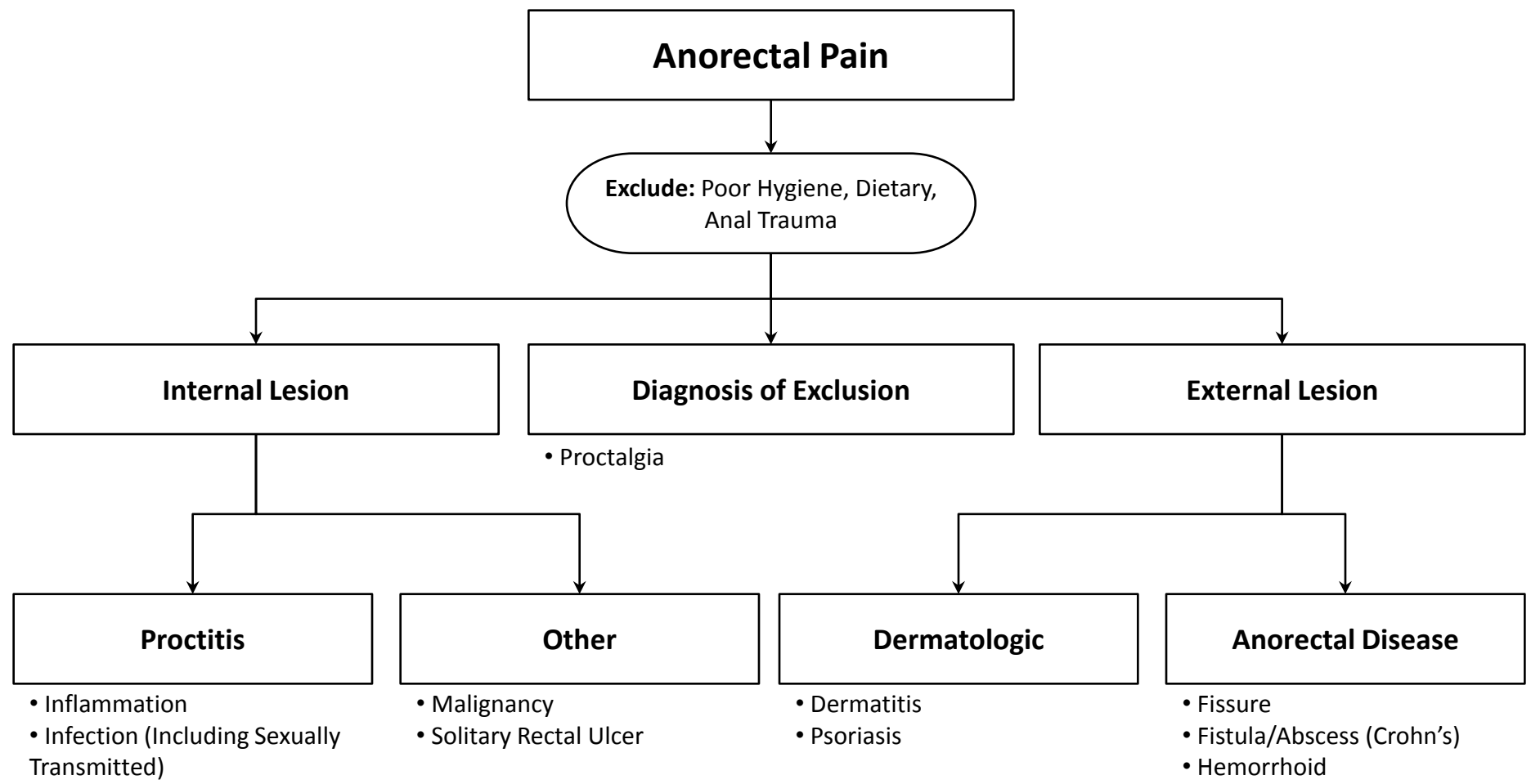
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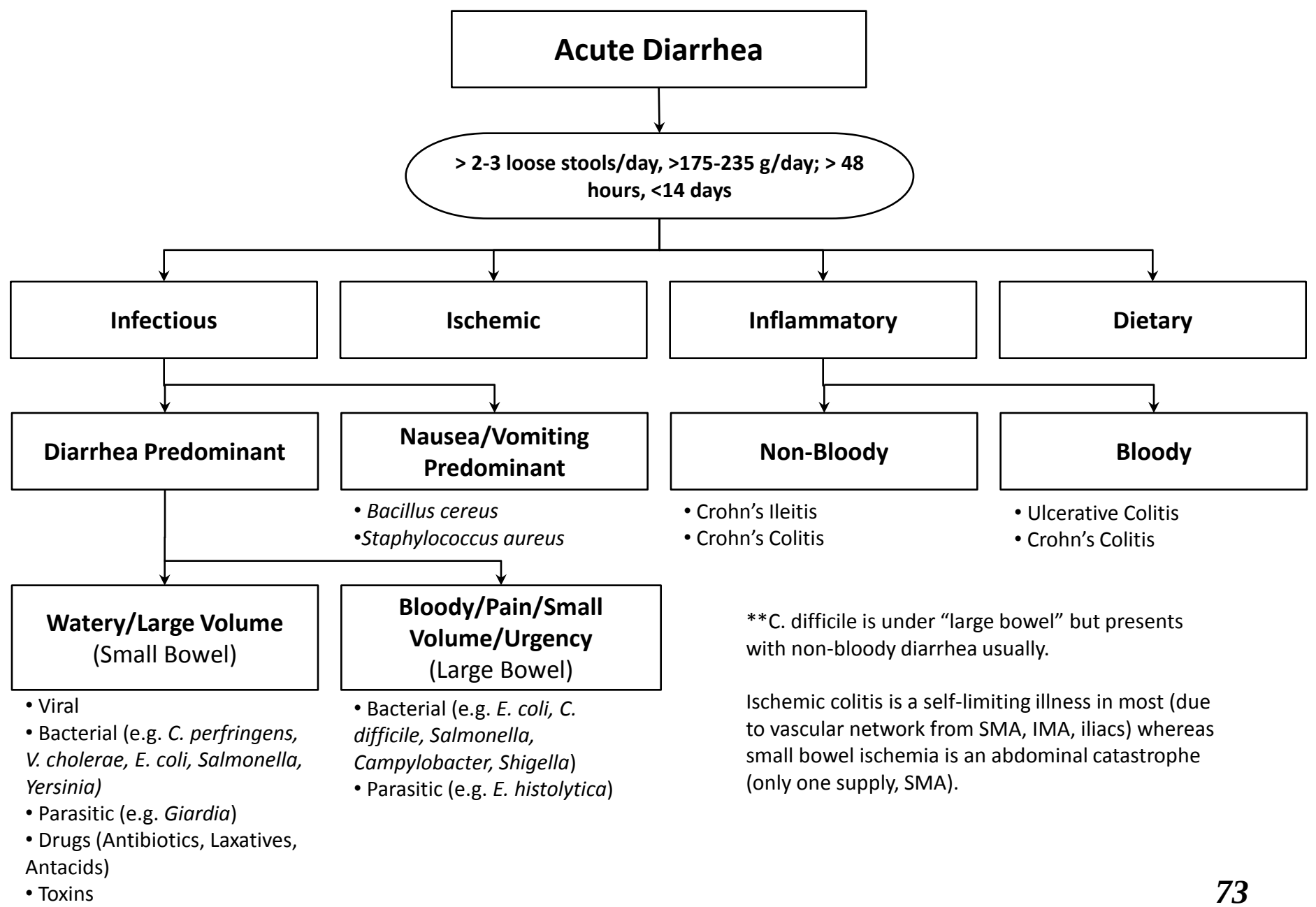
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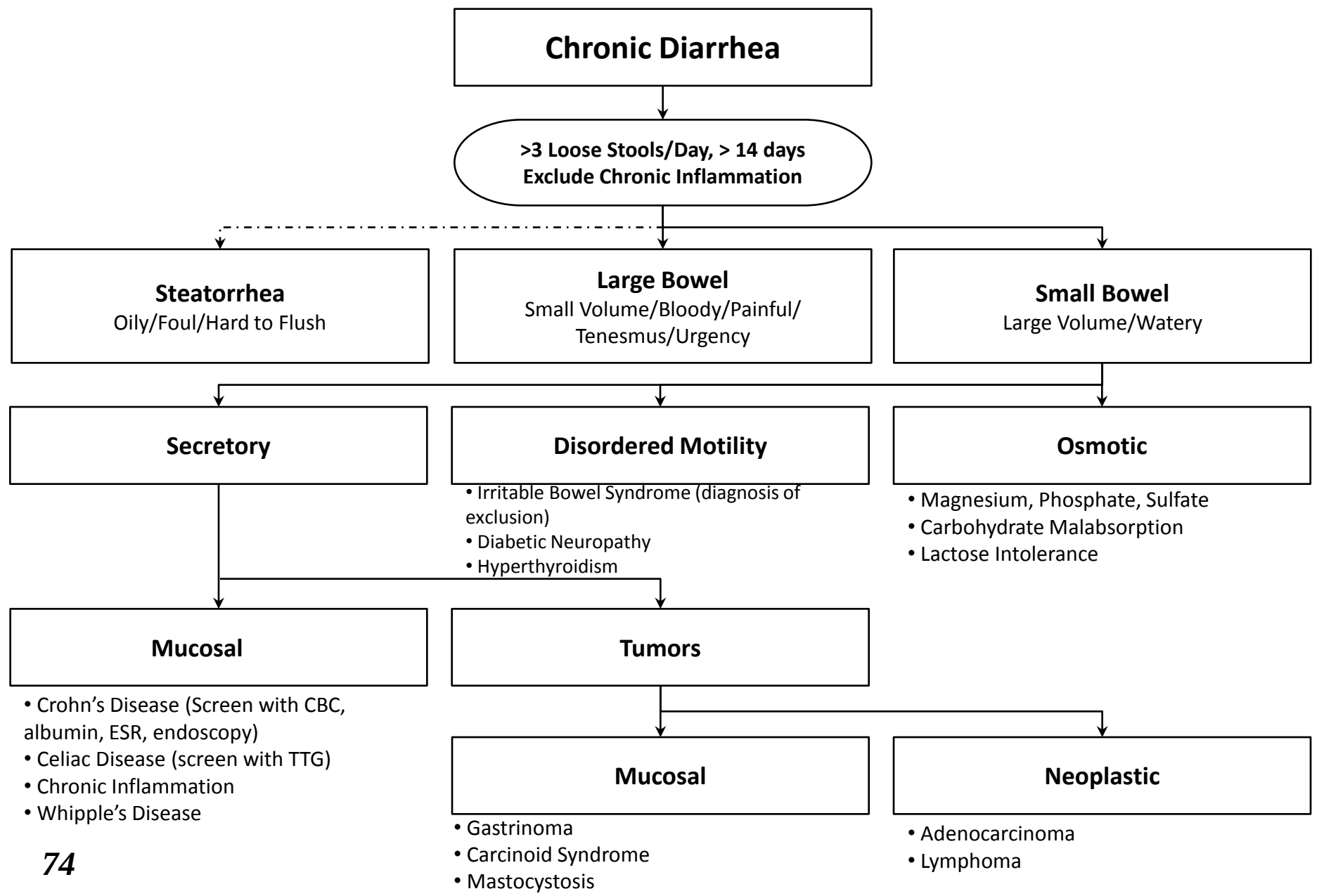
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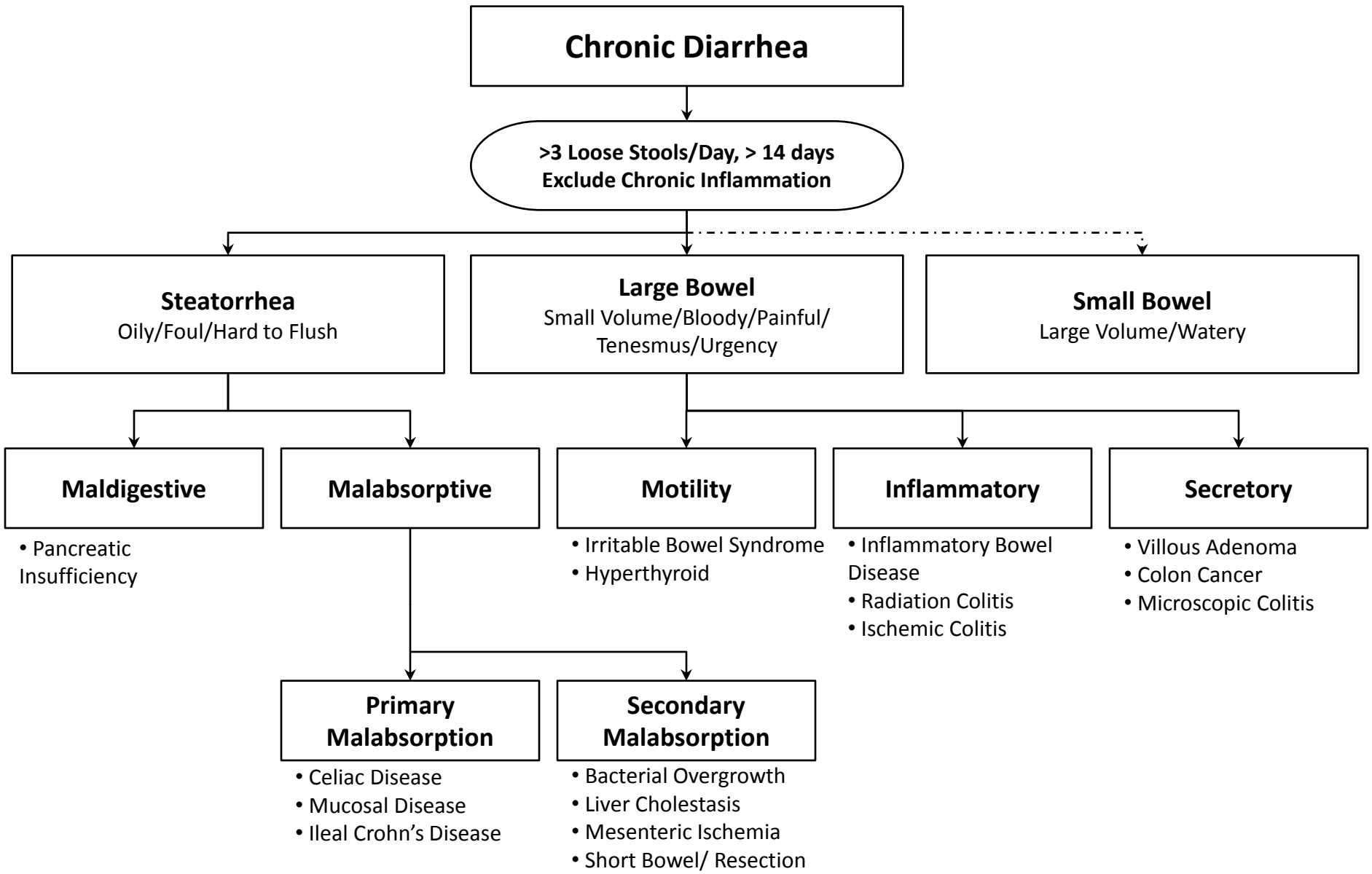
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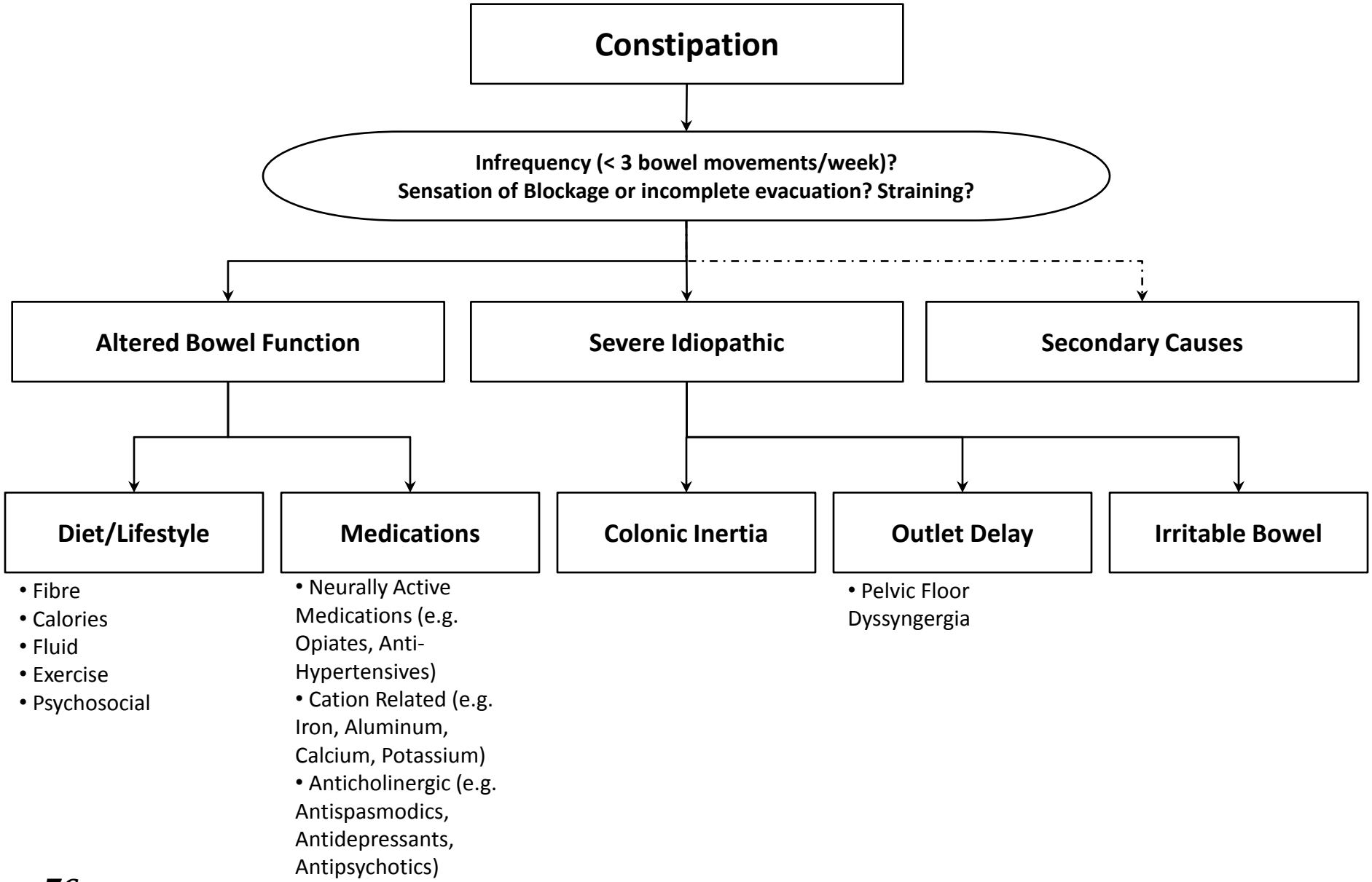
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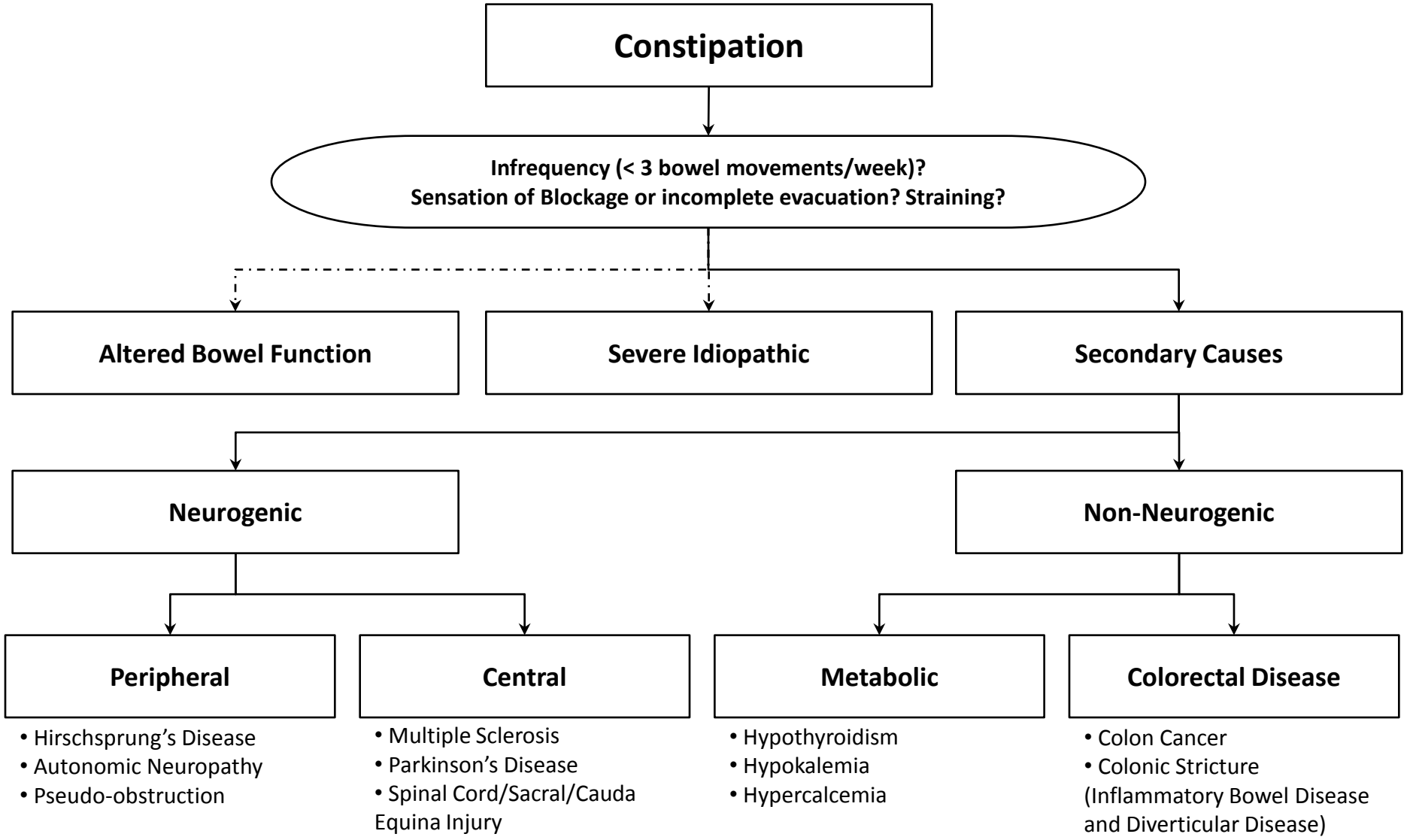
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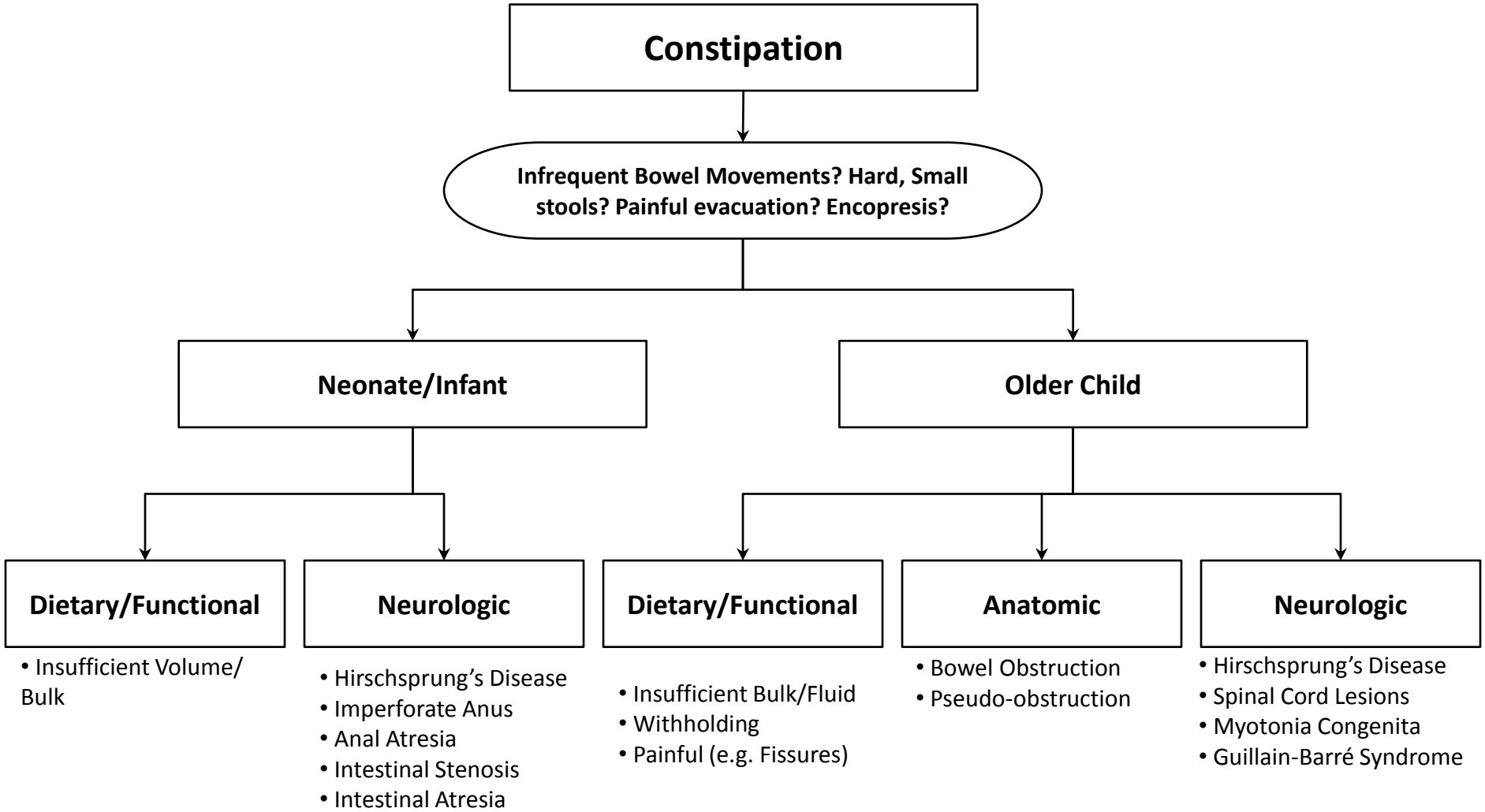
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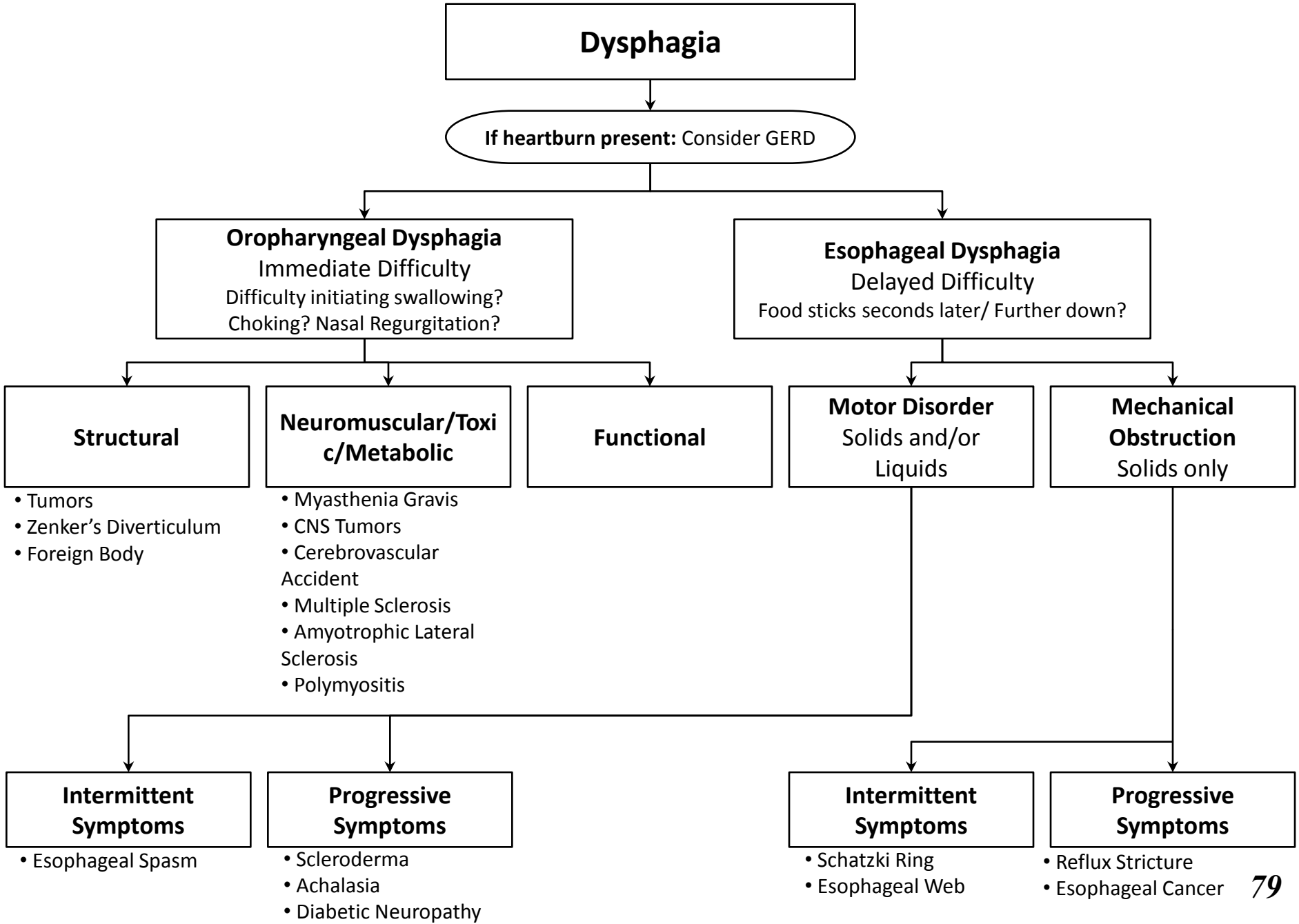
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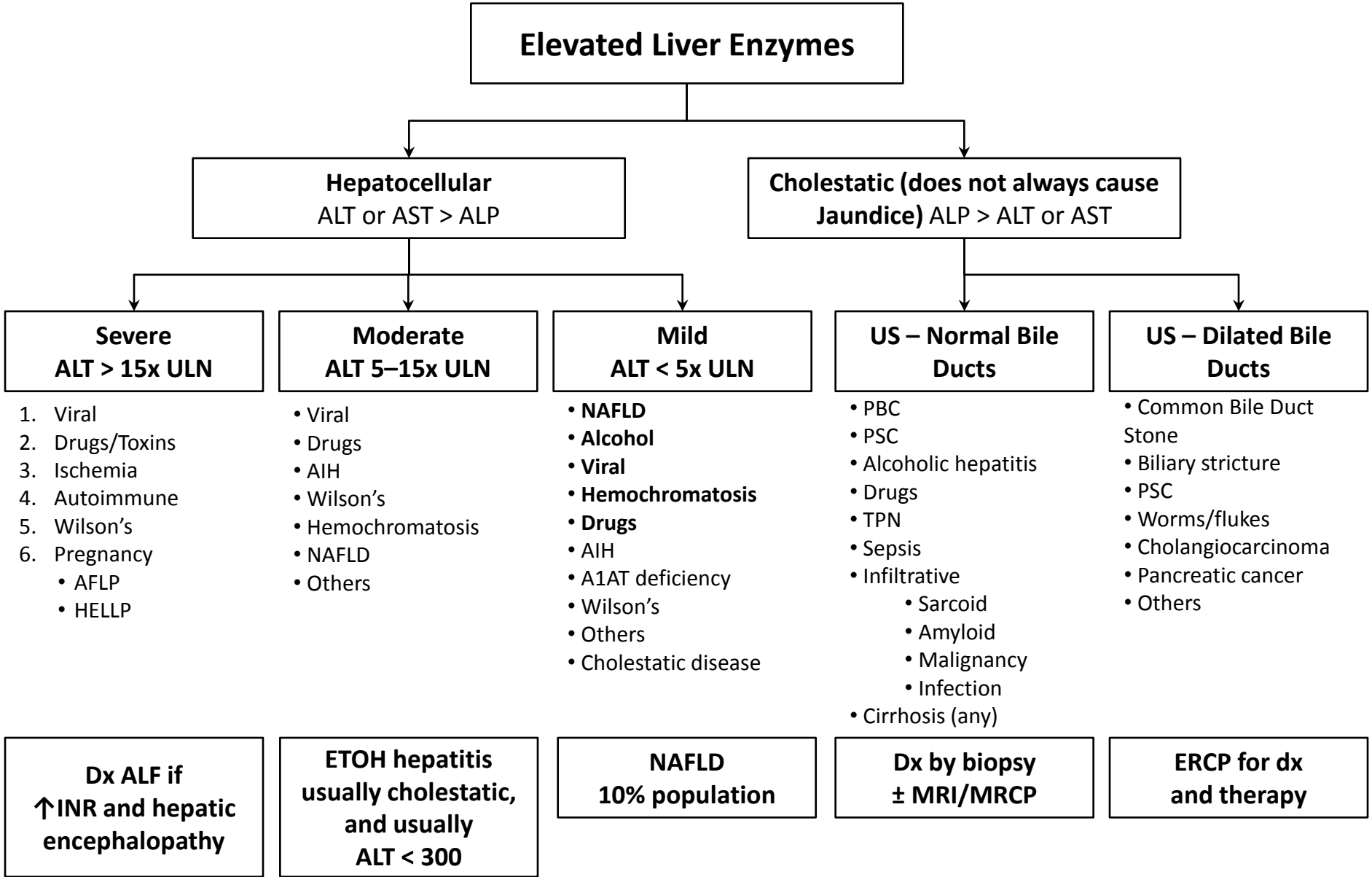
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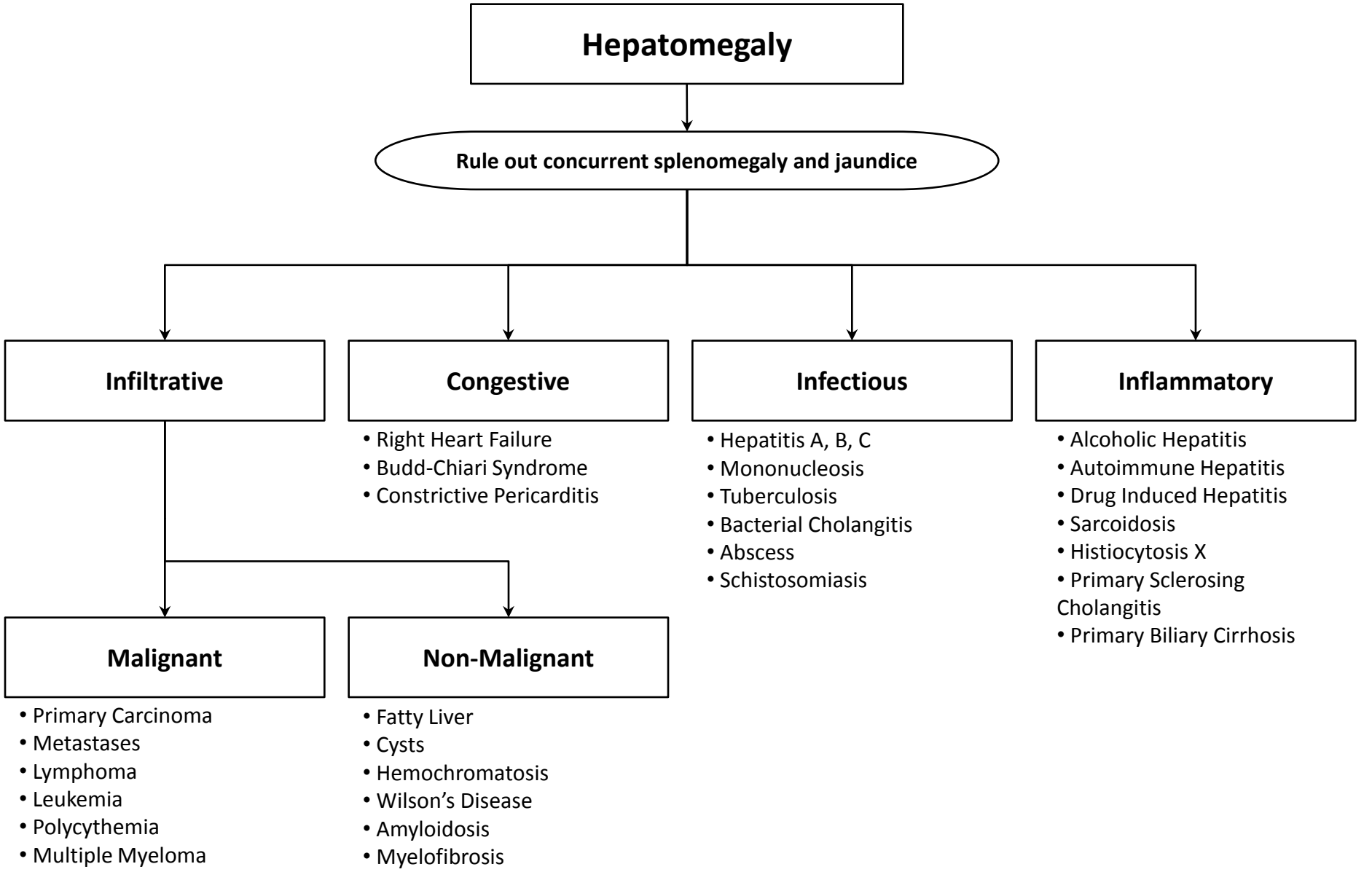
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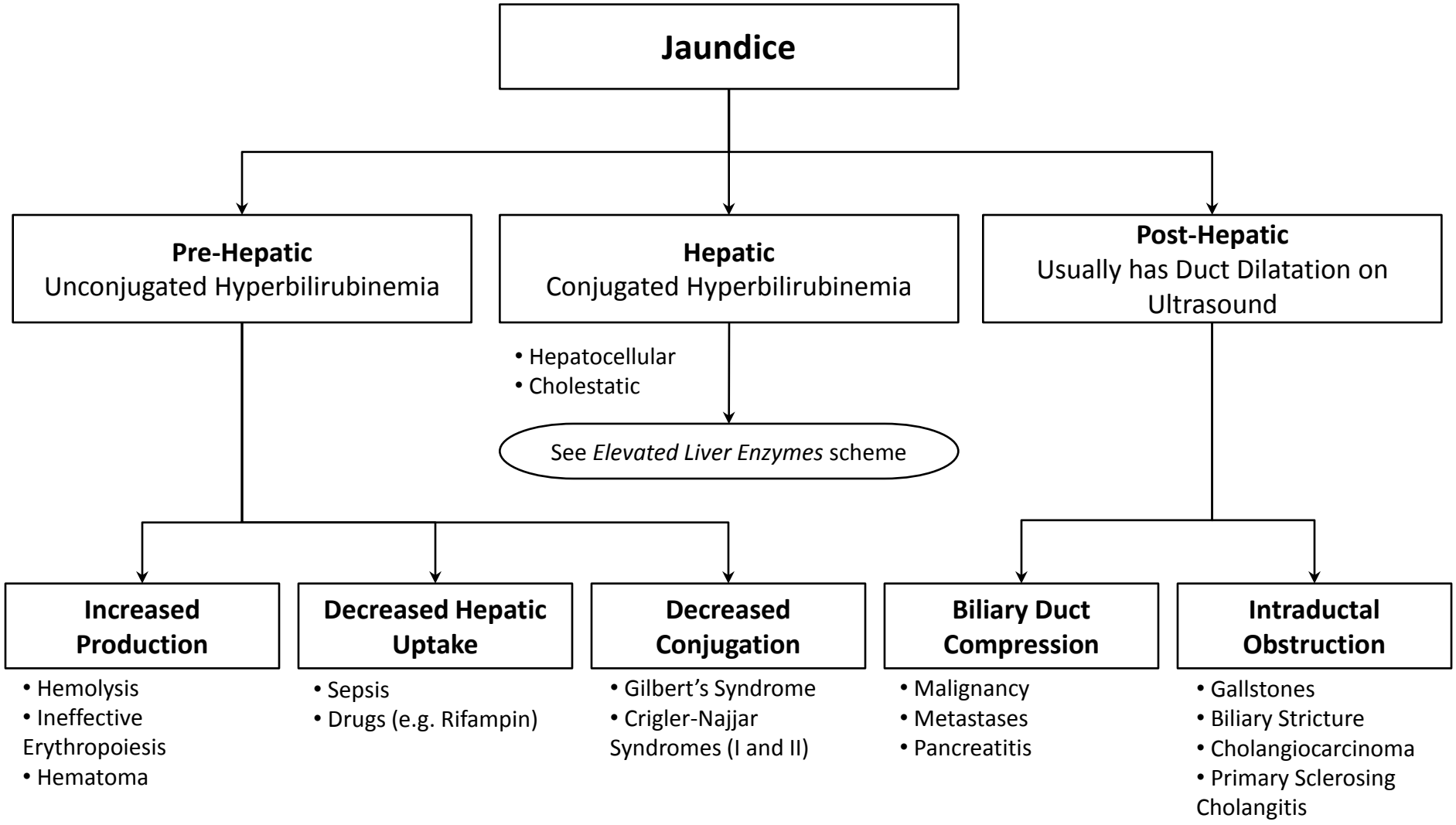
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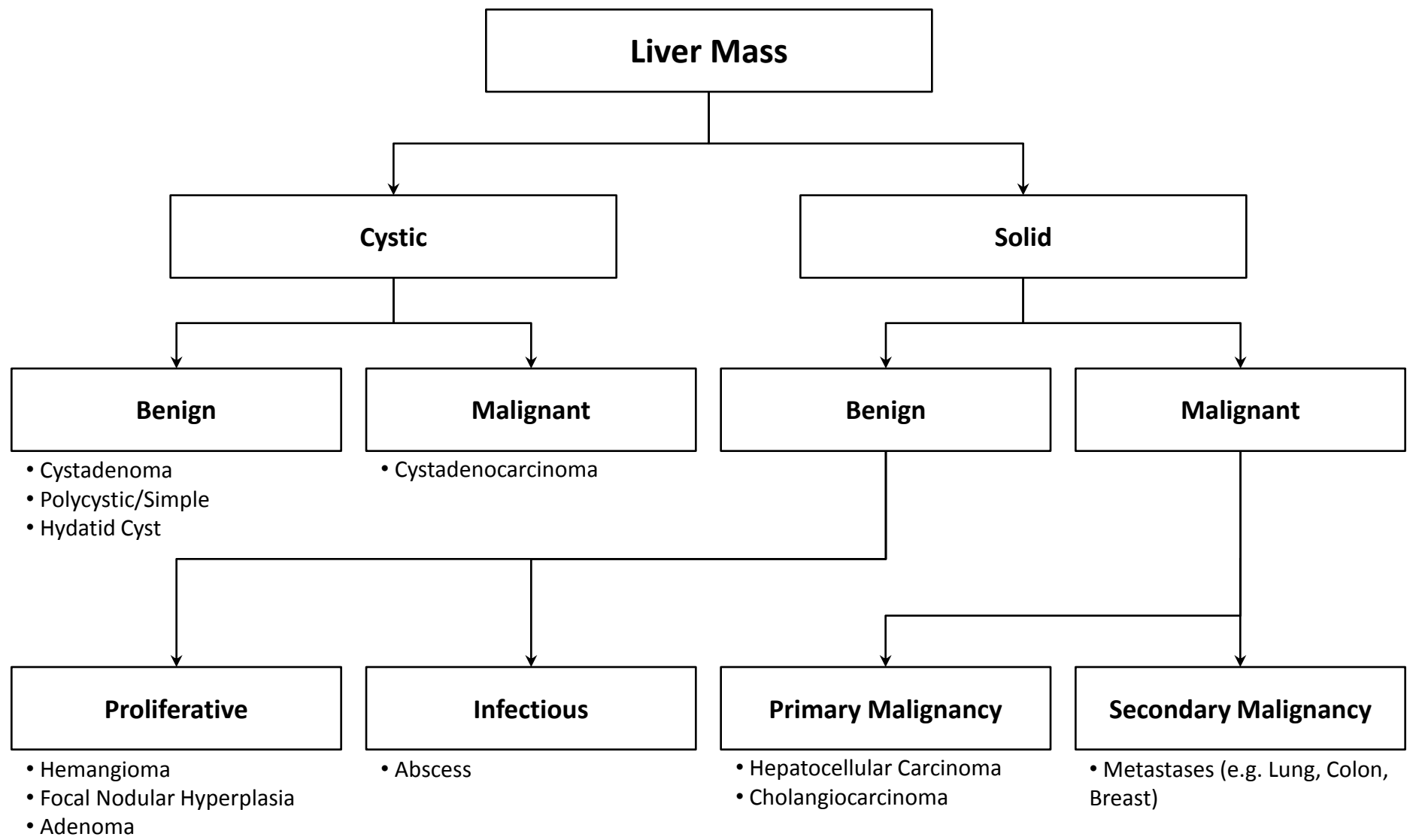
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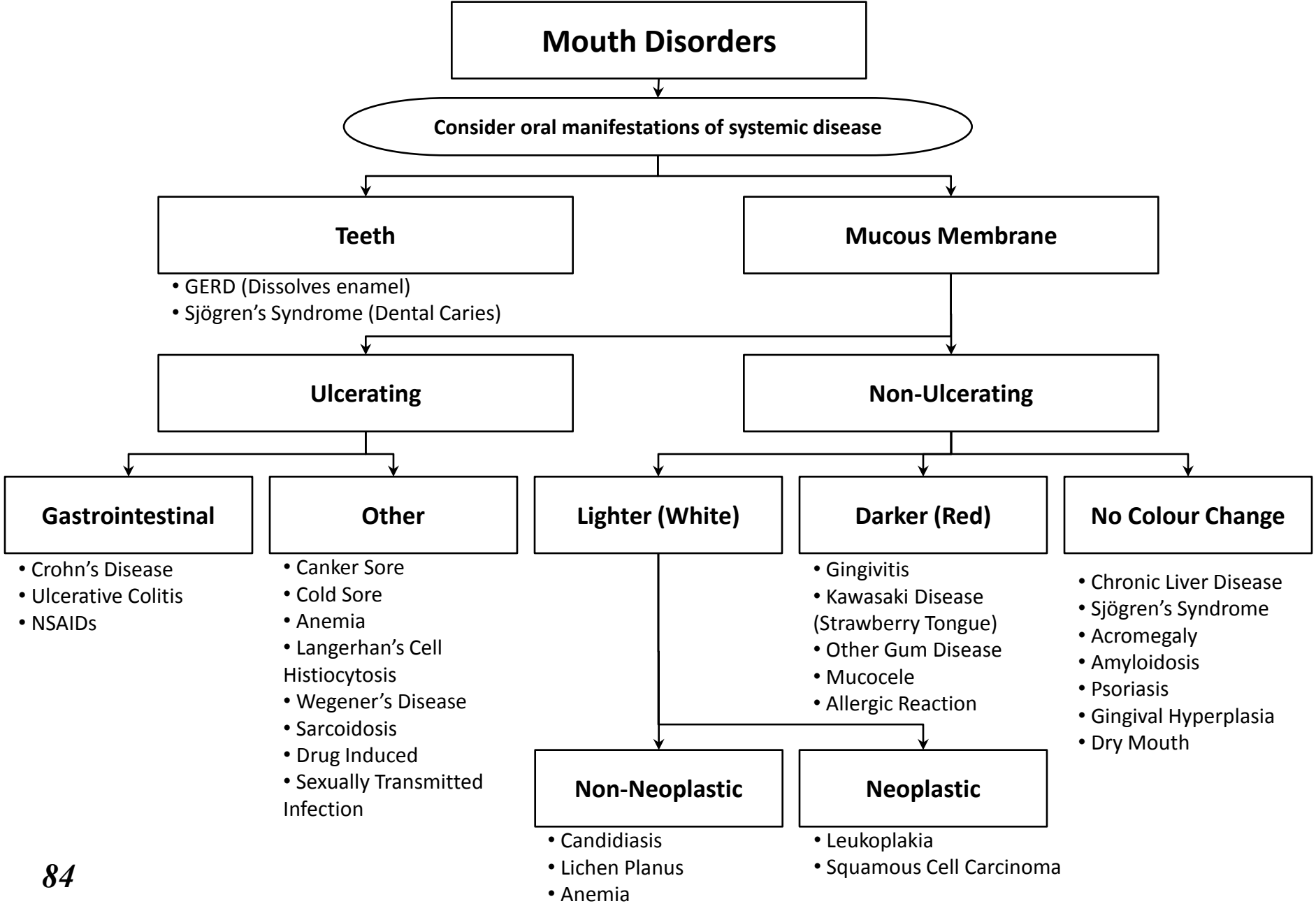
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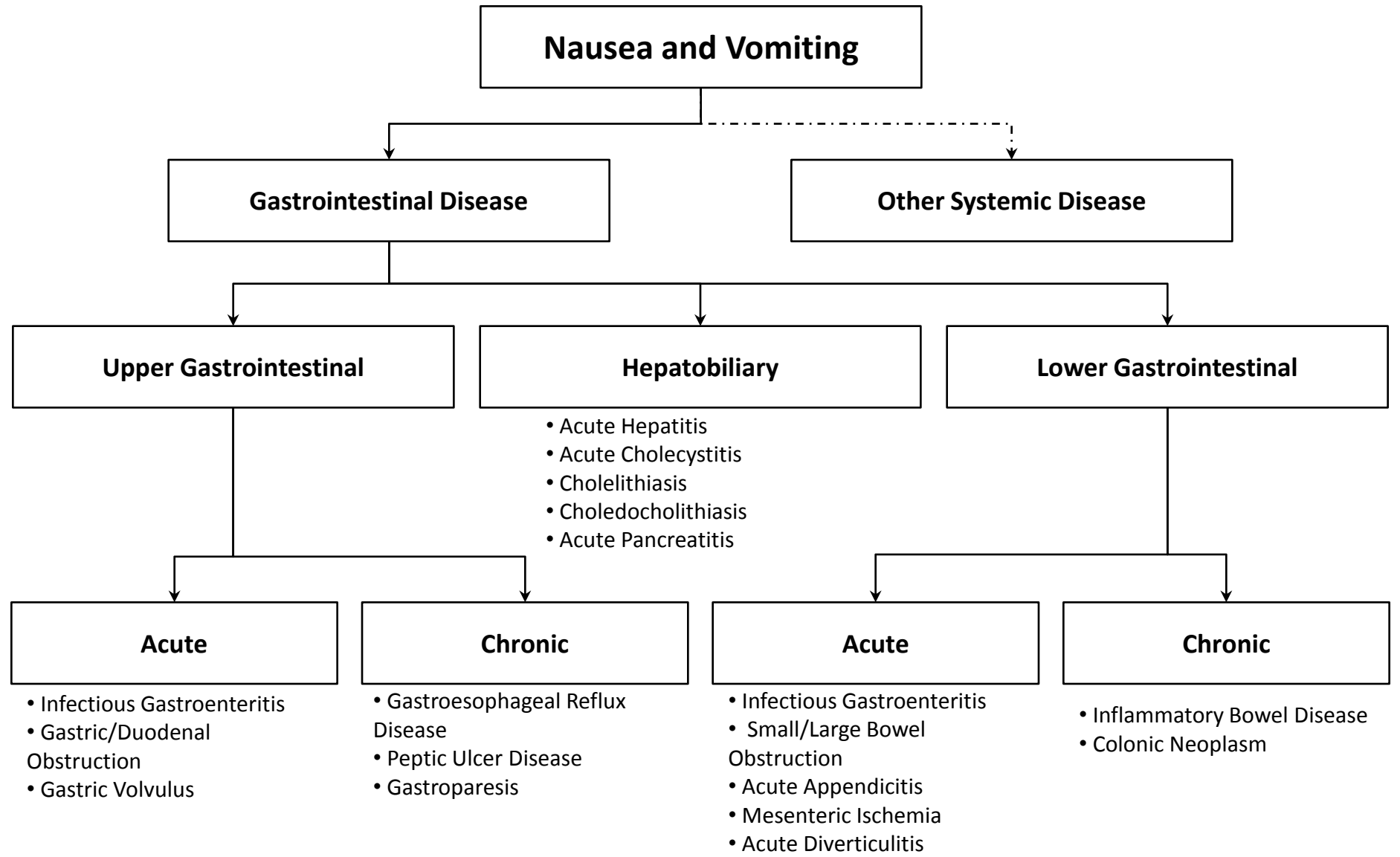
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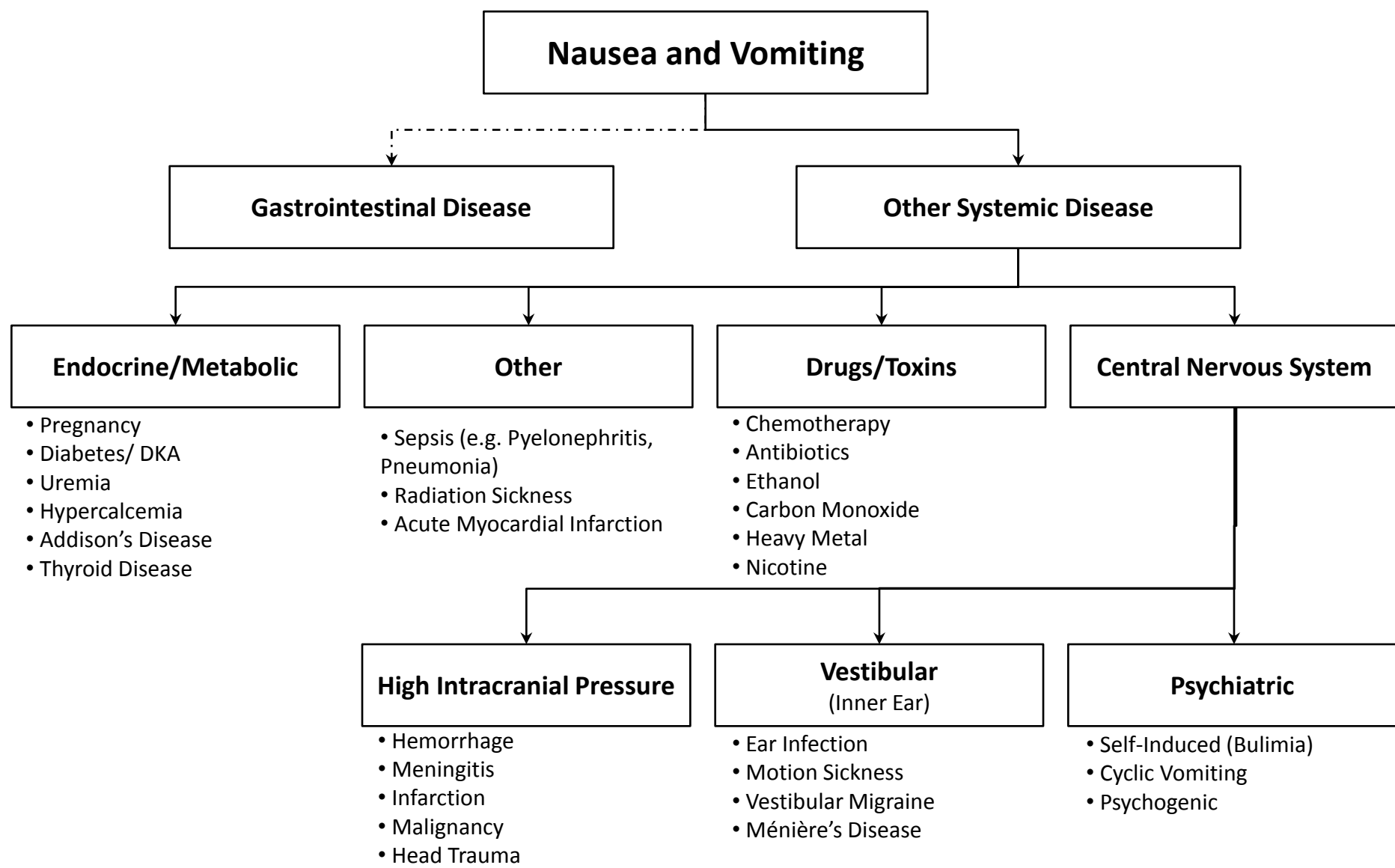
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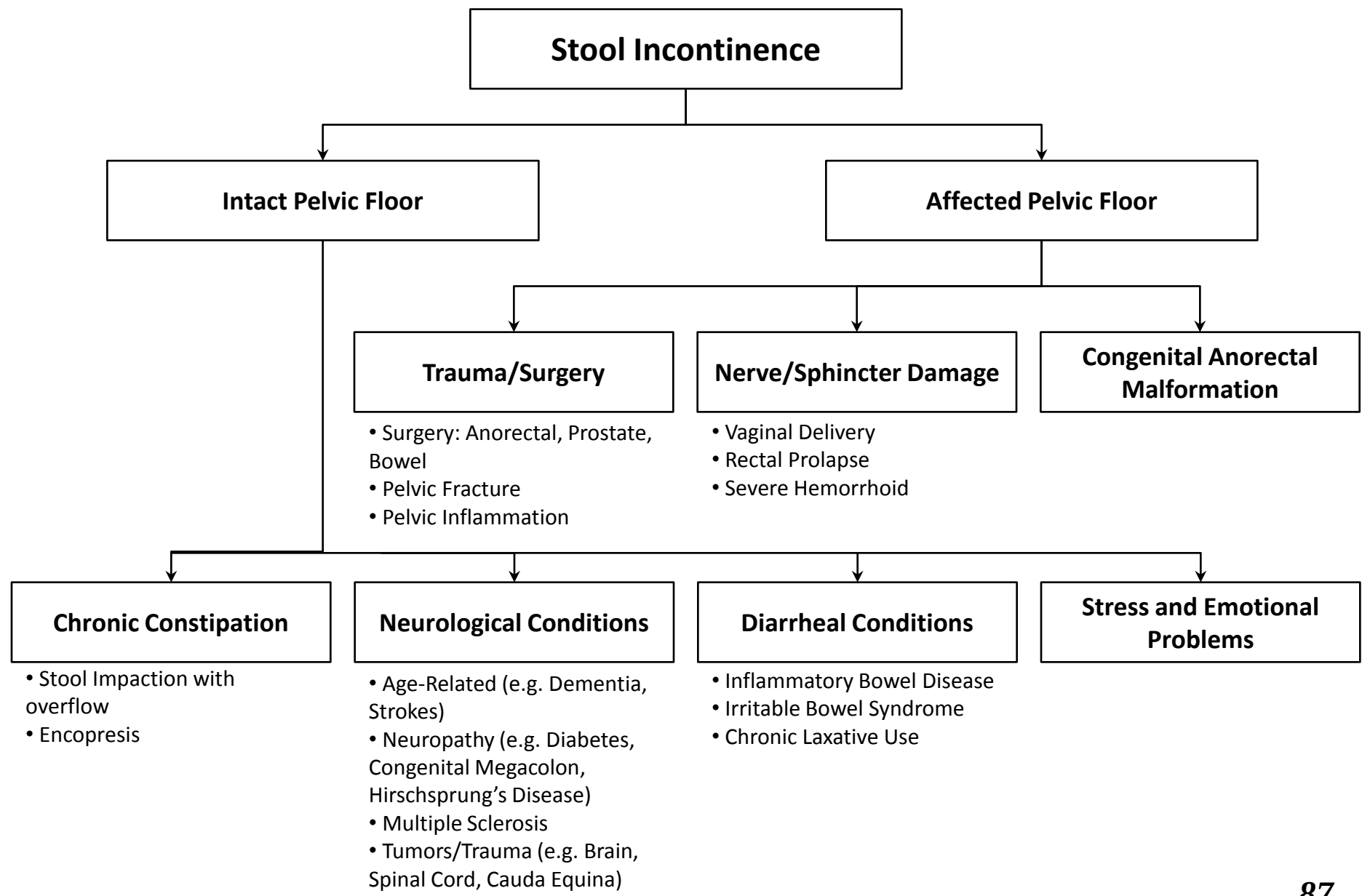
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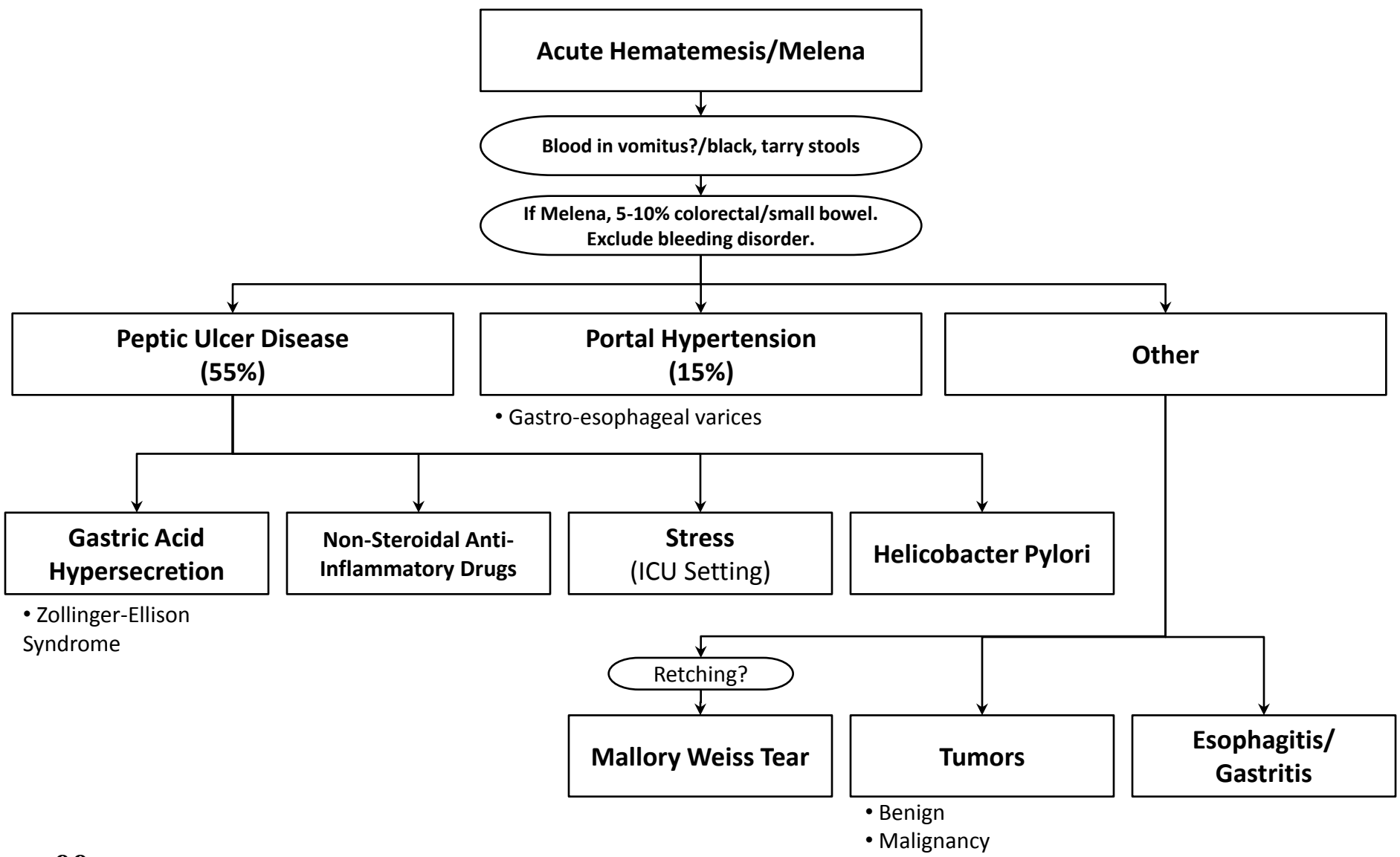
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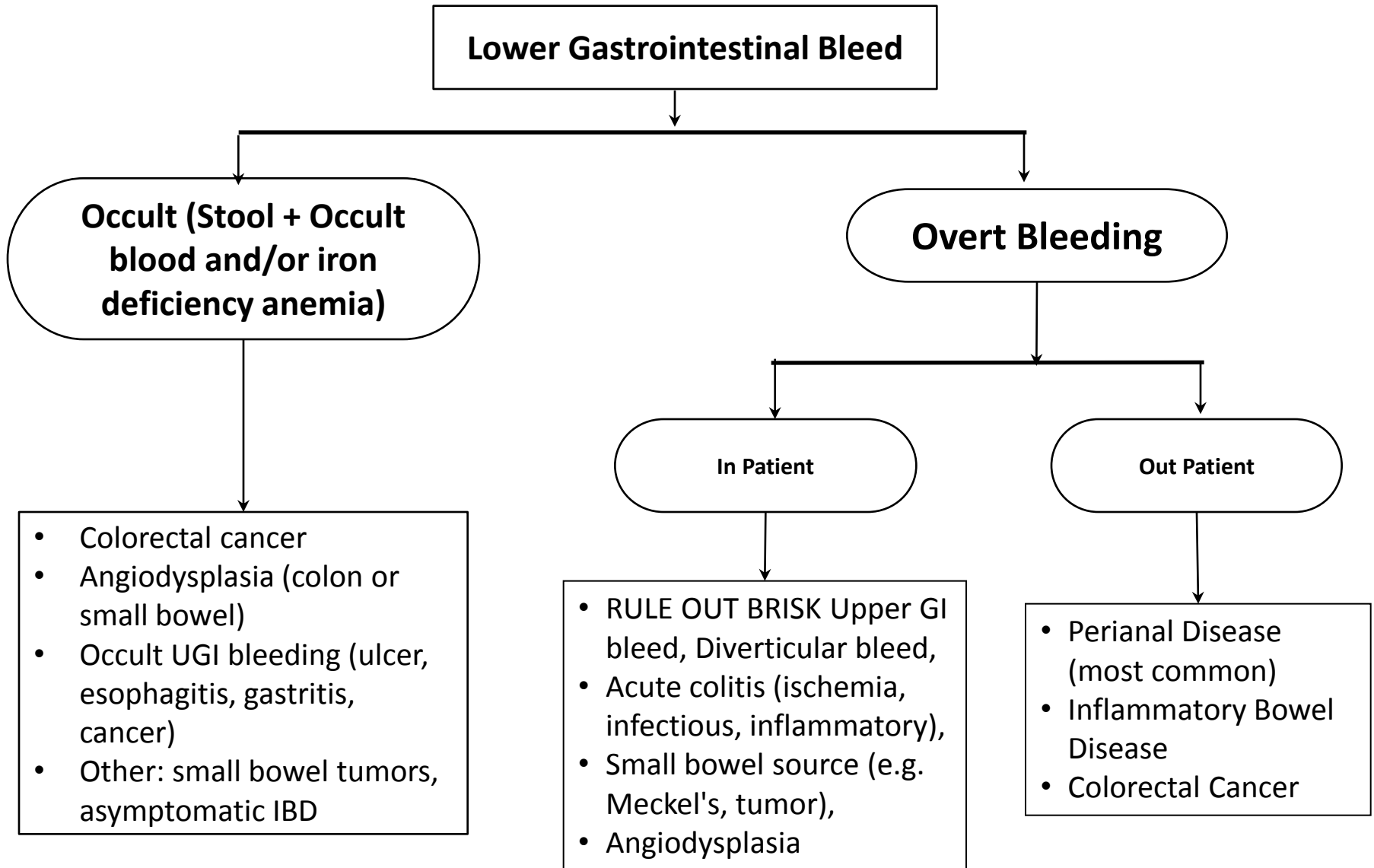
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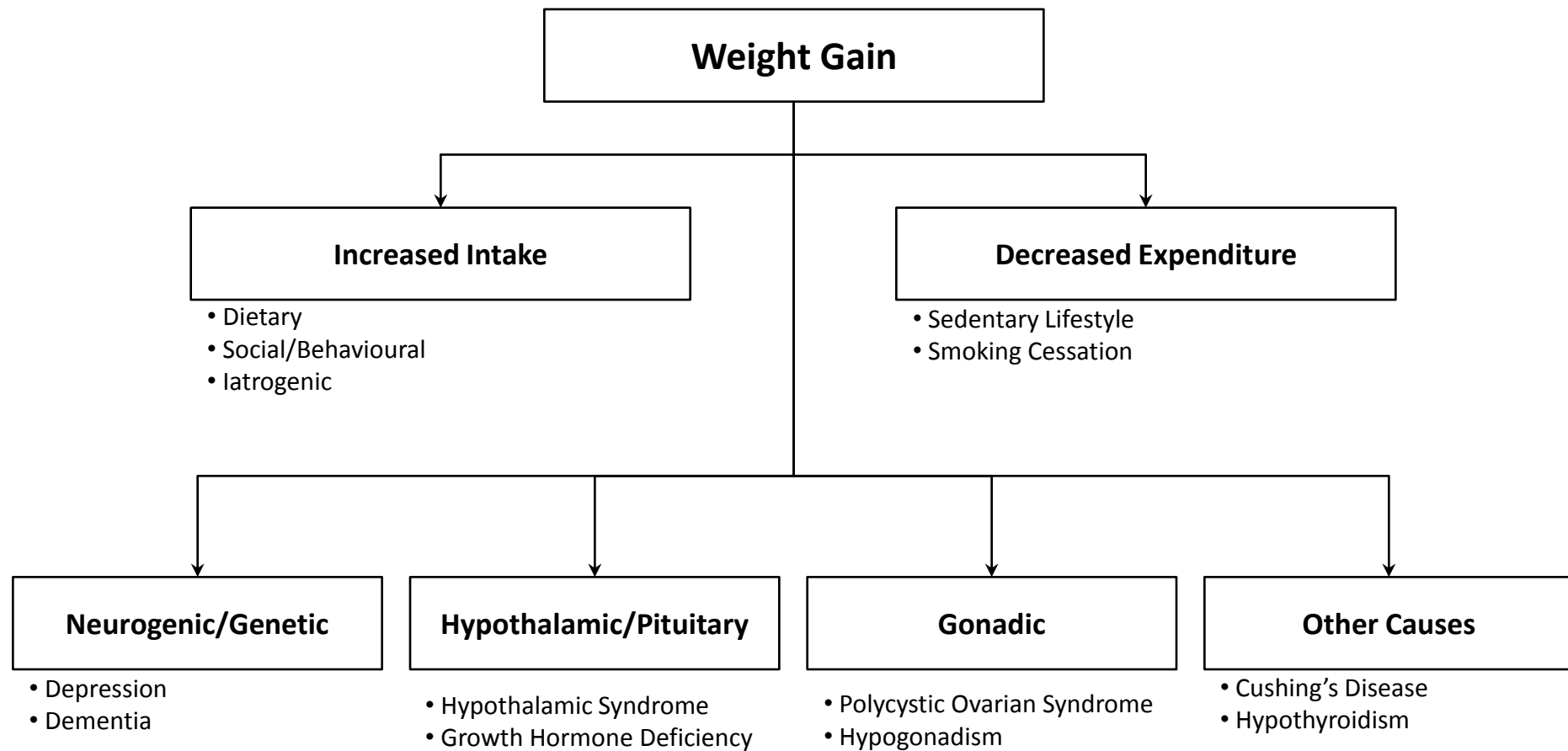
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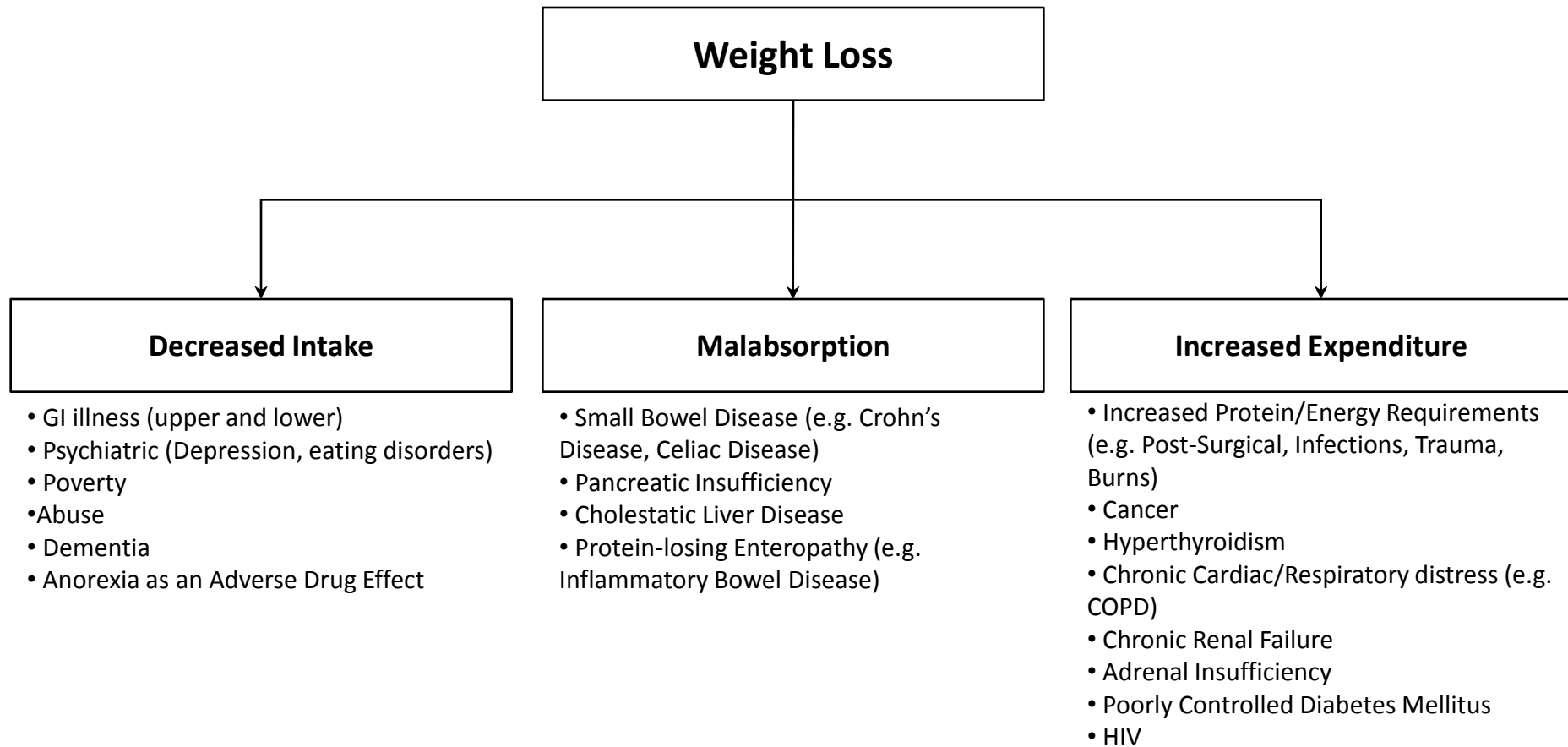
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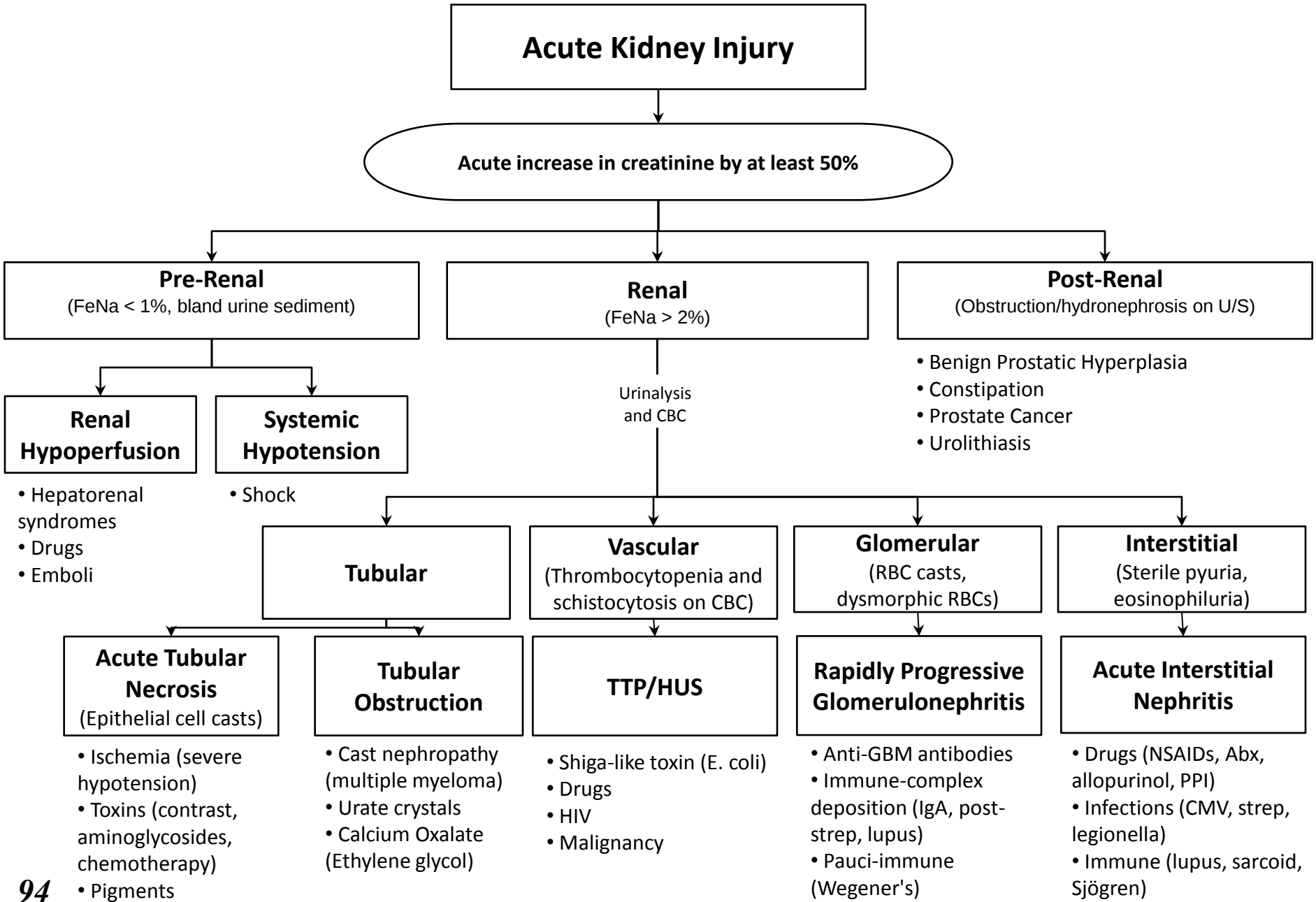
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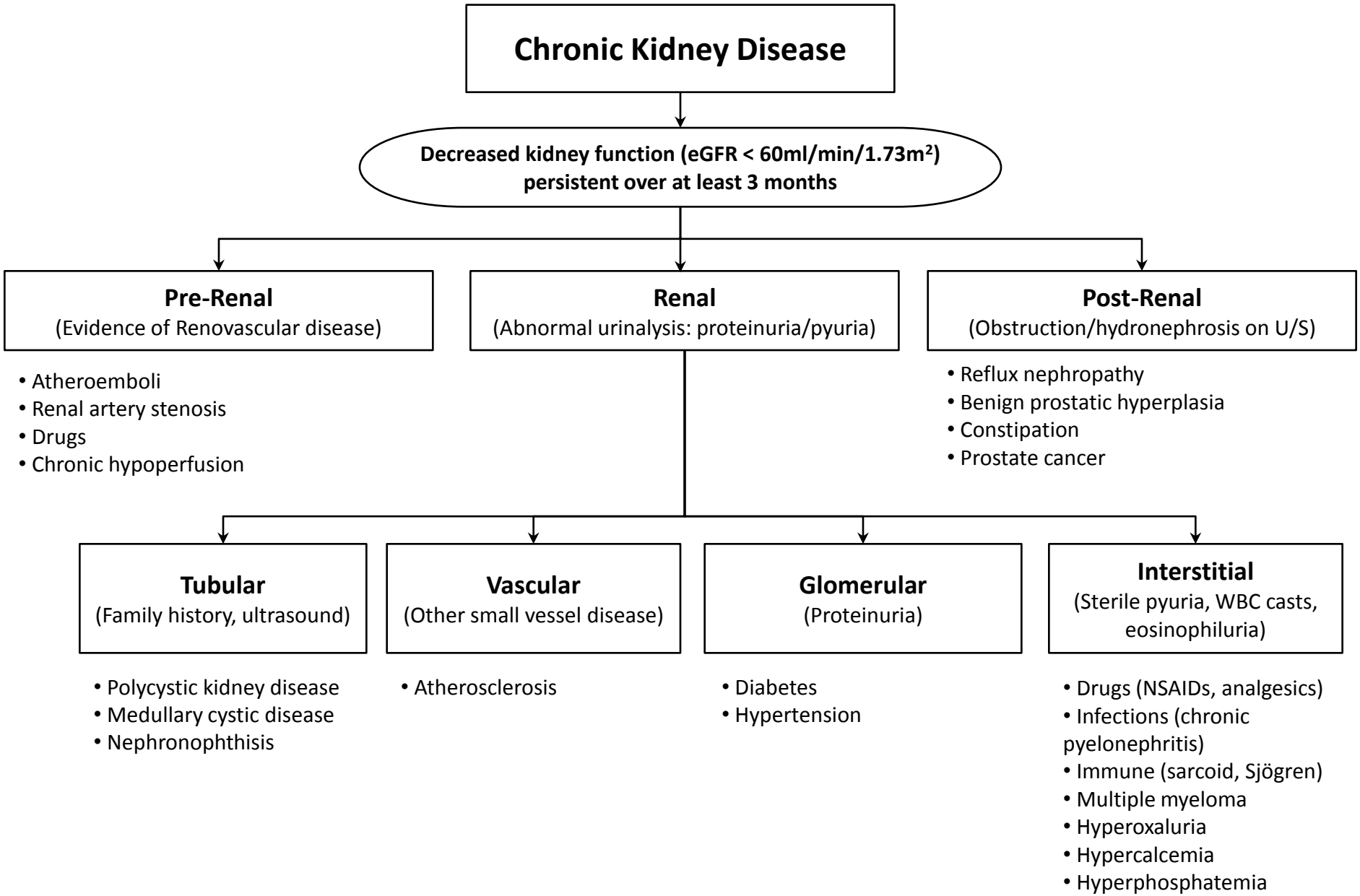
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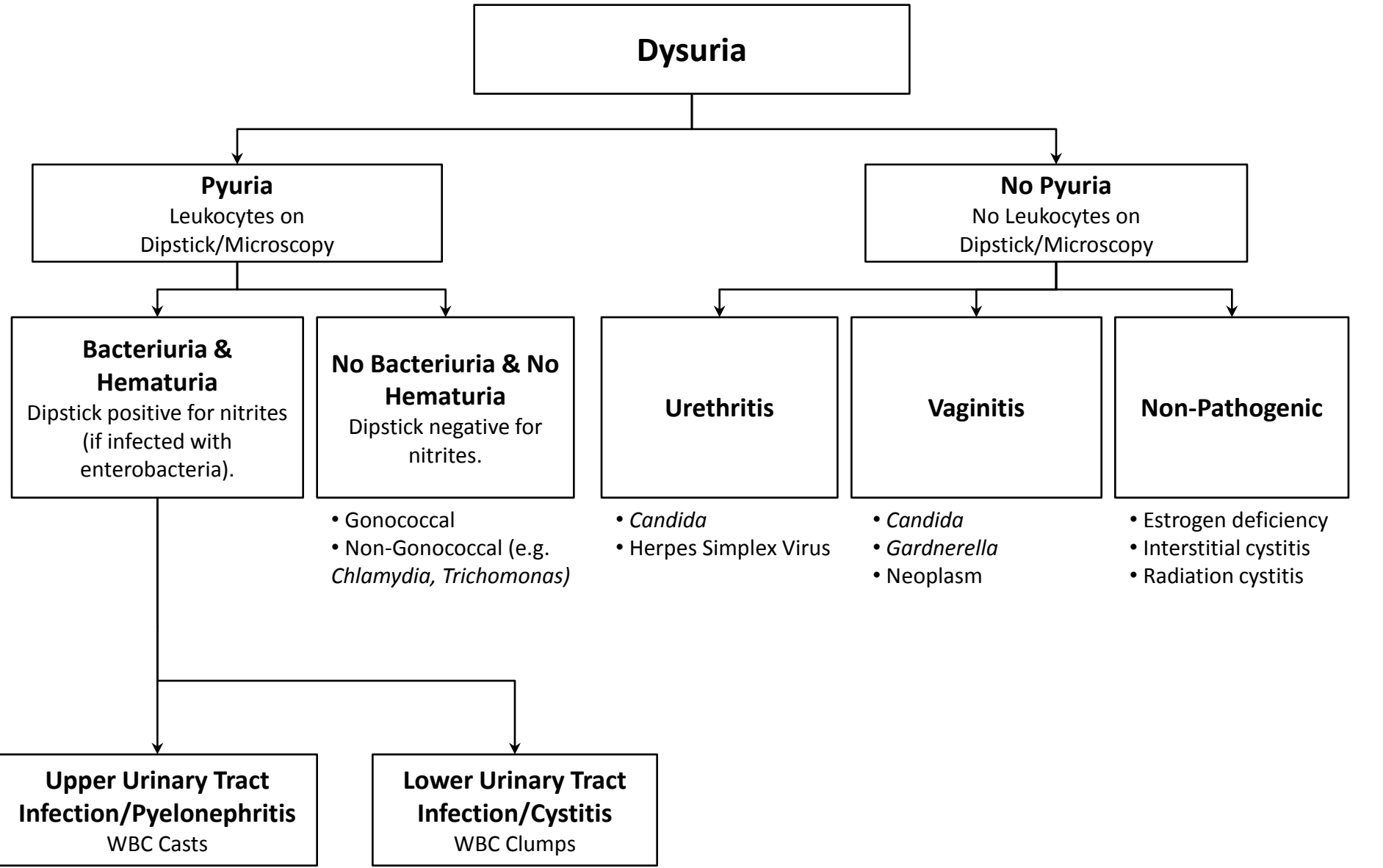
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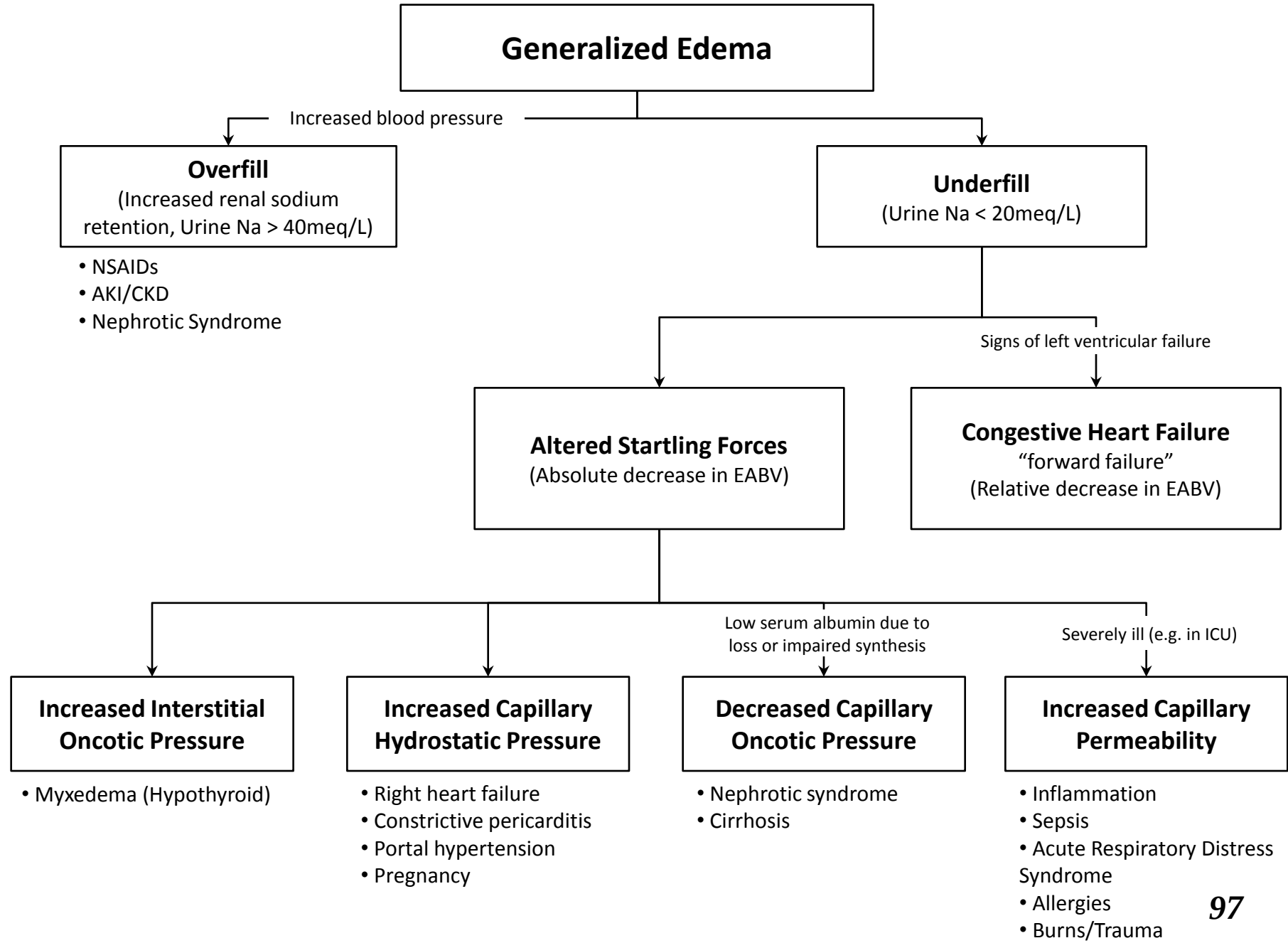
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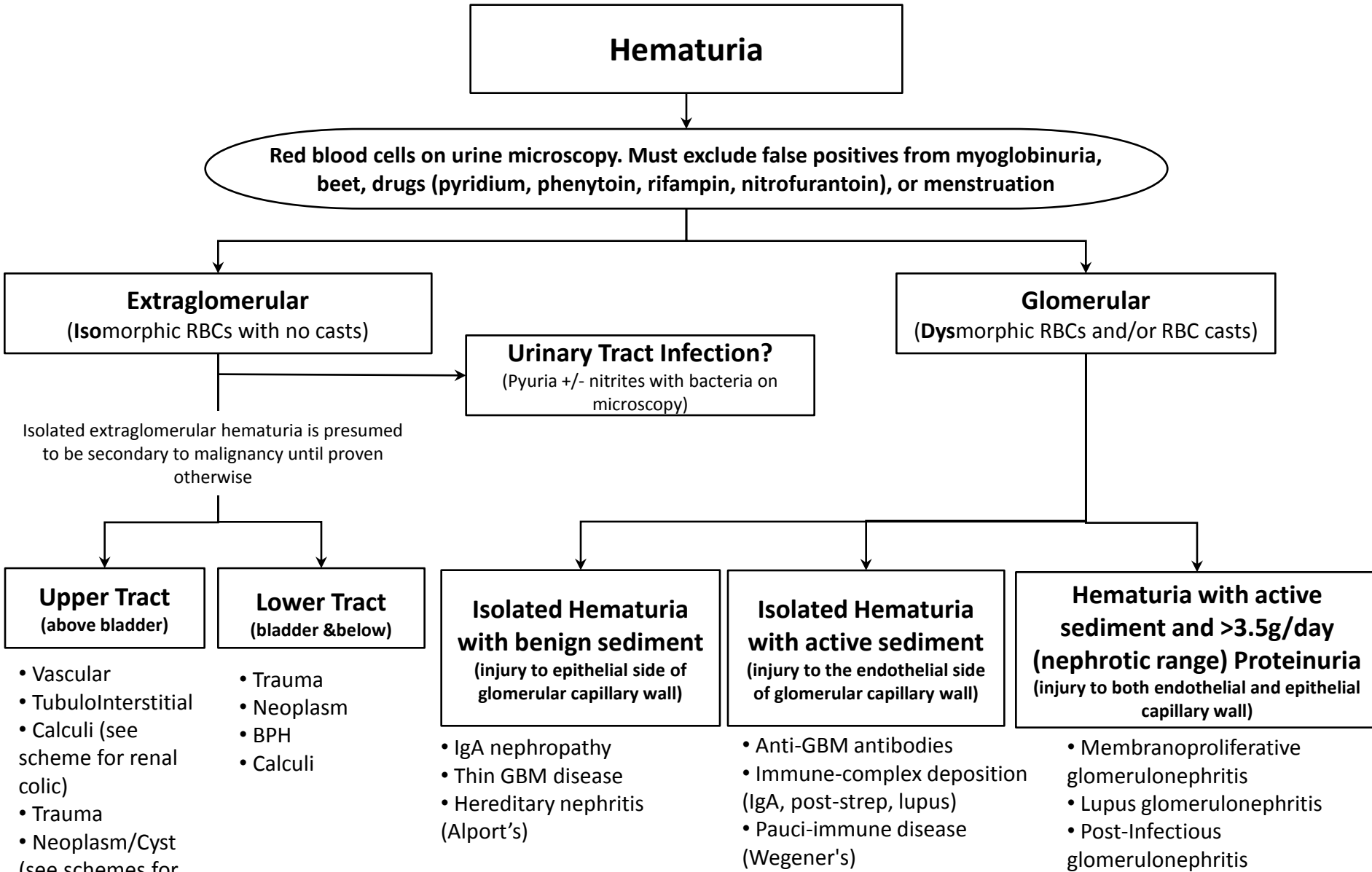
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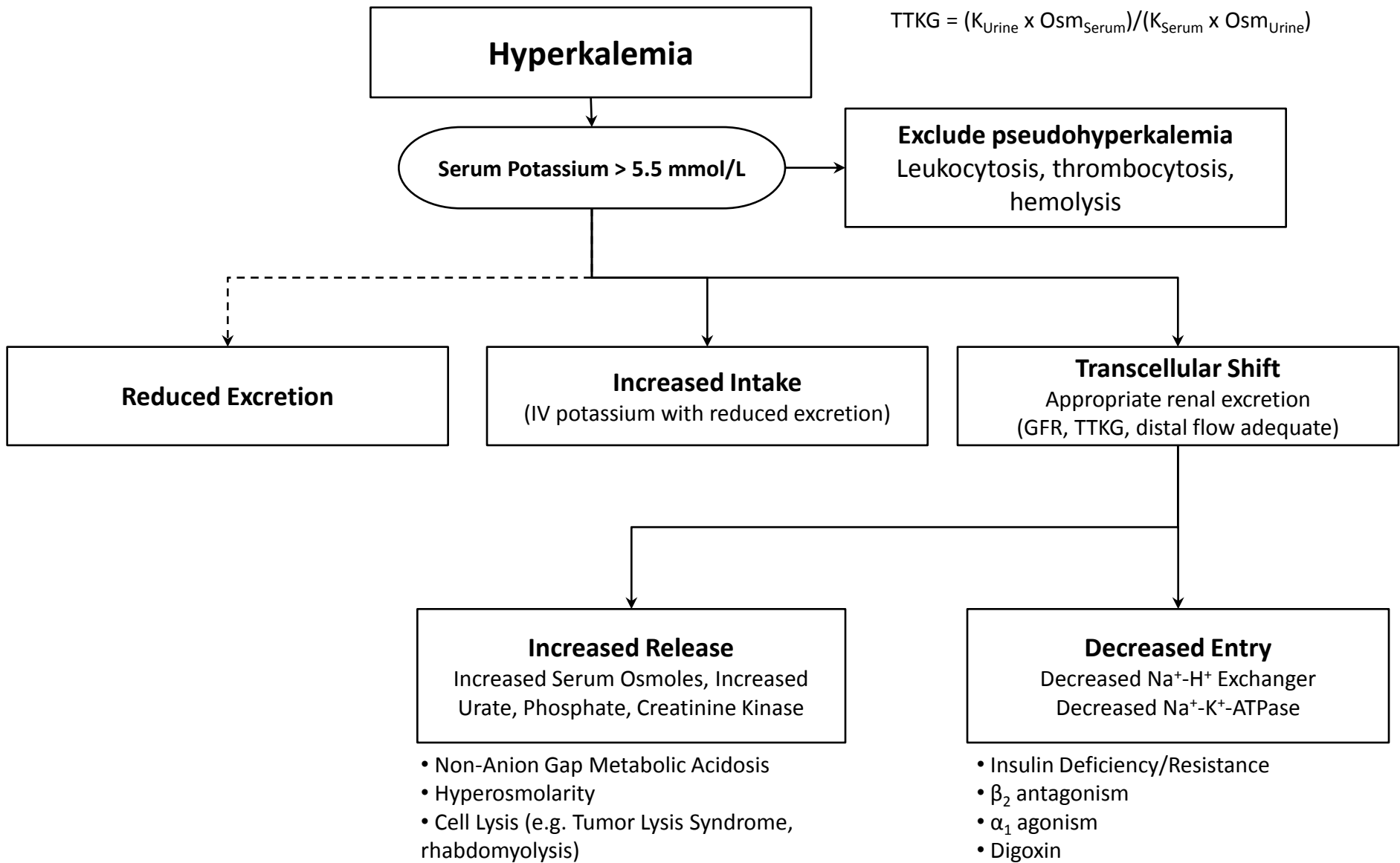
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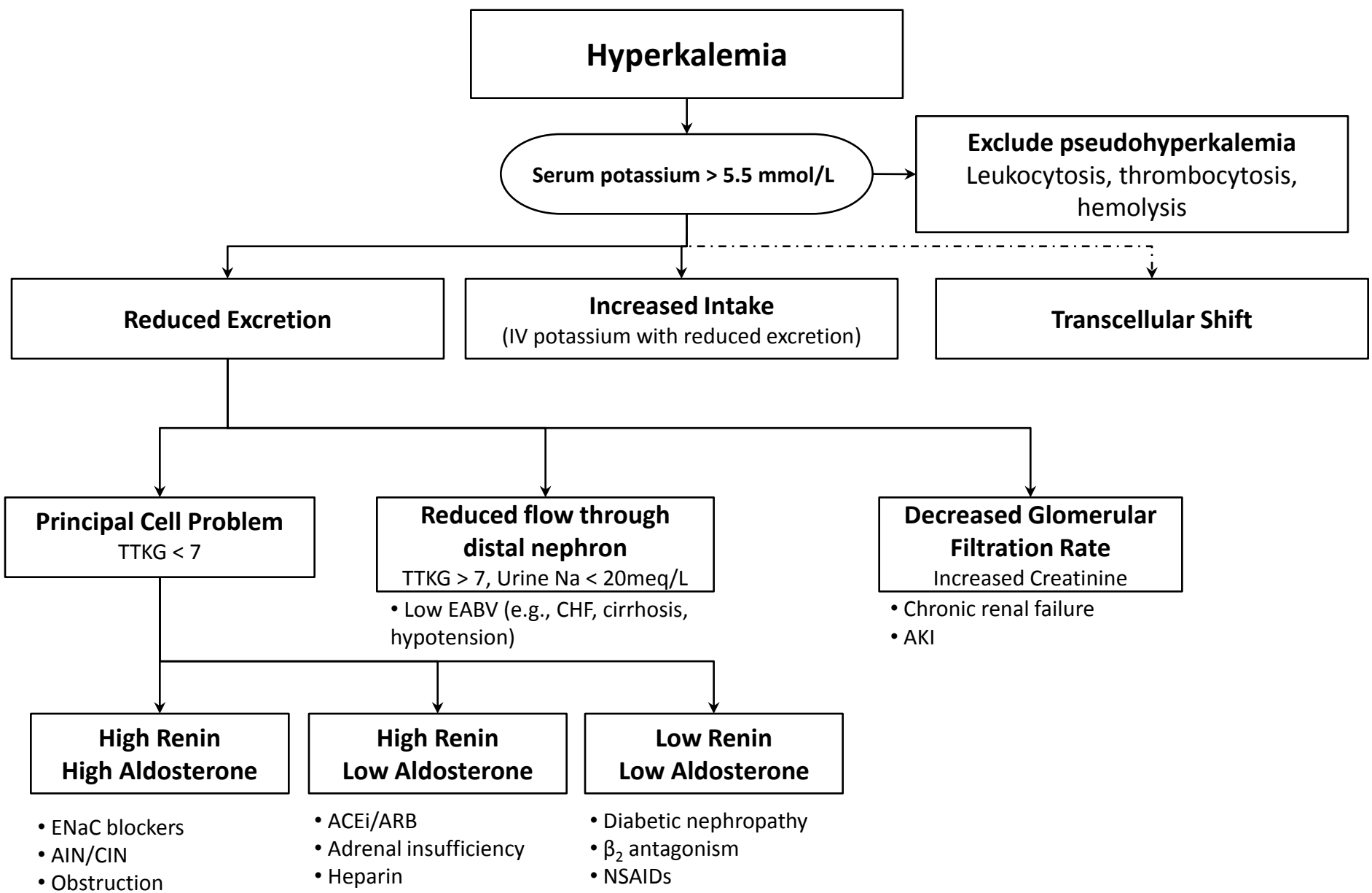
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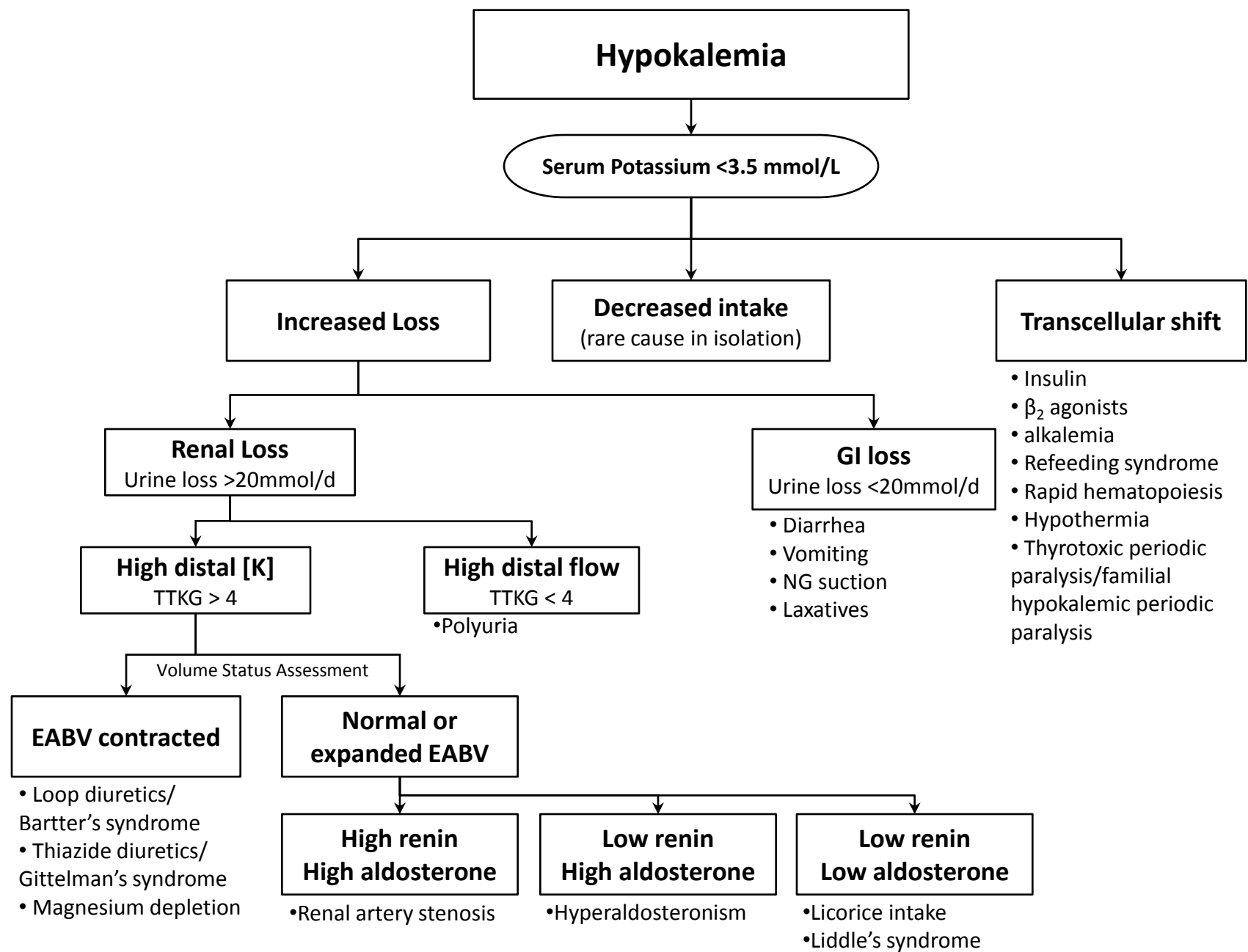


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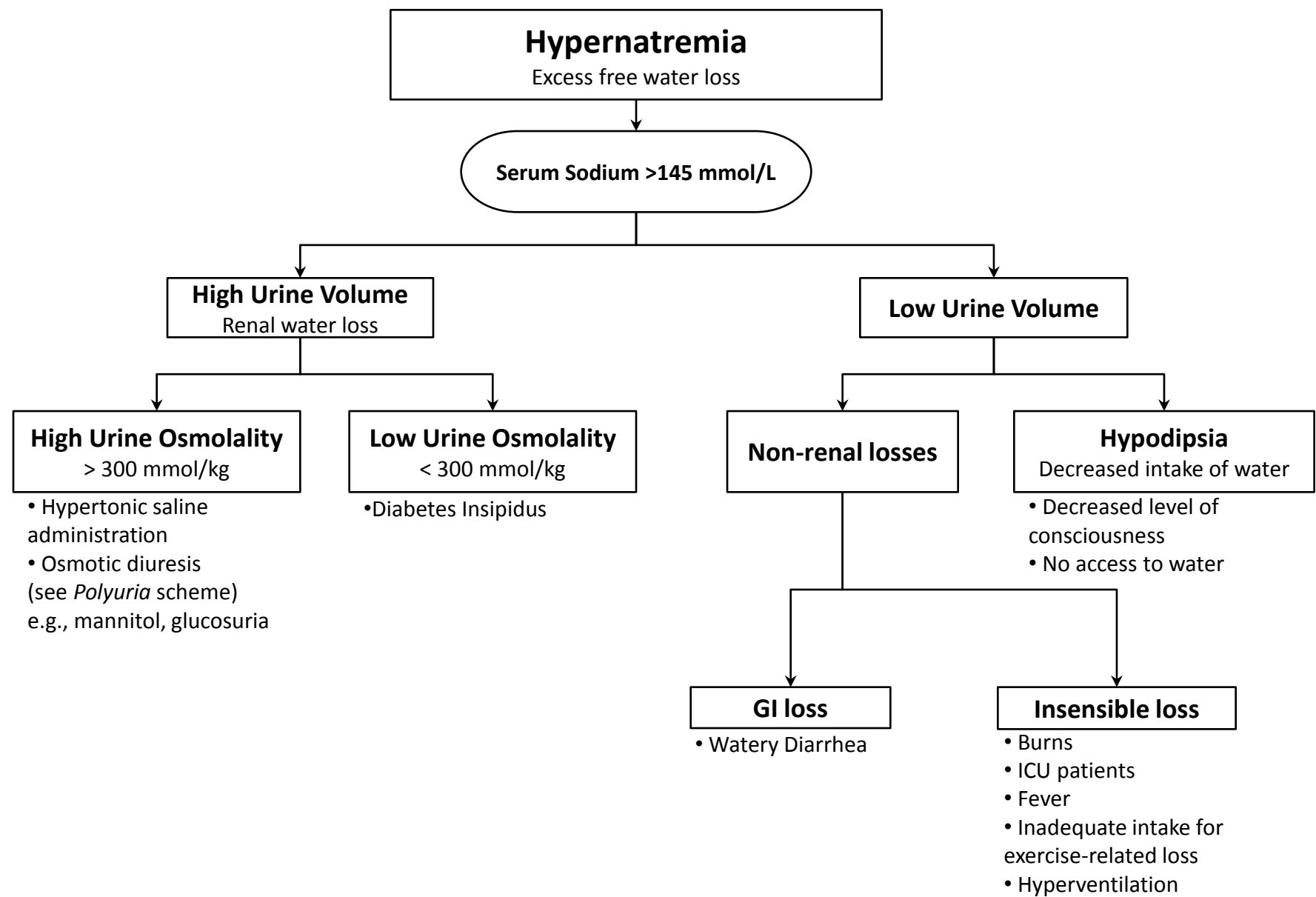


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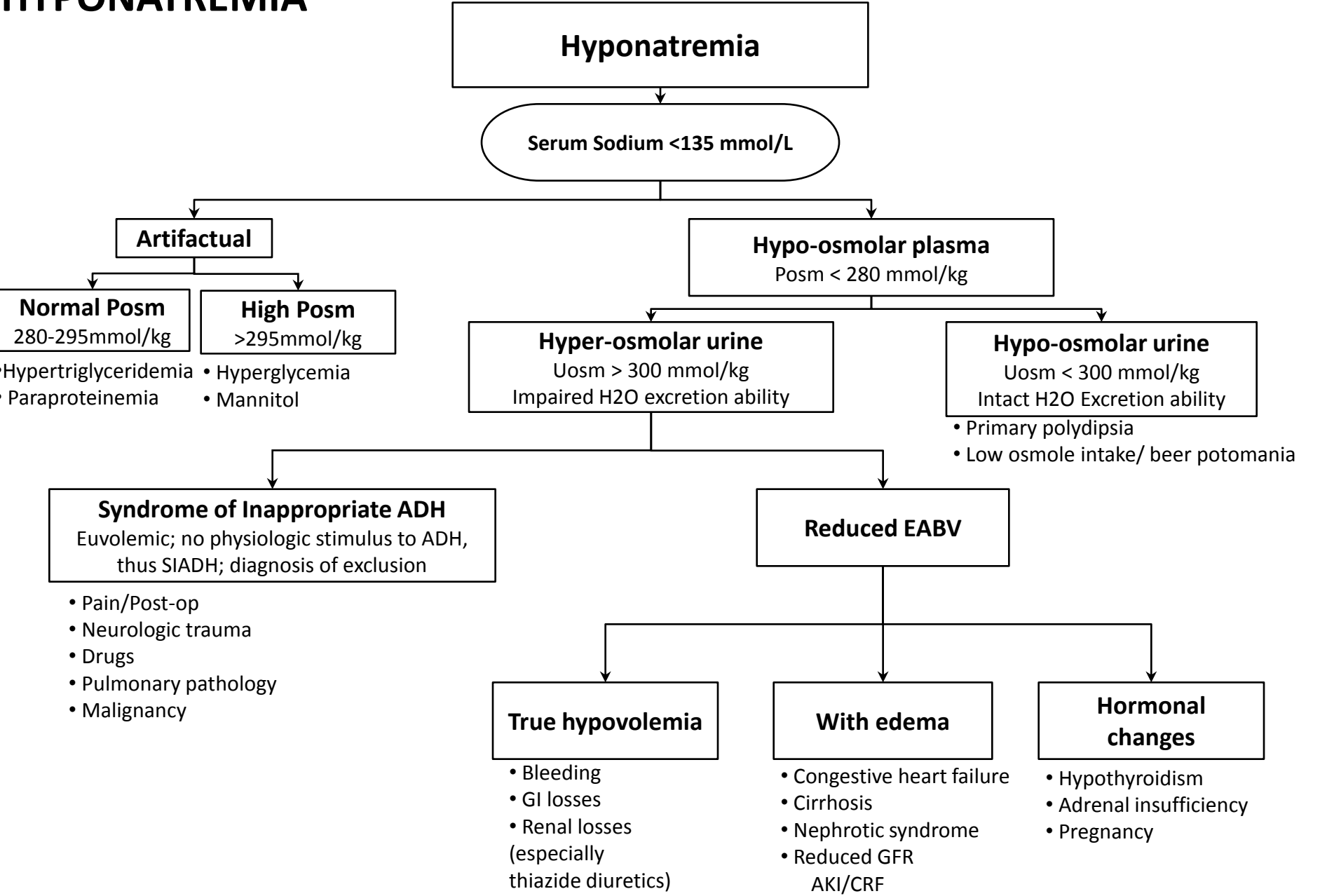
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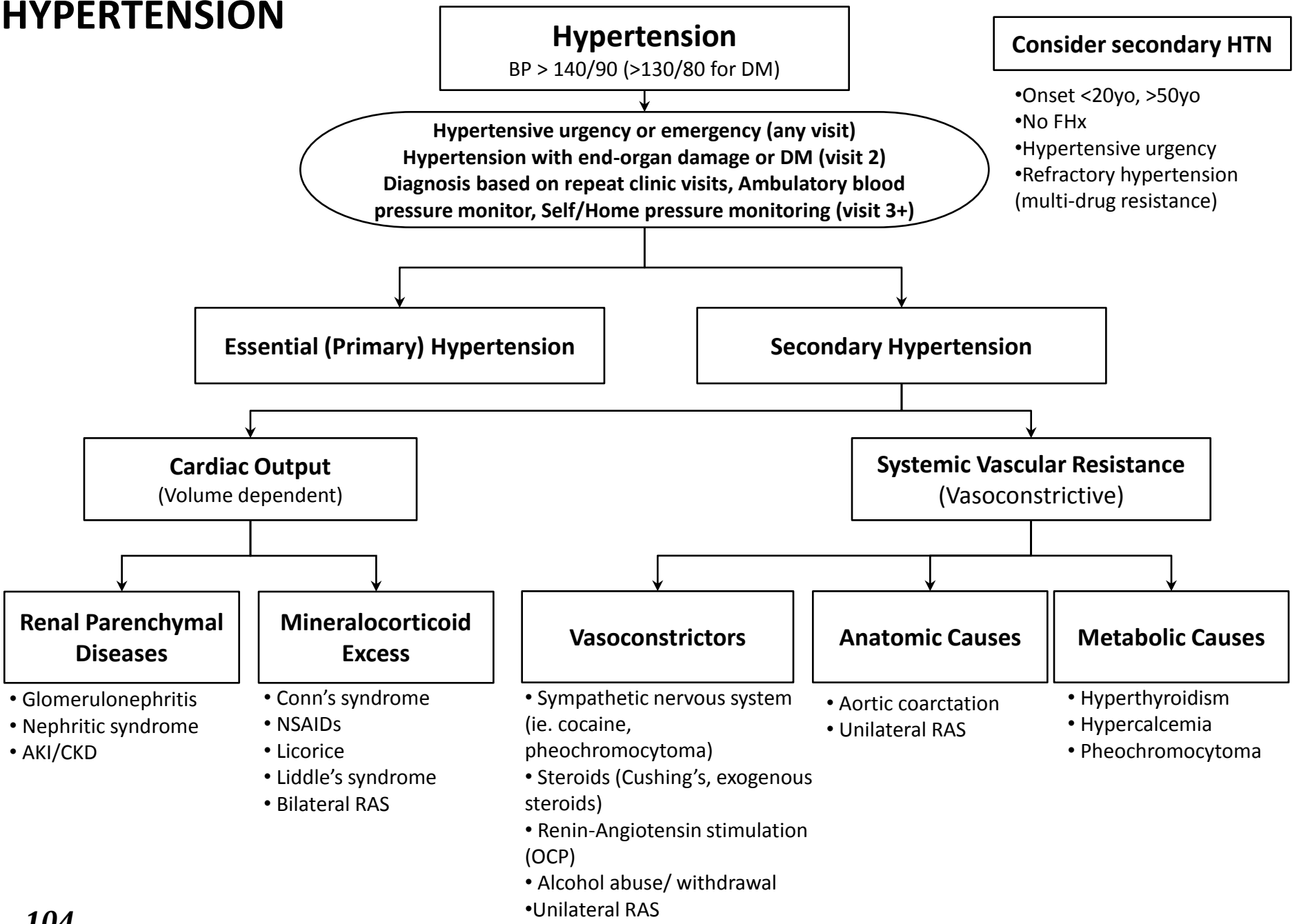
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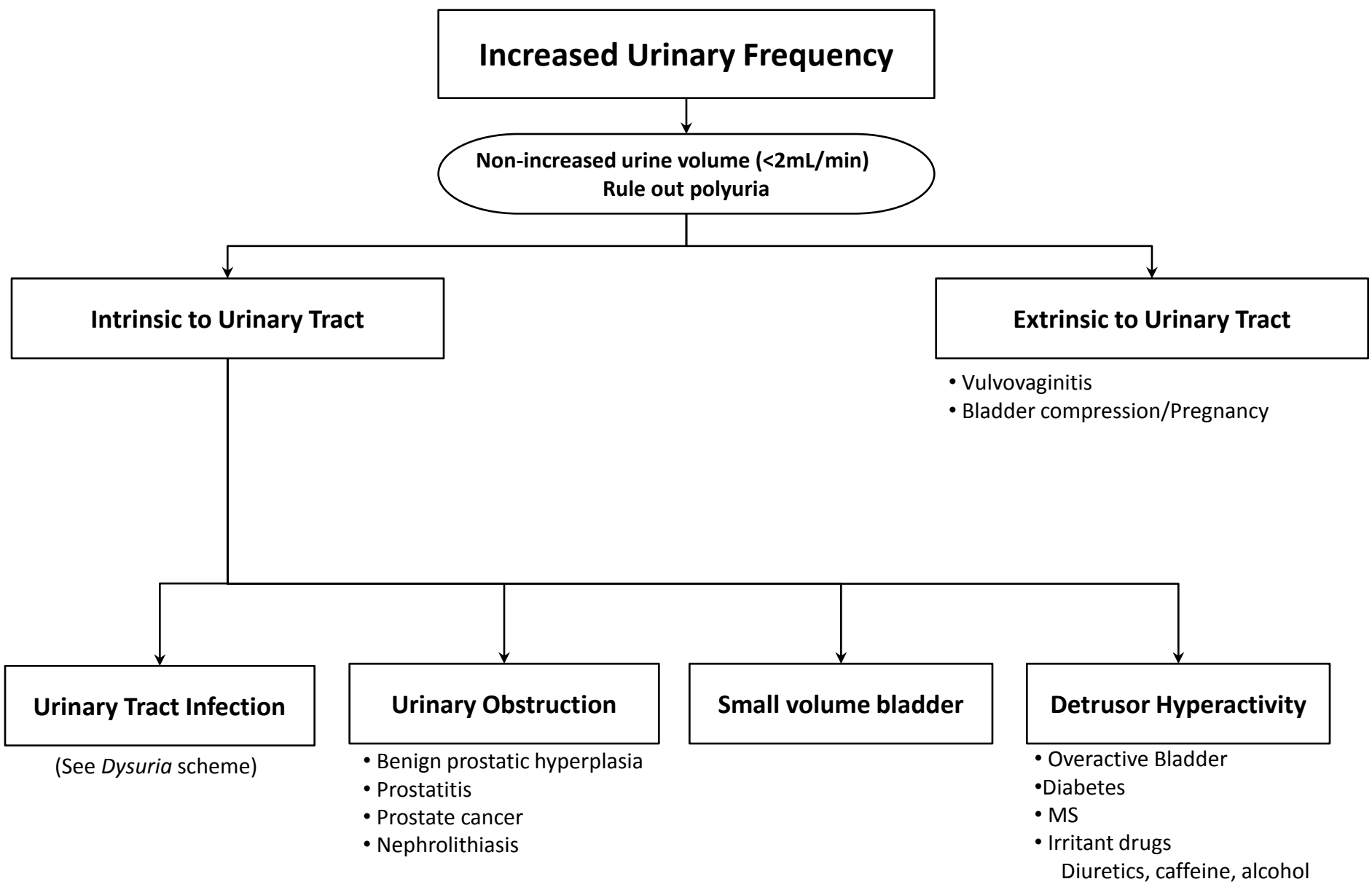
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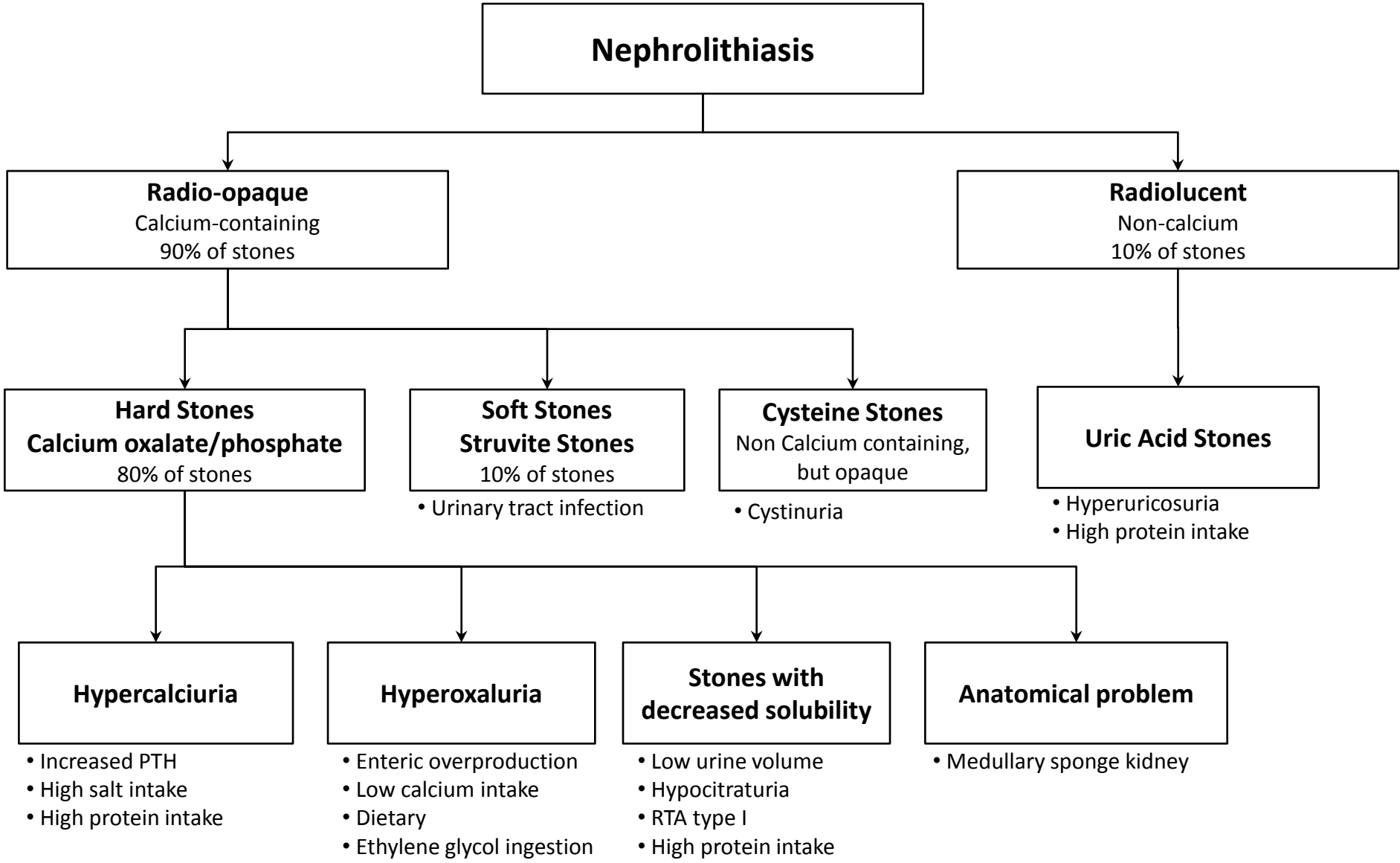
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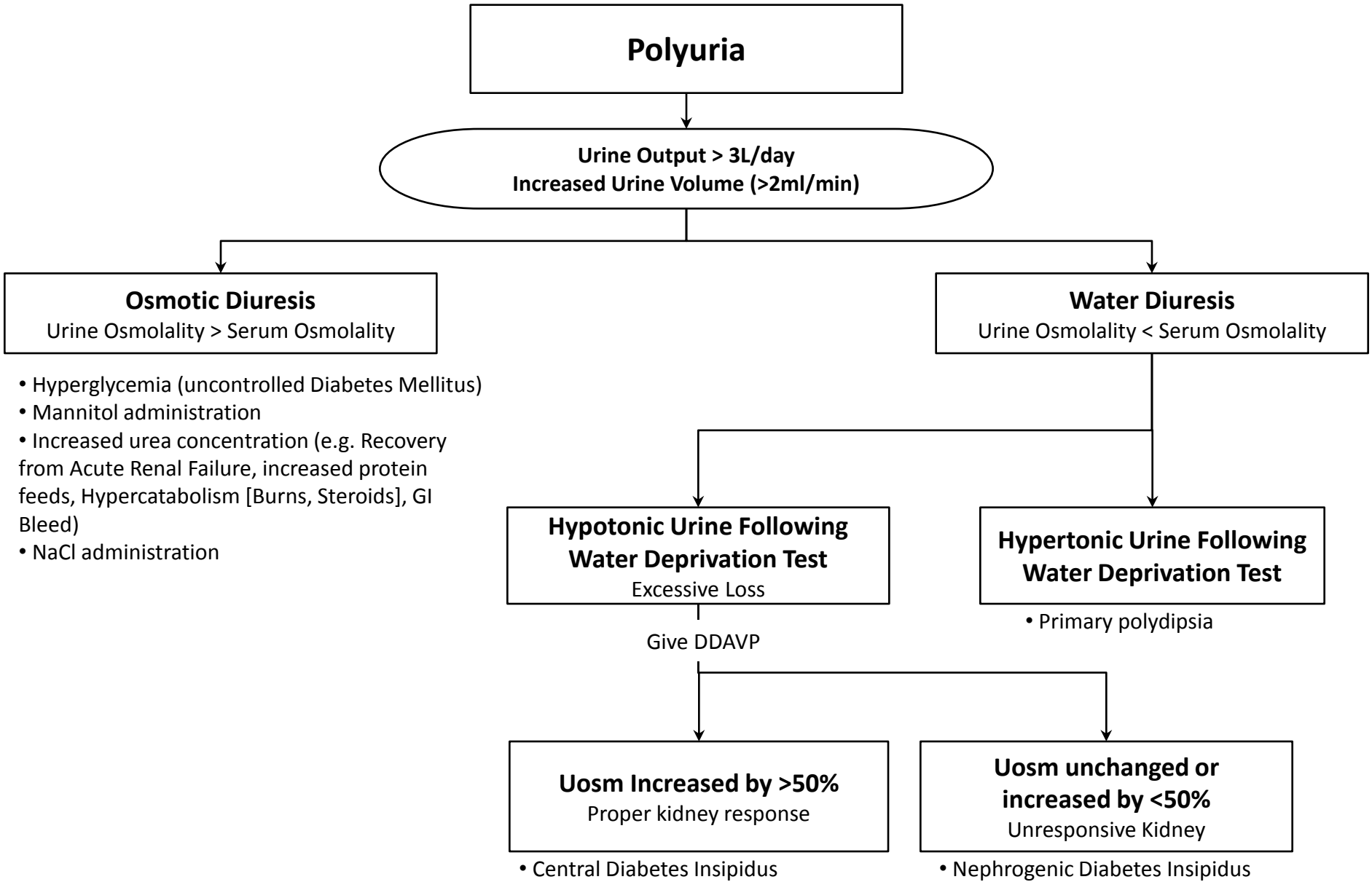
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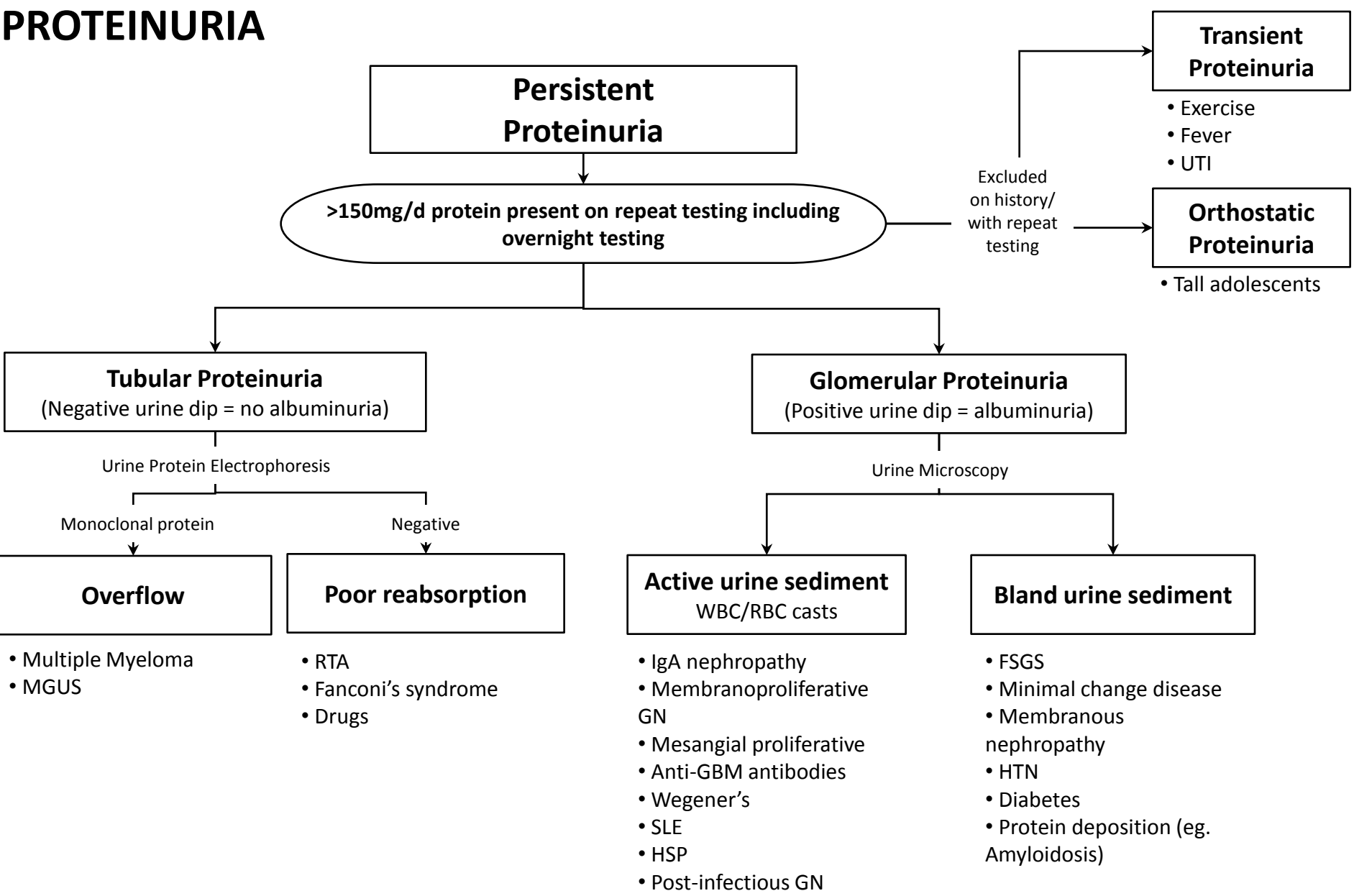
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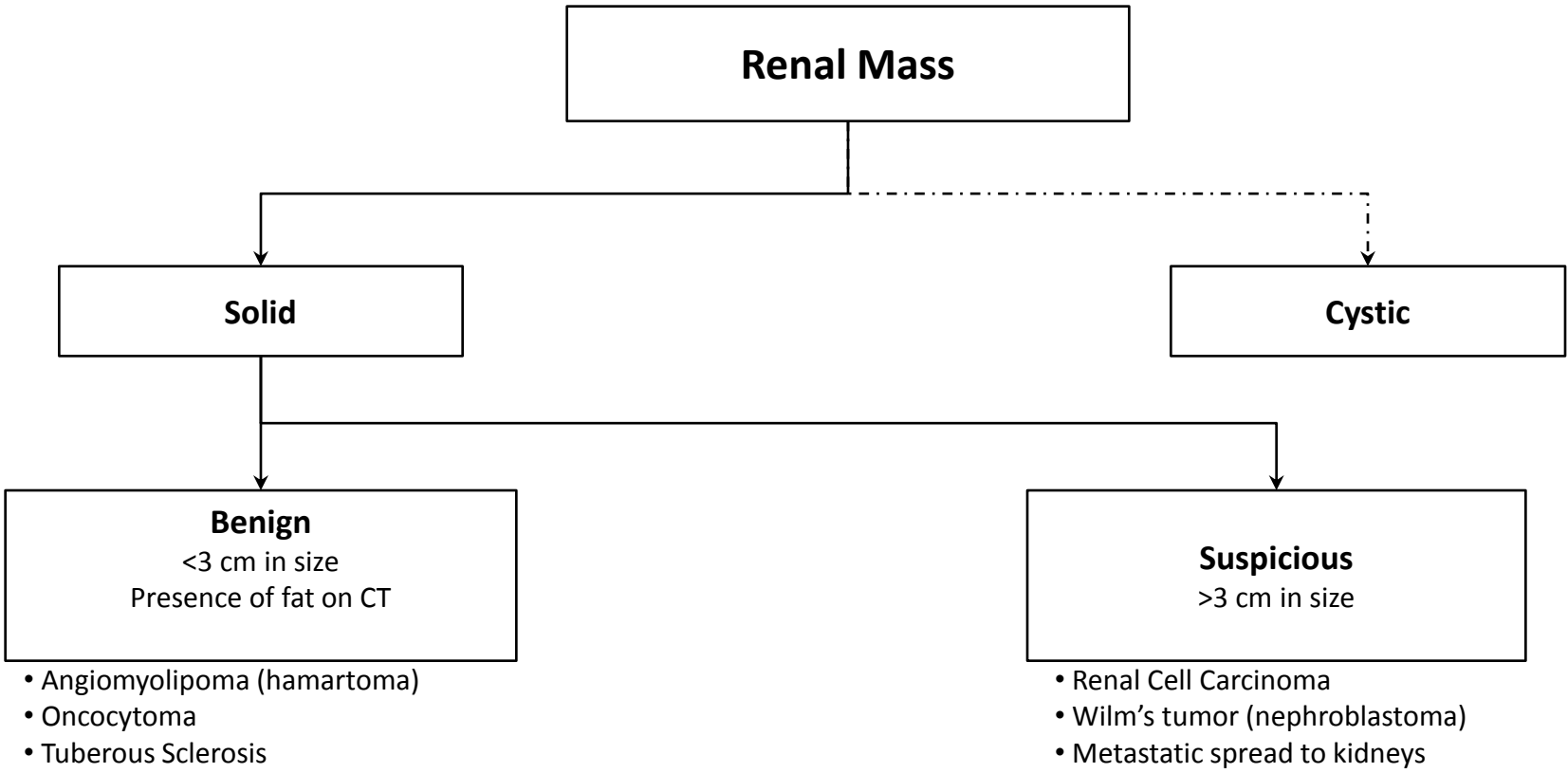
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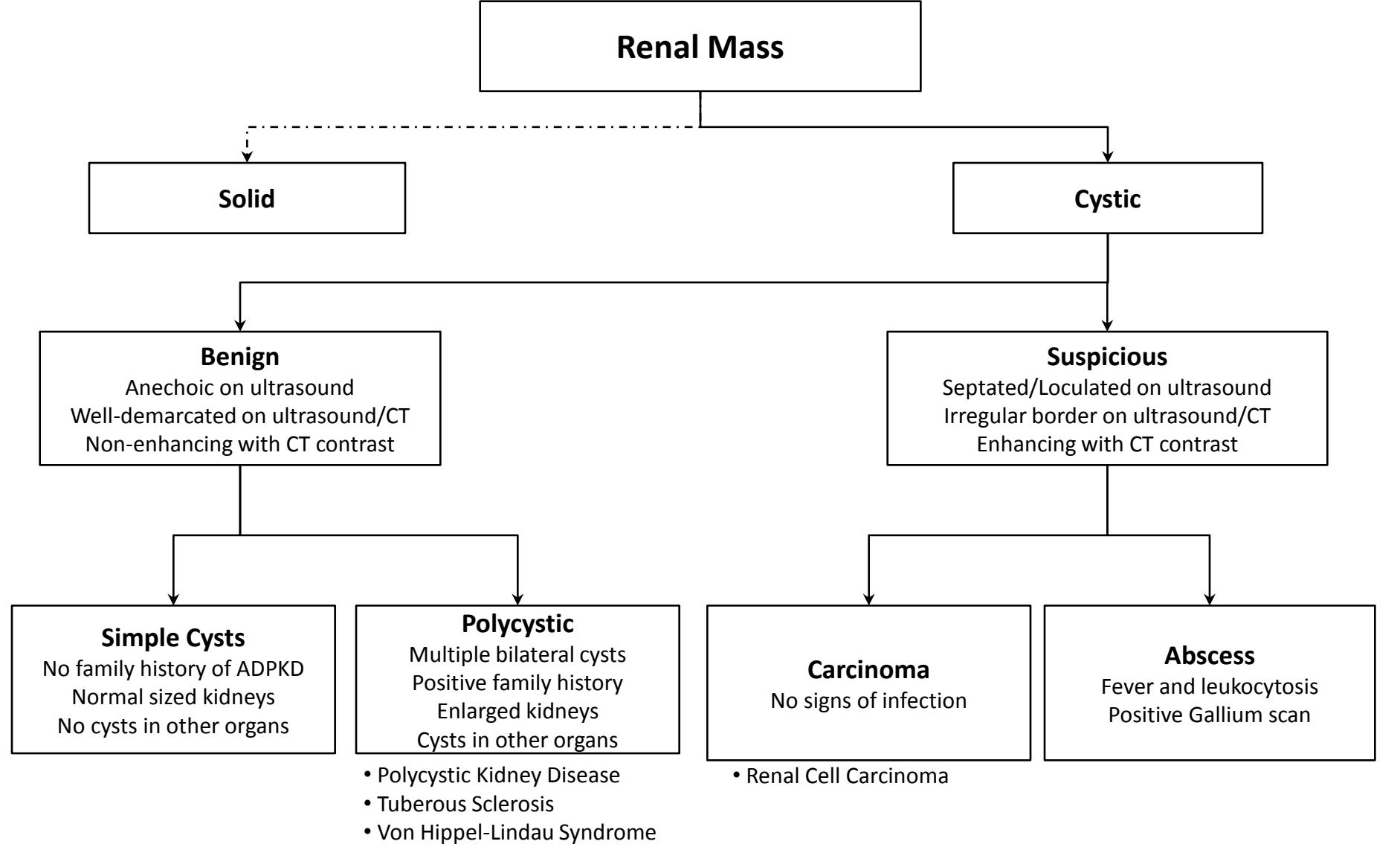
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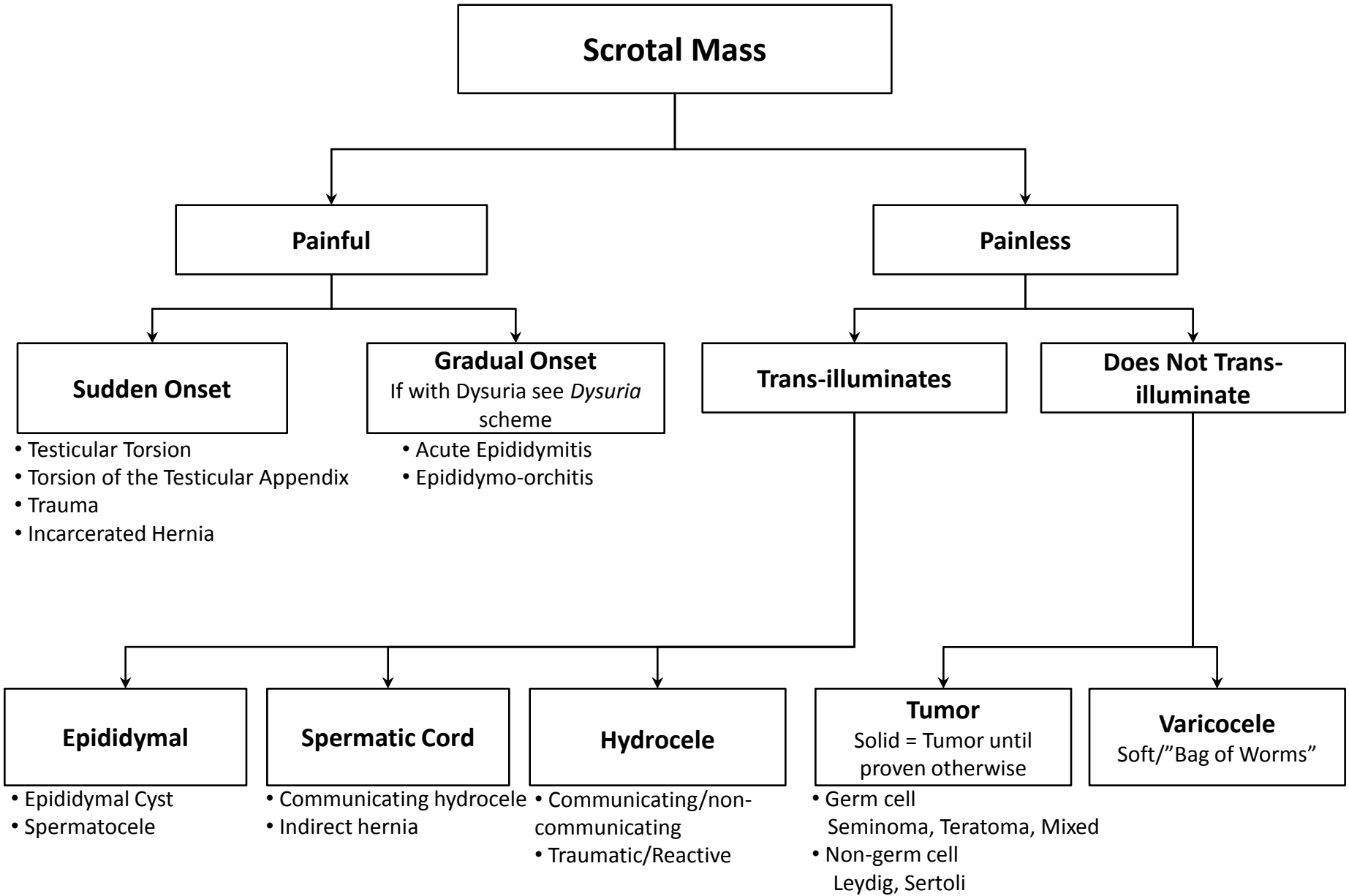
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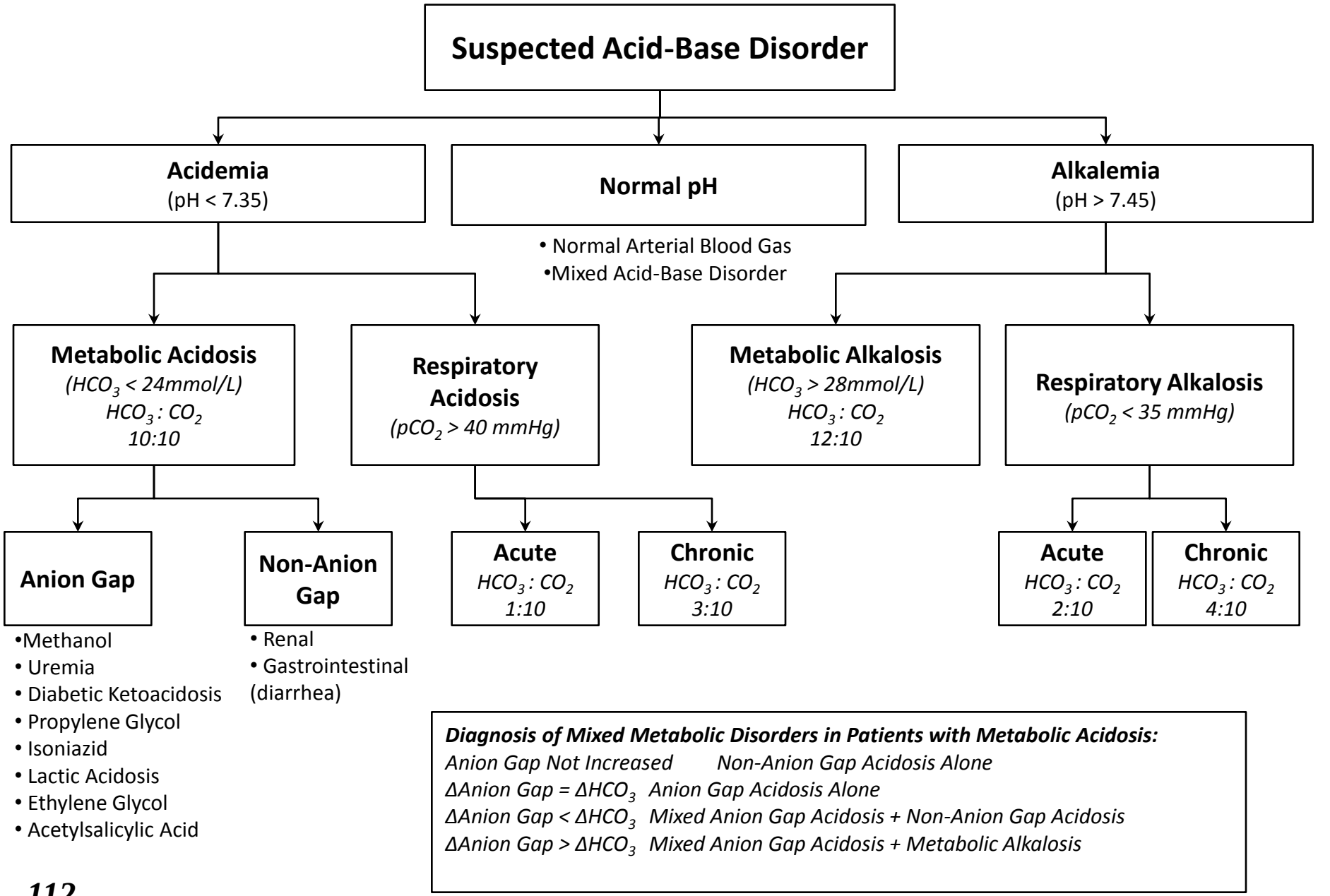
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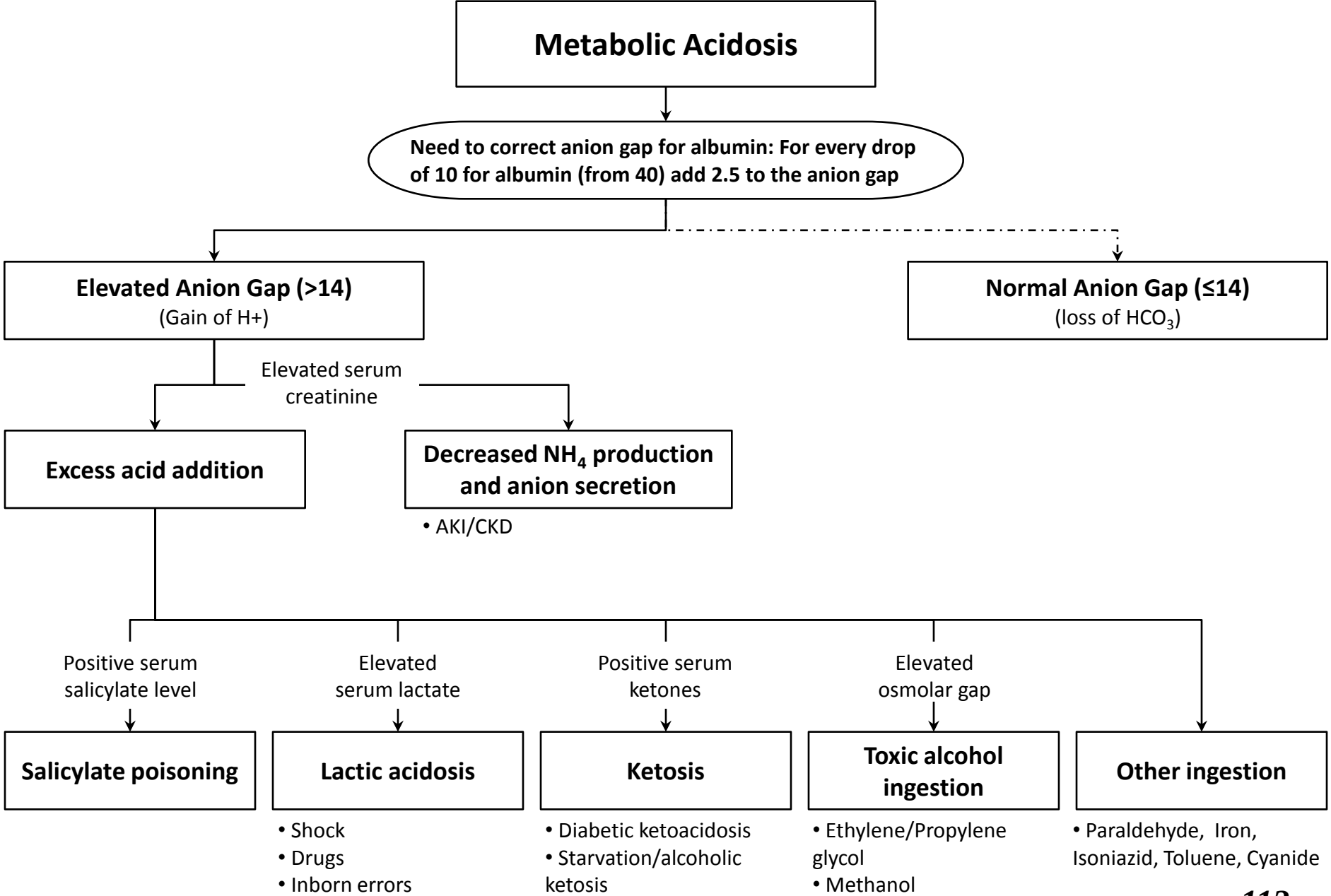
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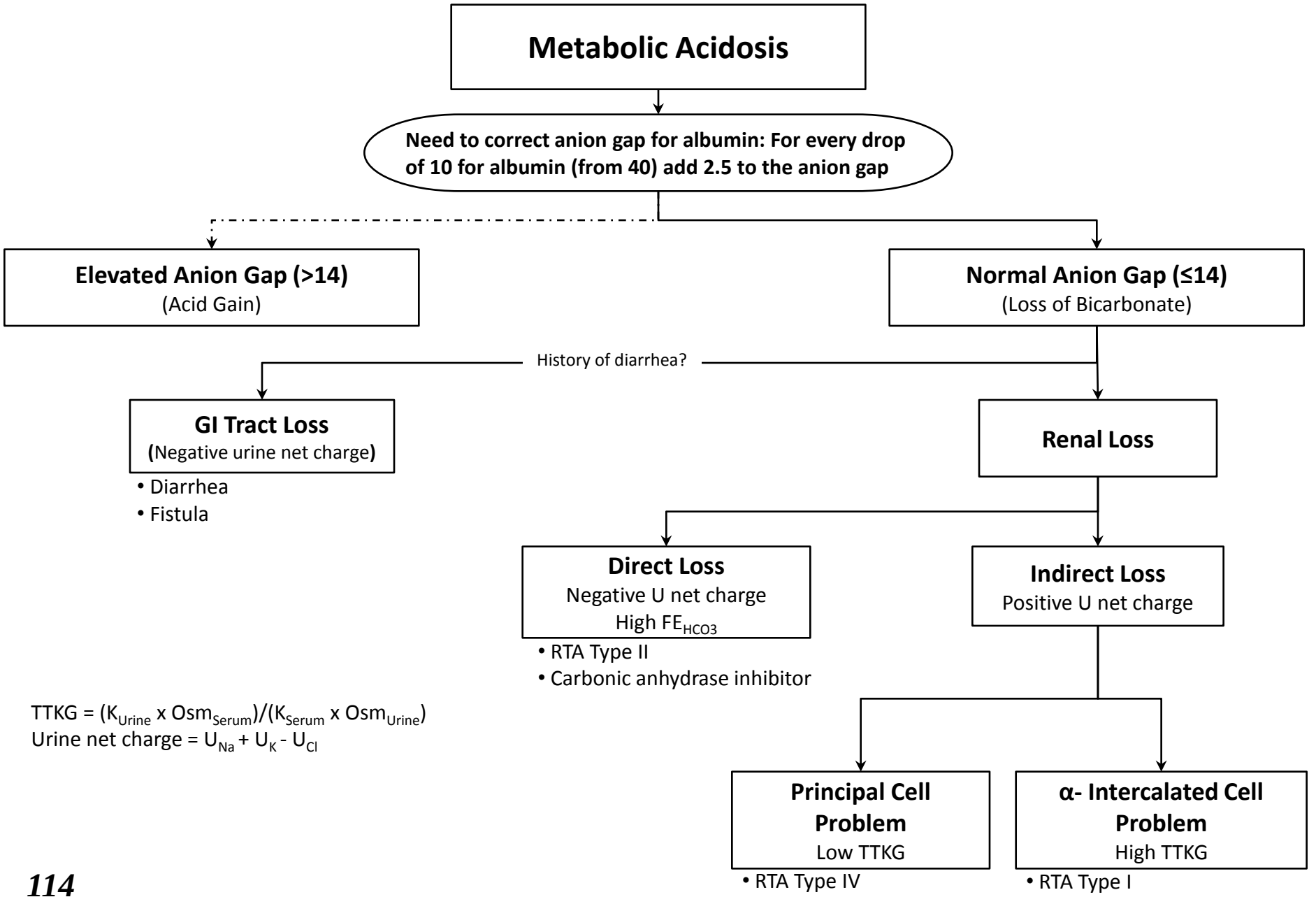
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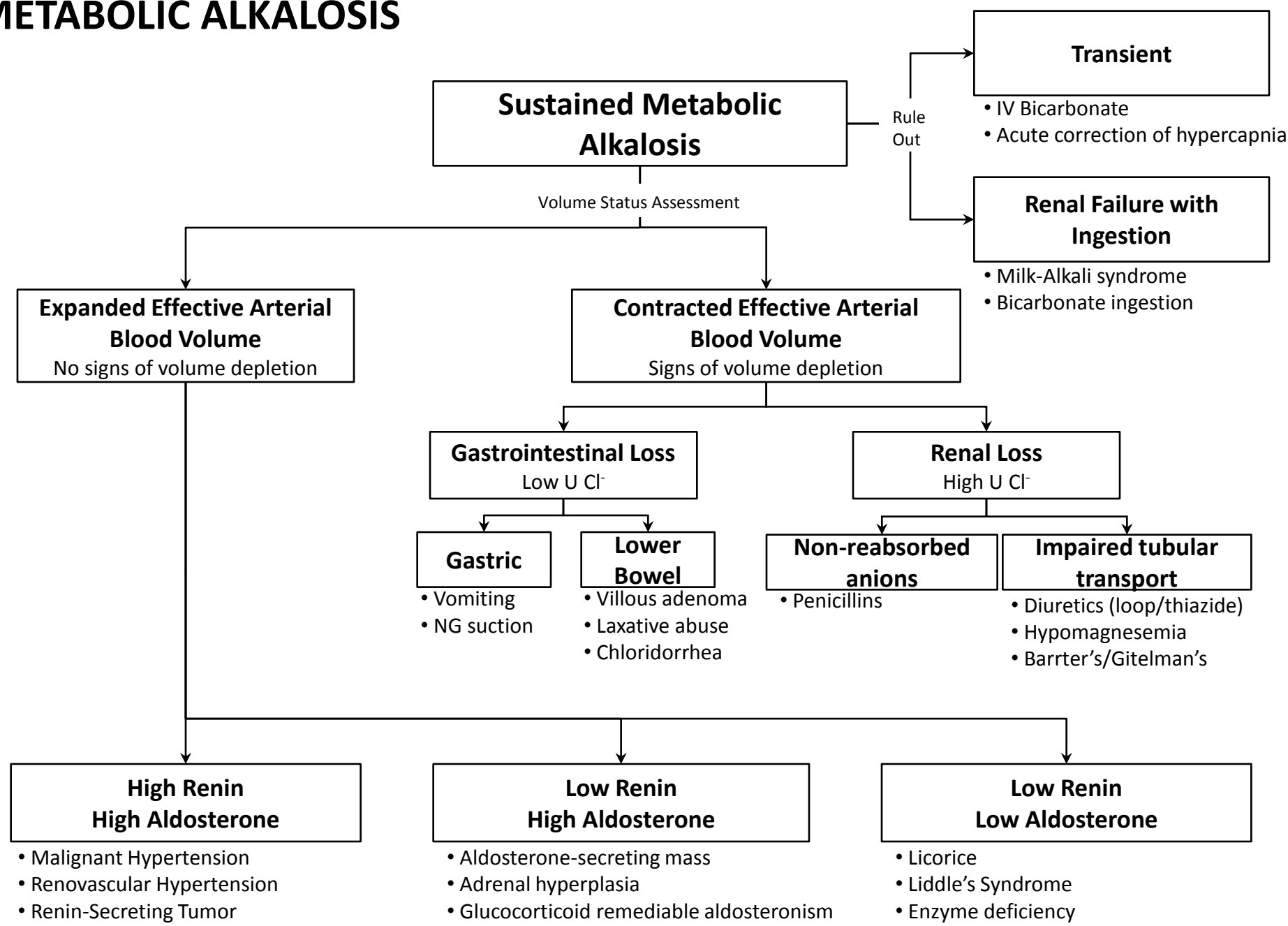


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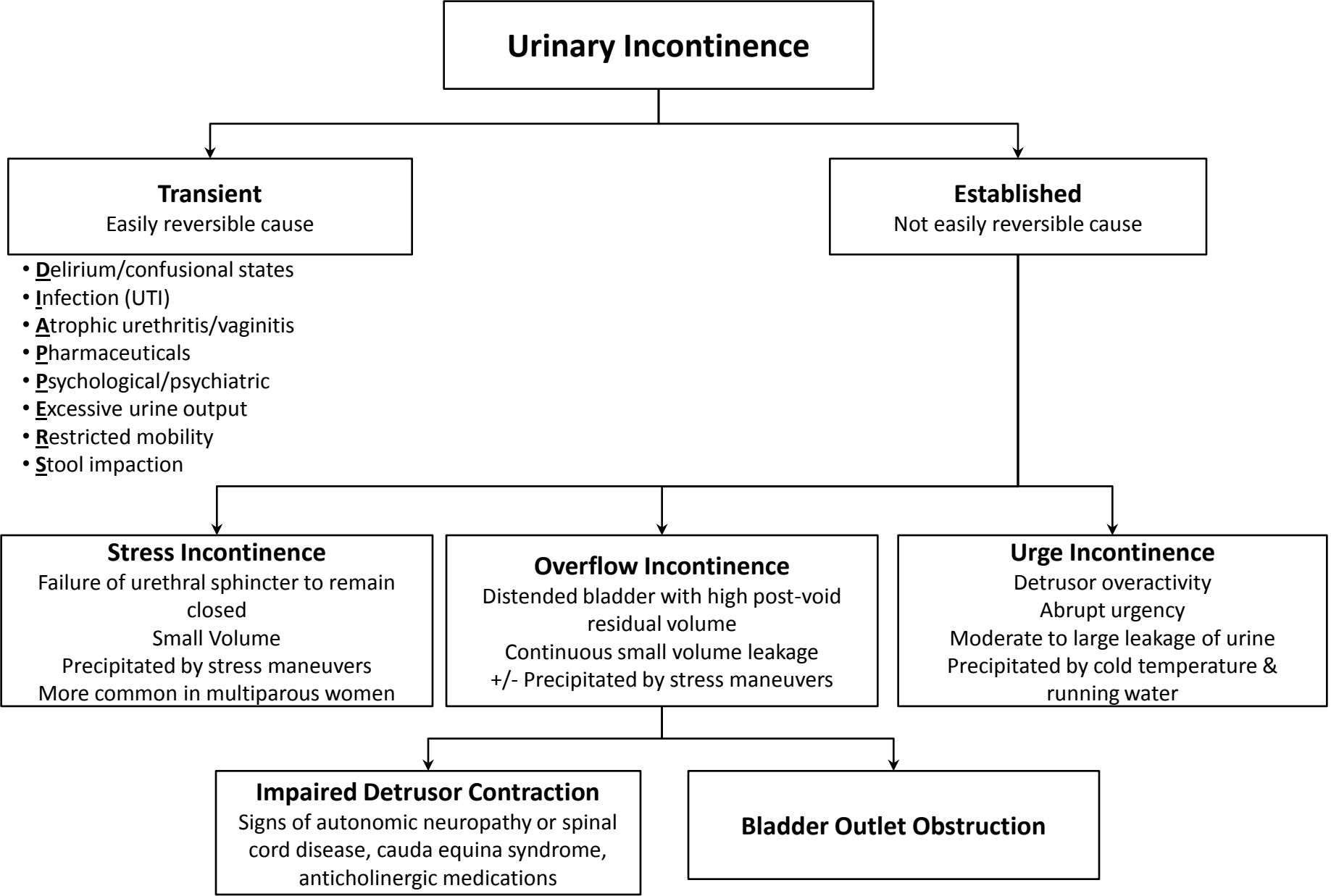


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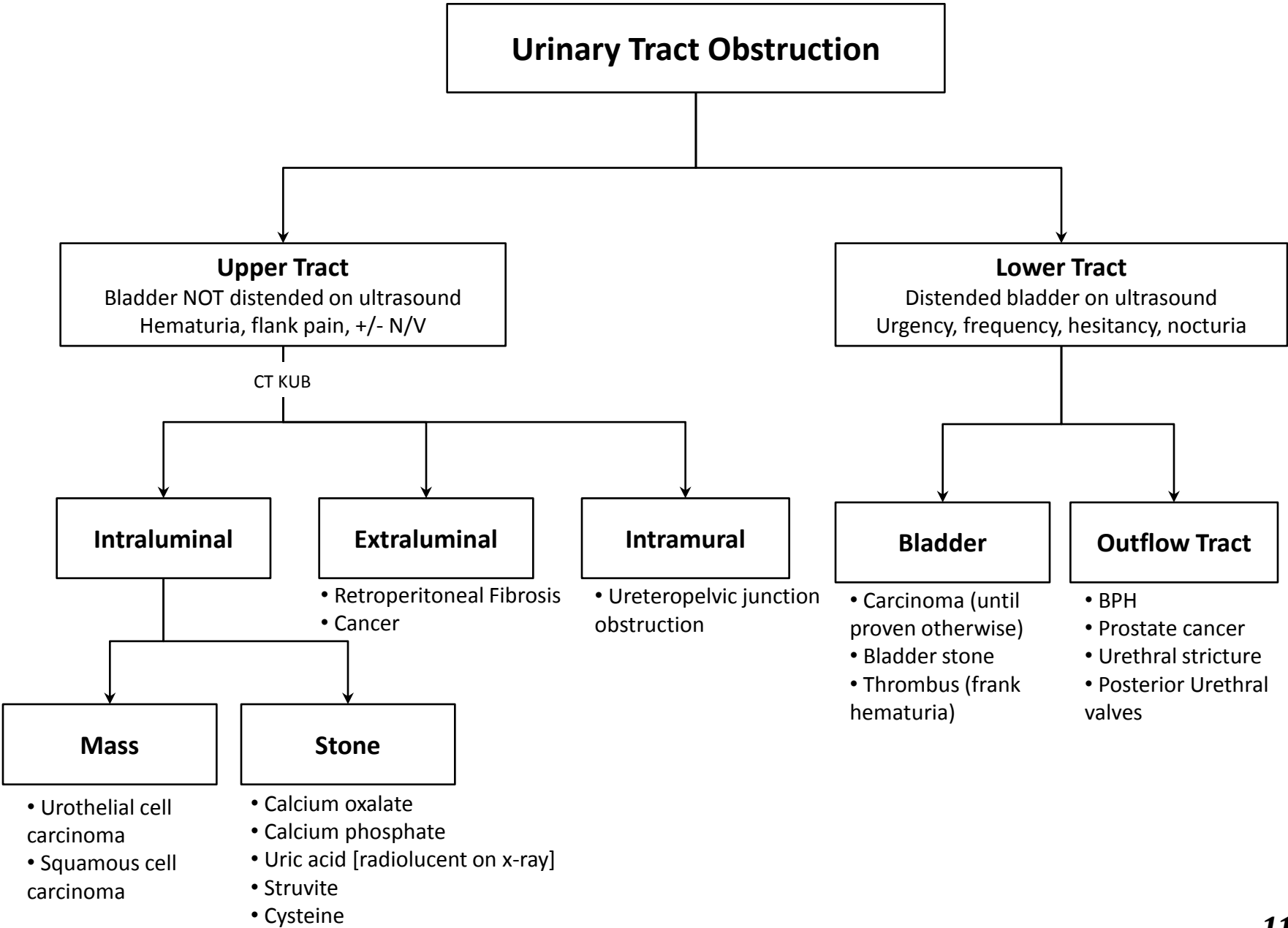
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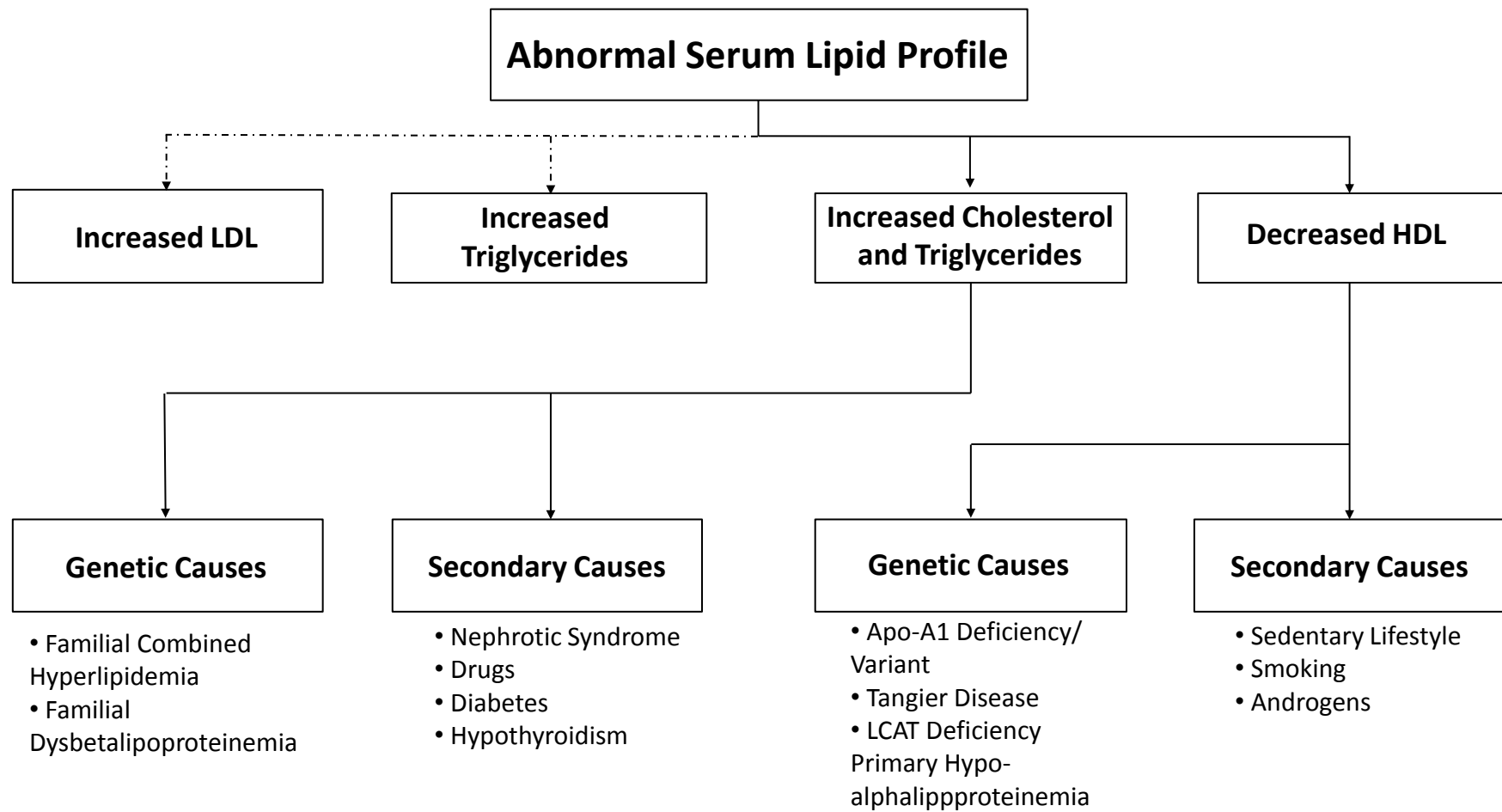
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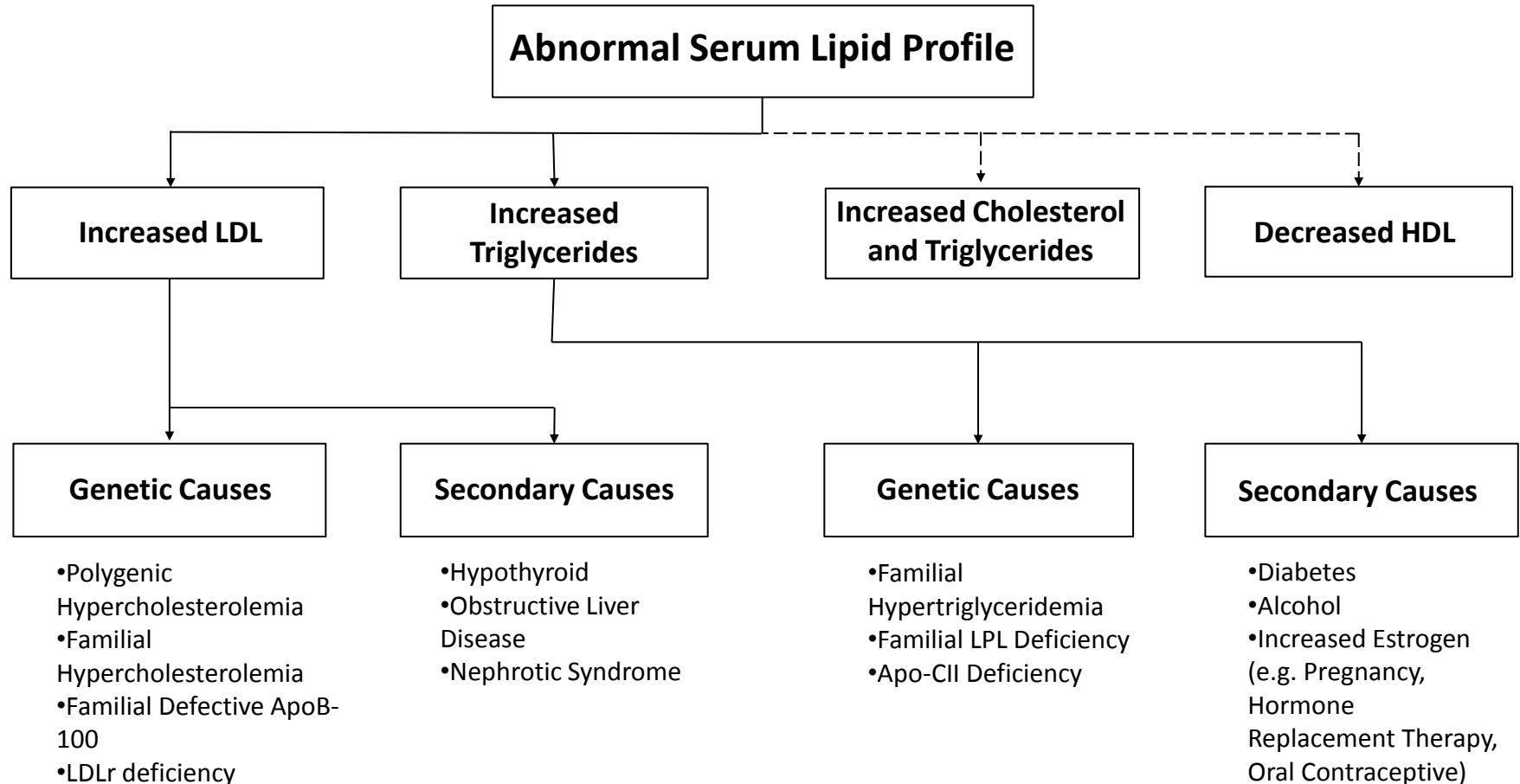
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ABNORMAL LIPID PROFILE: Combined & Decreased HDL



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Increased IDL: palmar crease xanthoma, tuberous xanthoma
Increased LDL: tendon xanthomata on Achilles tendon, knuckles

ABNORMAL LIPID PROFILE: Increased LDL & Increased Triglycerides



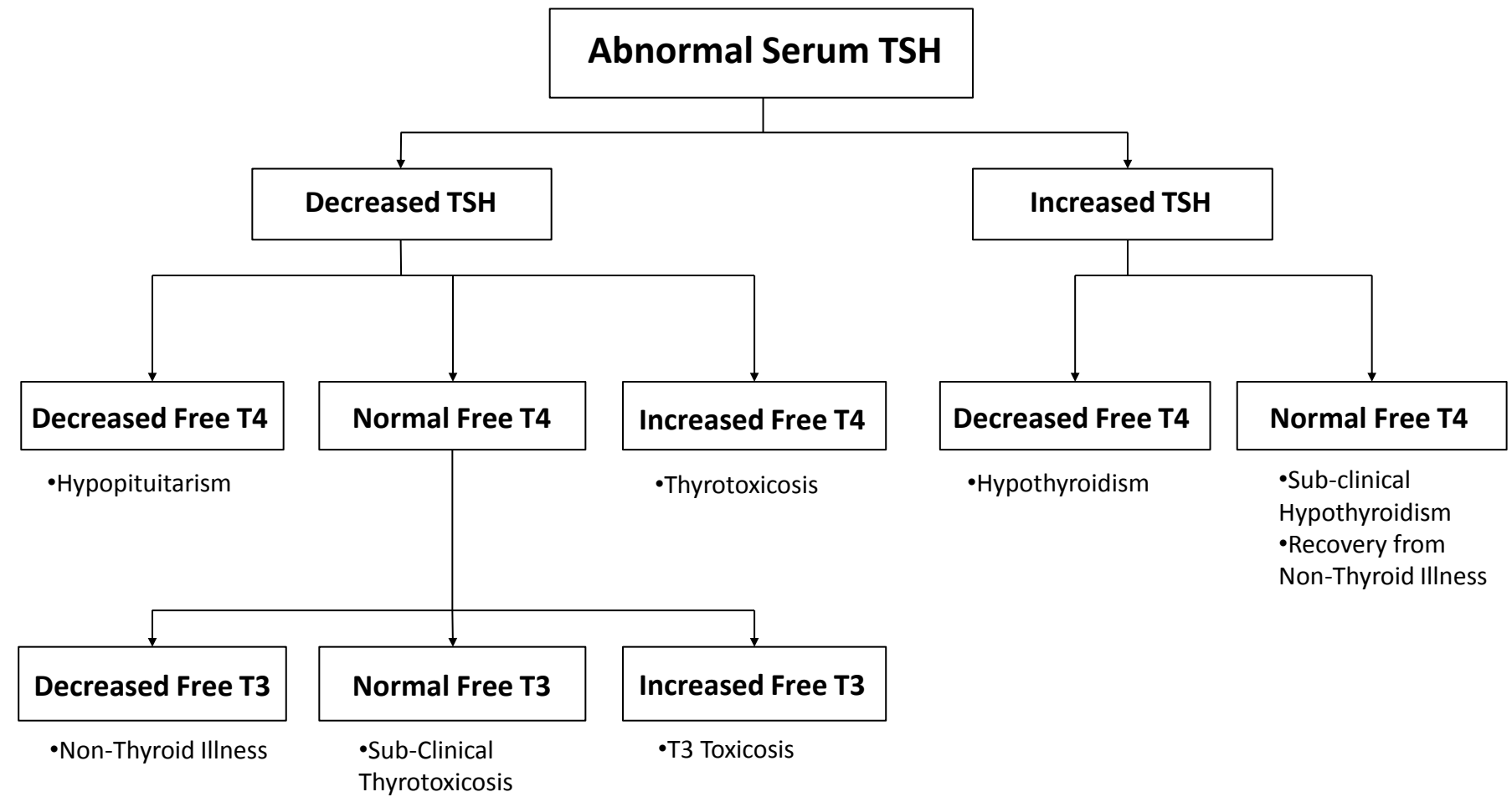
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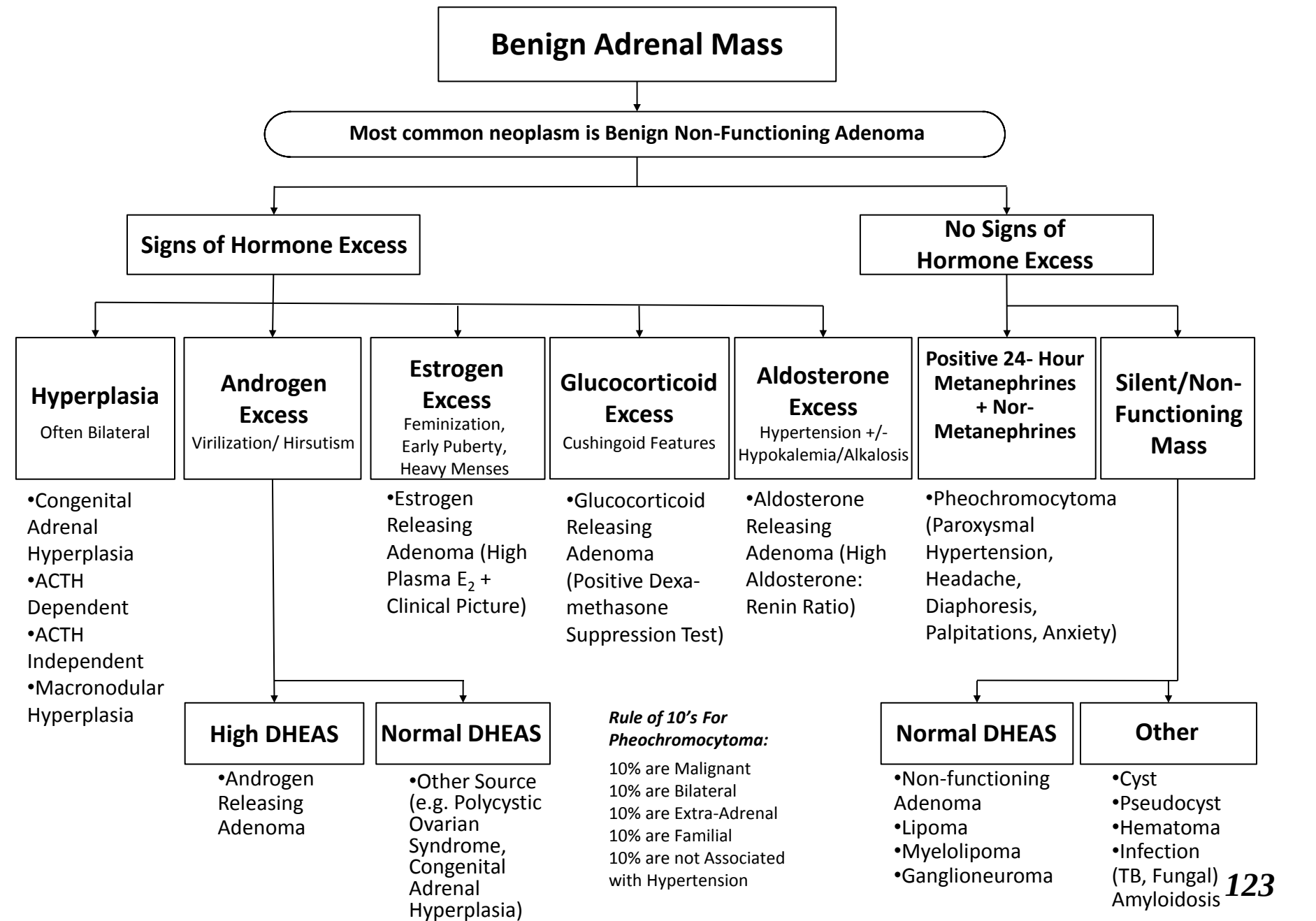
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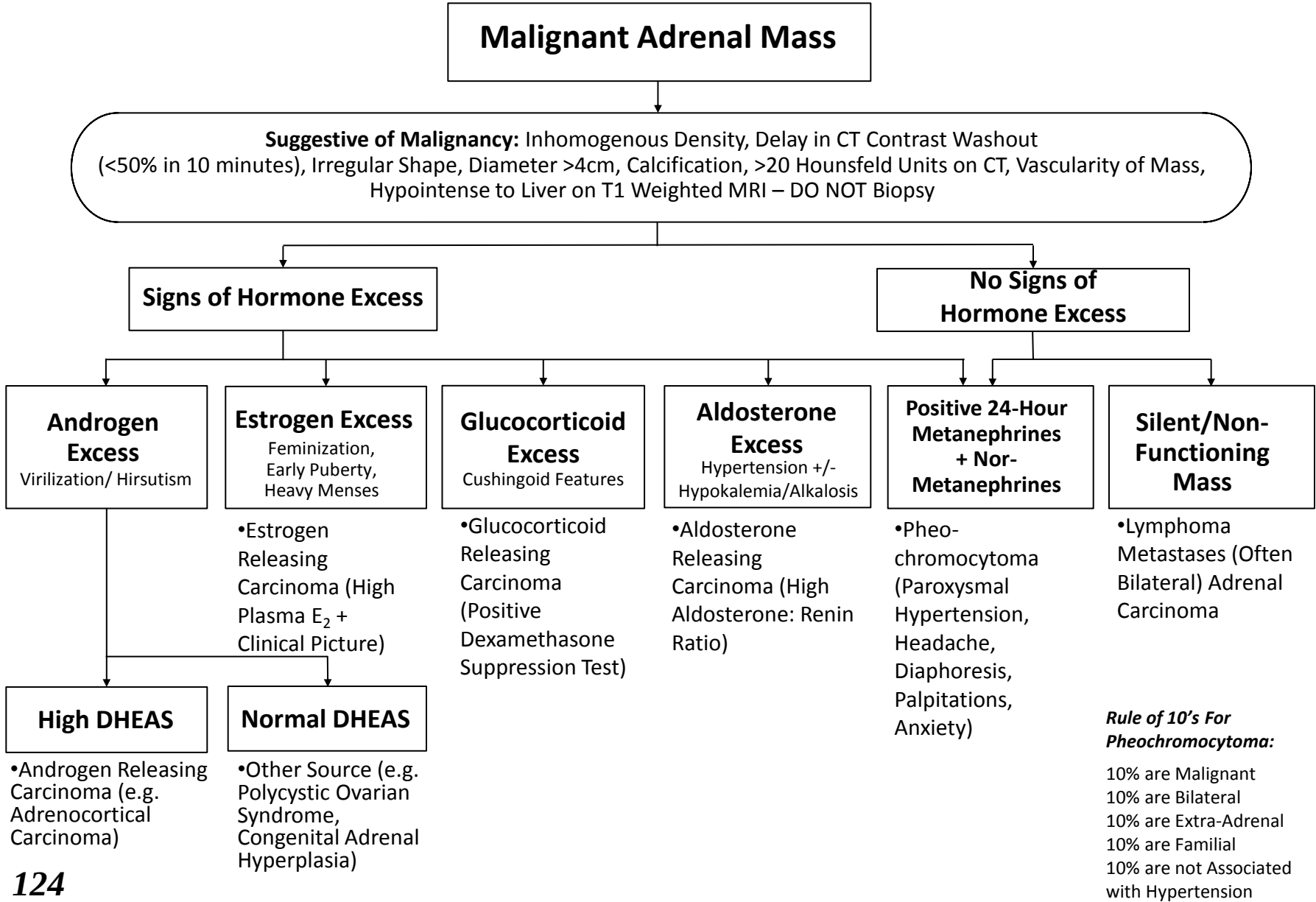
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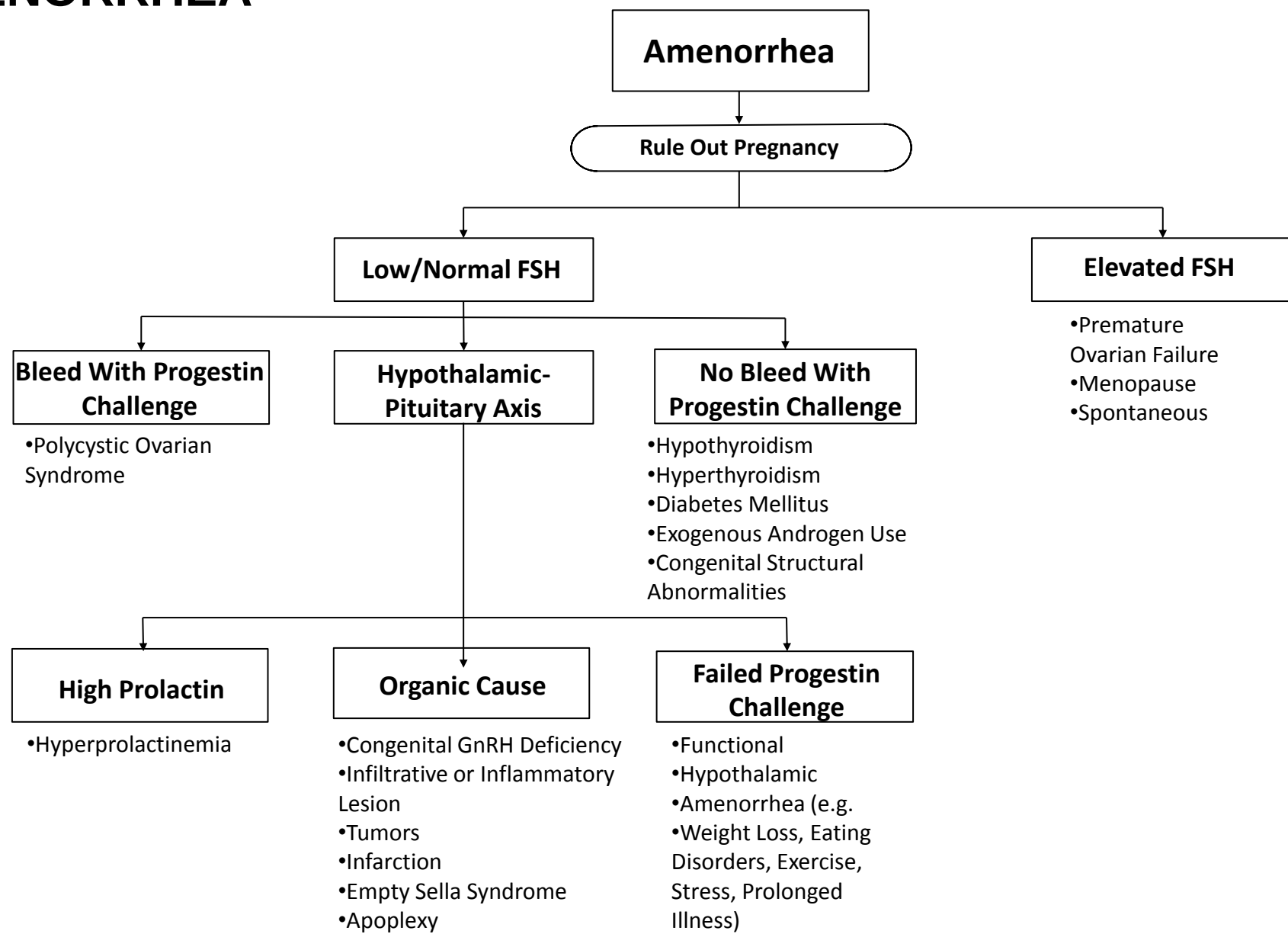
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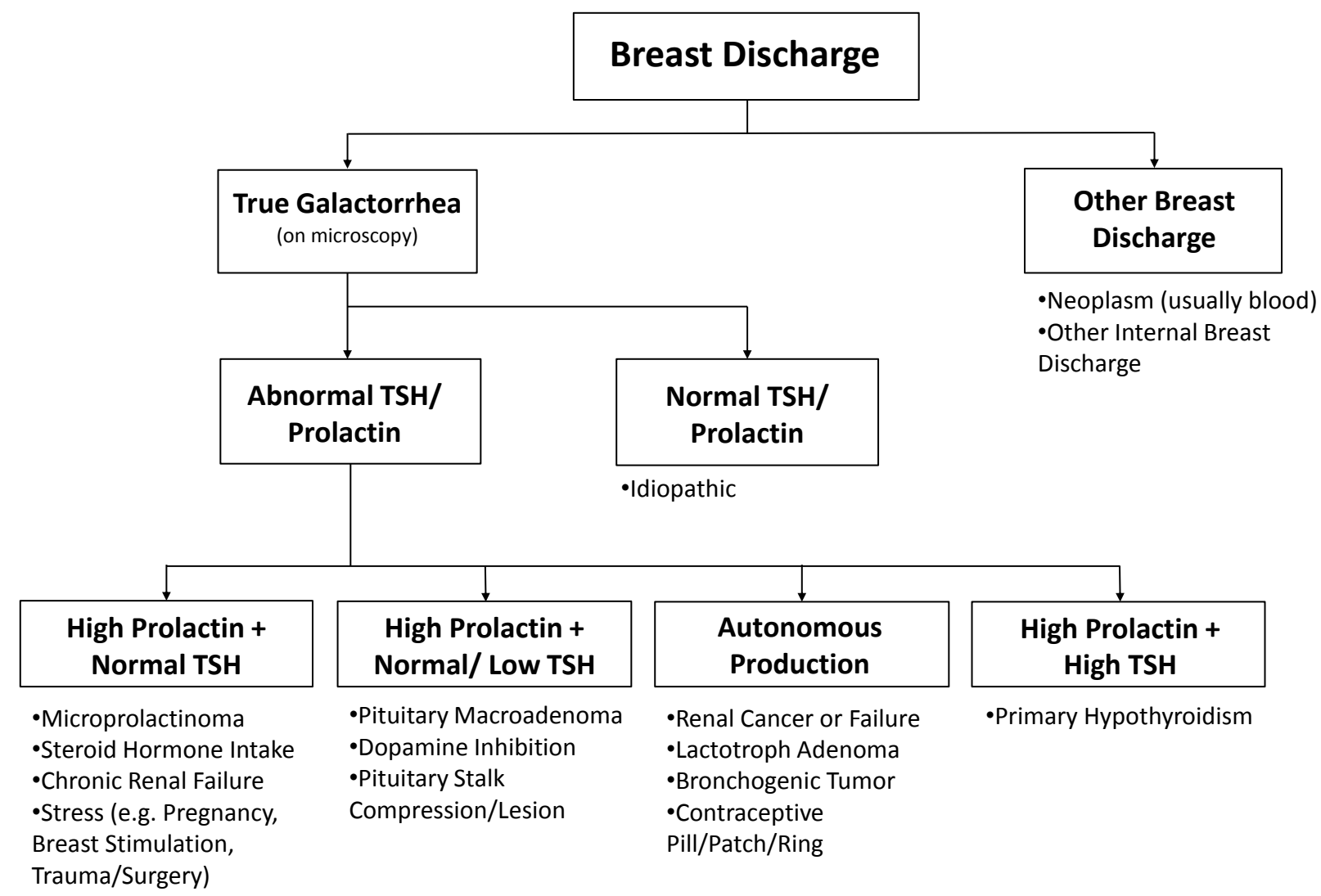


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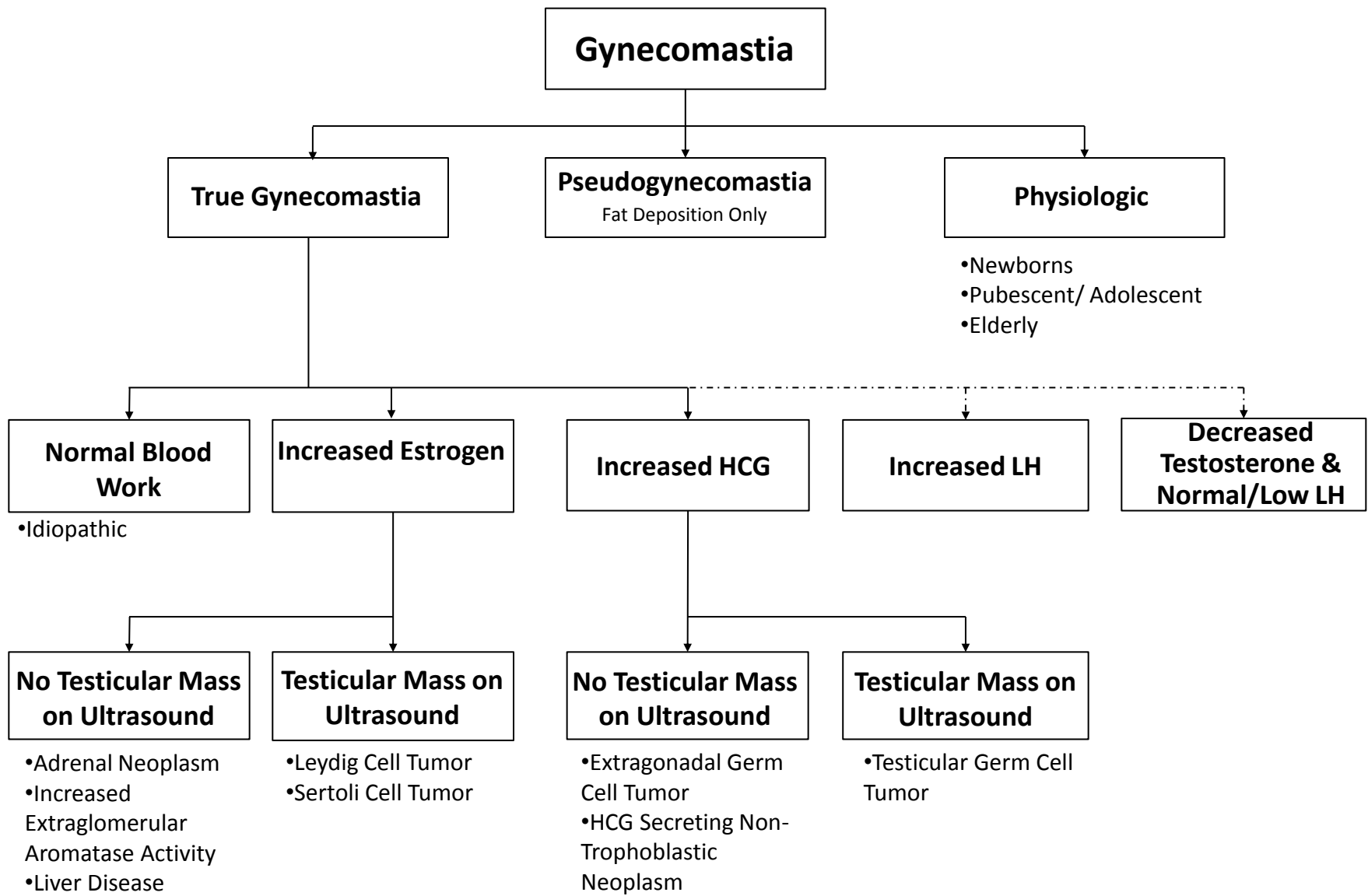


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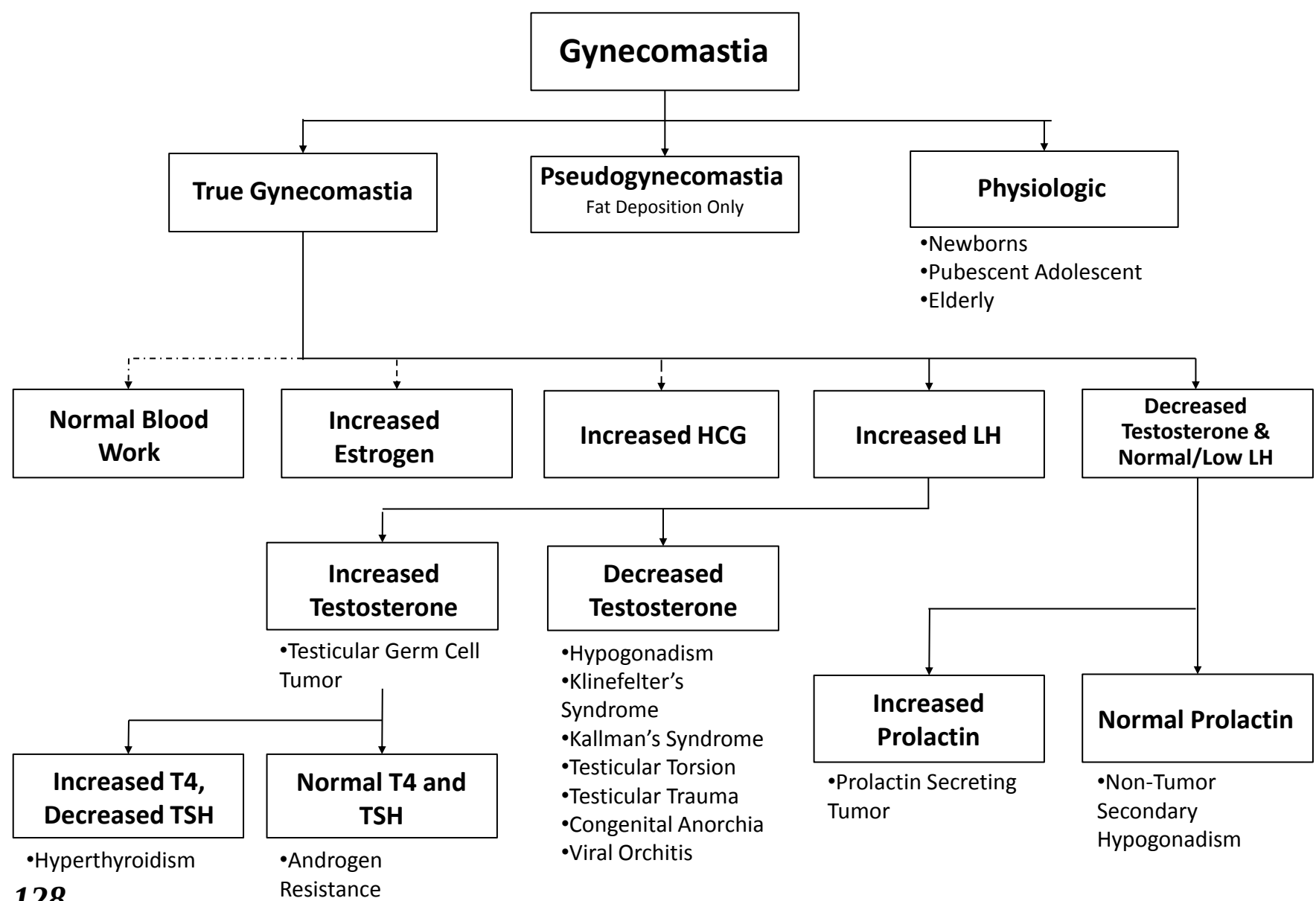
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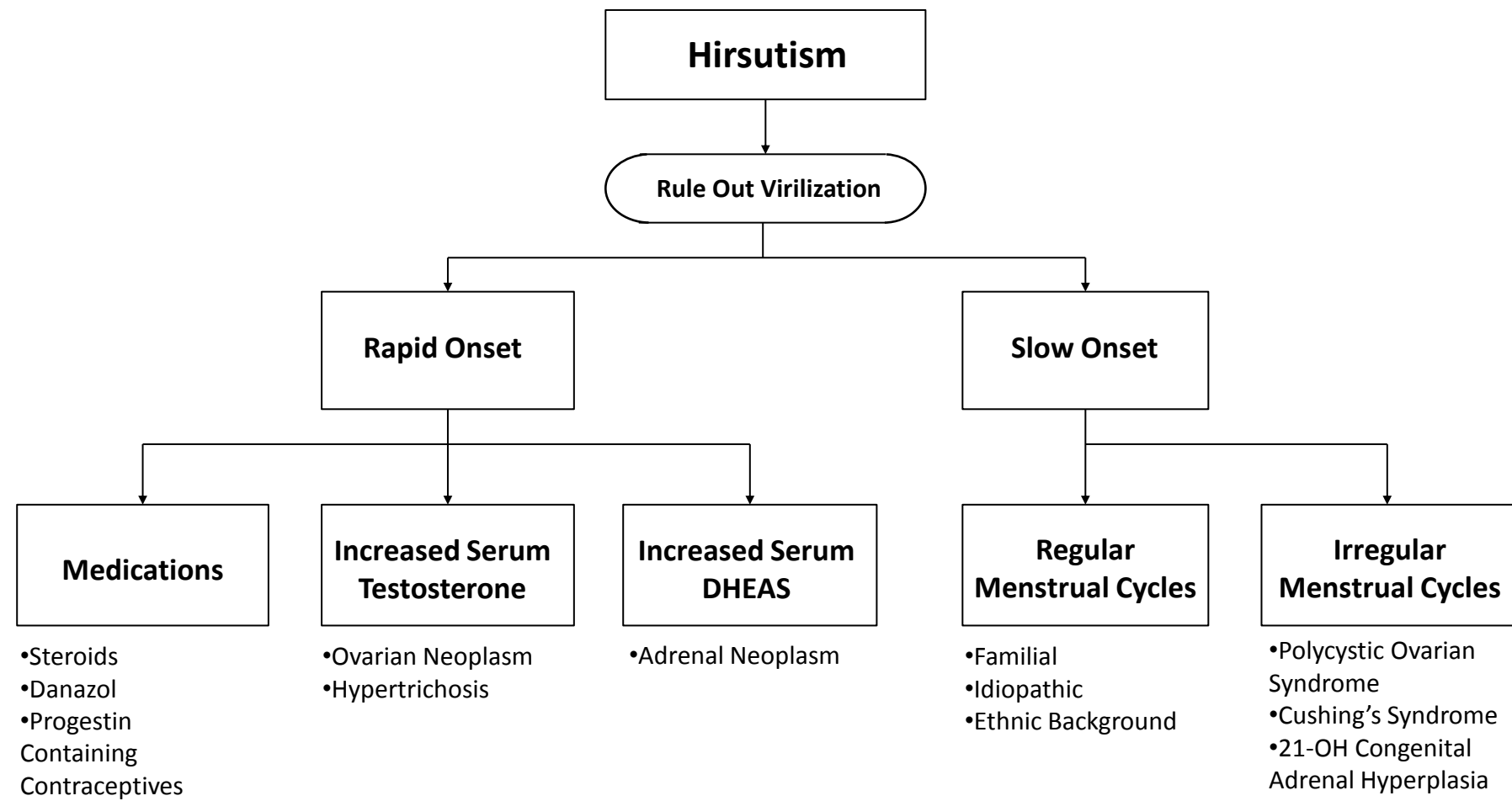
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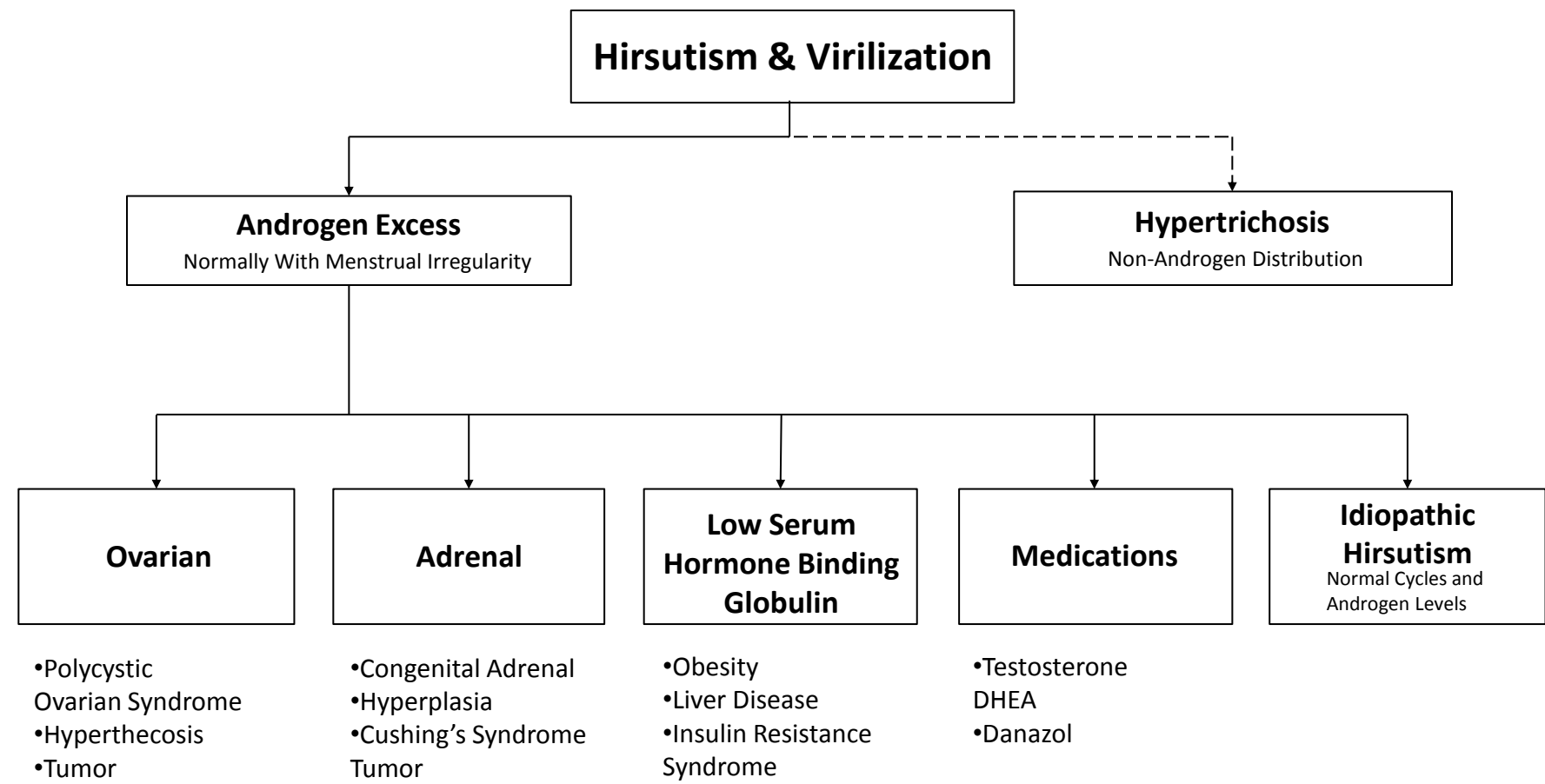
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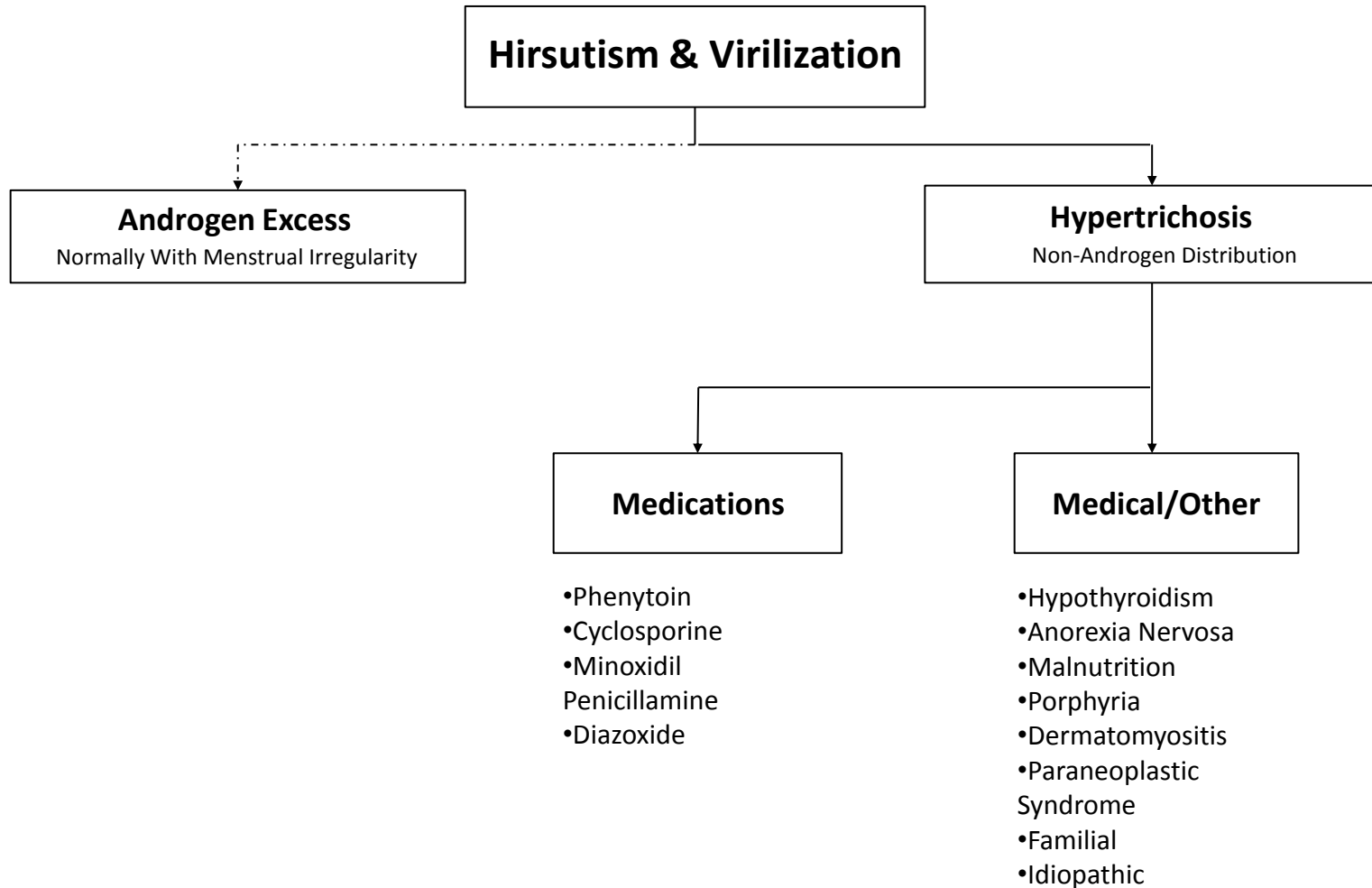
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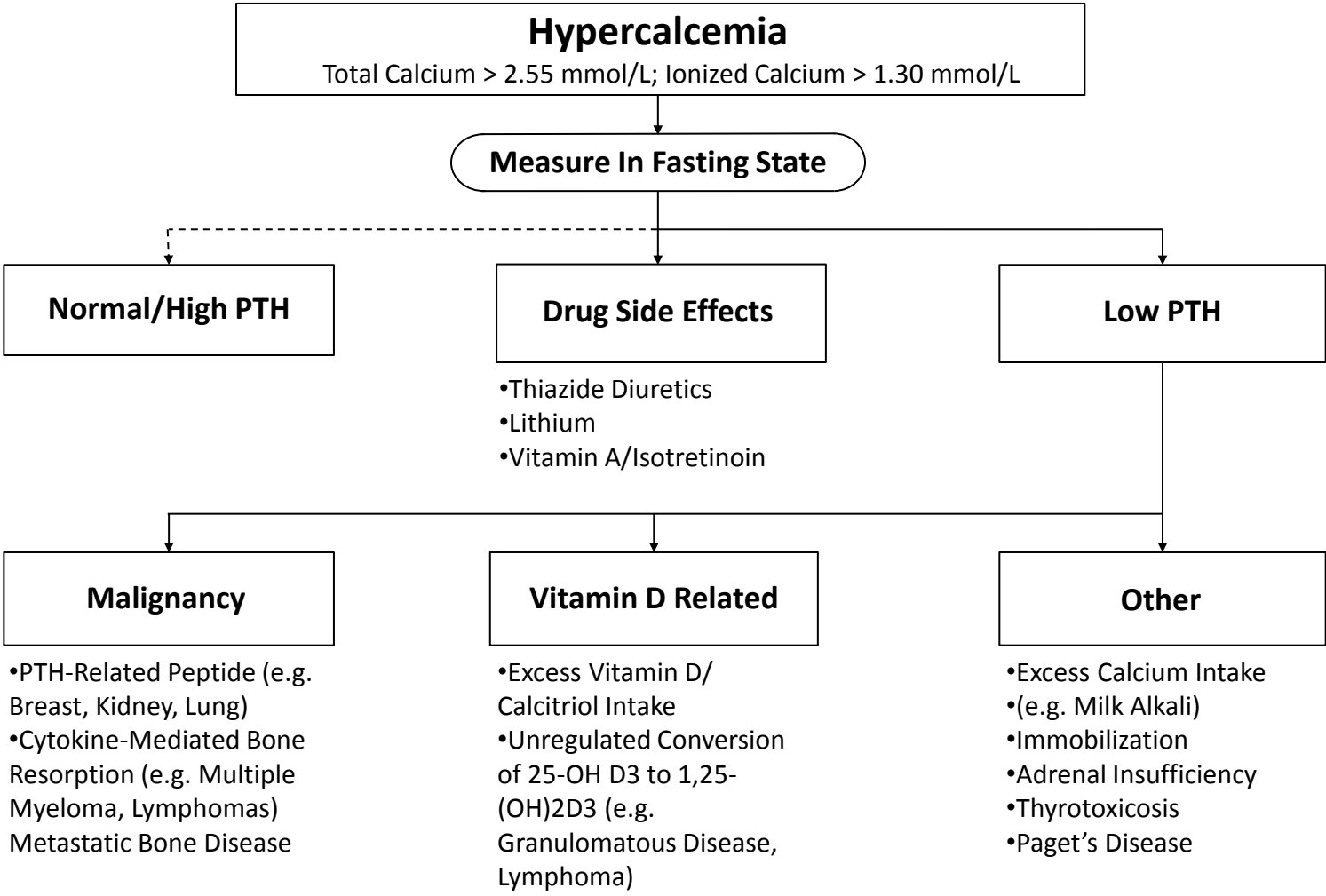
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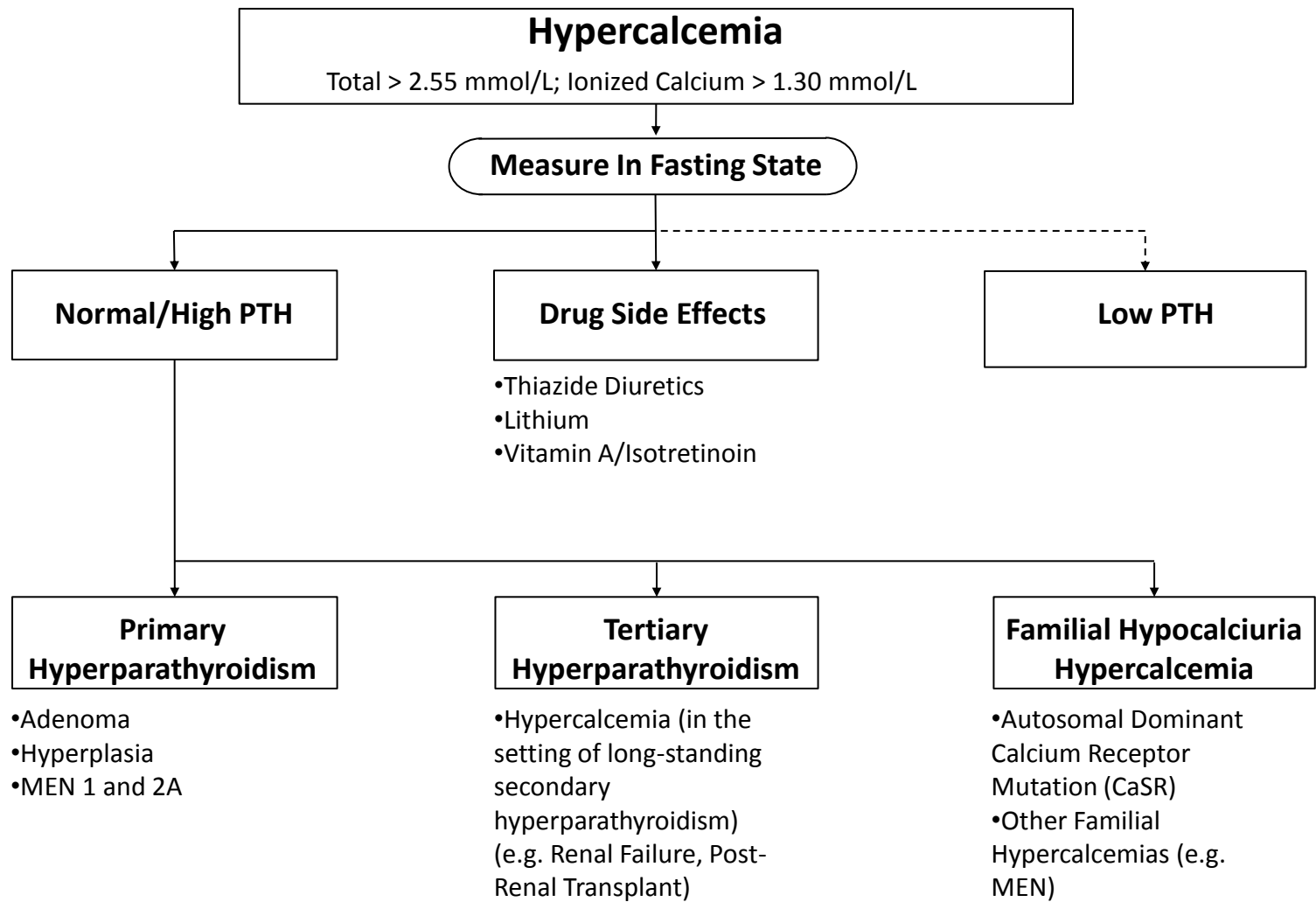


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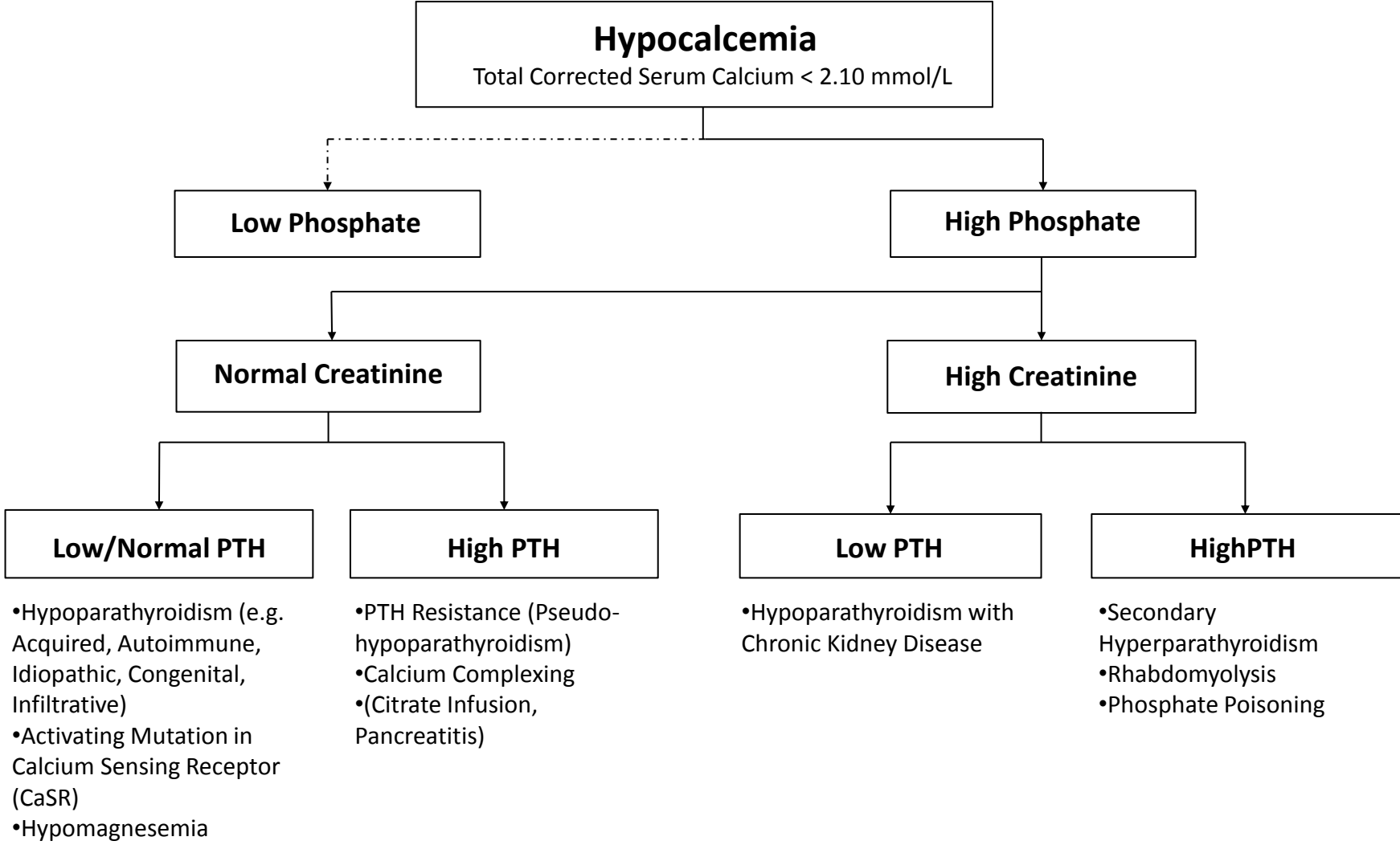
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HYPERCALCEMIA: Normal/High PTH



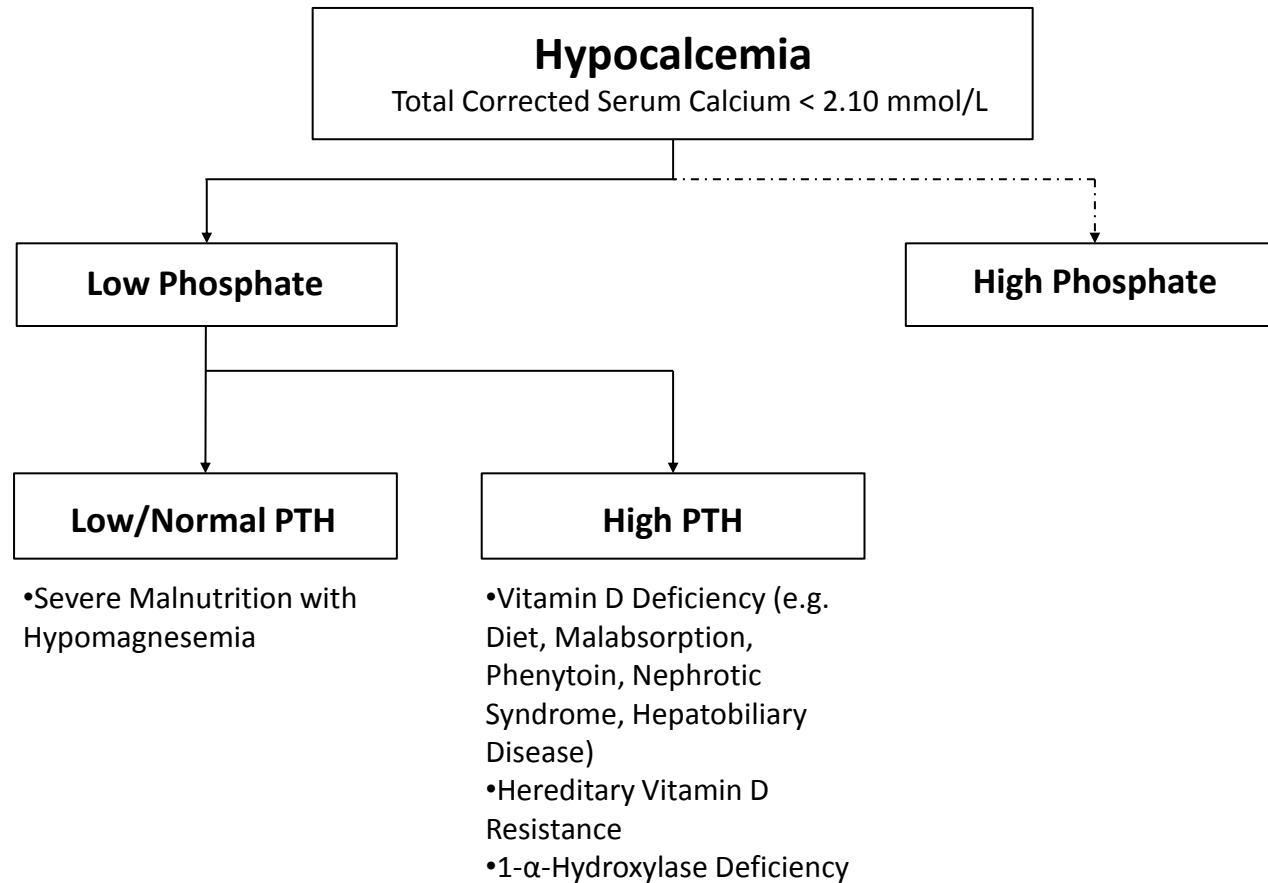
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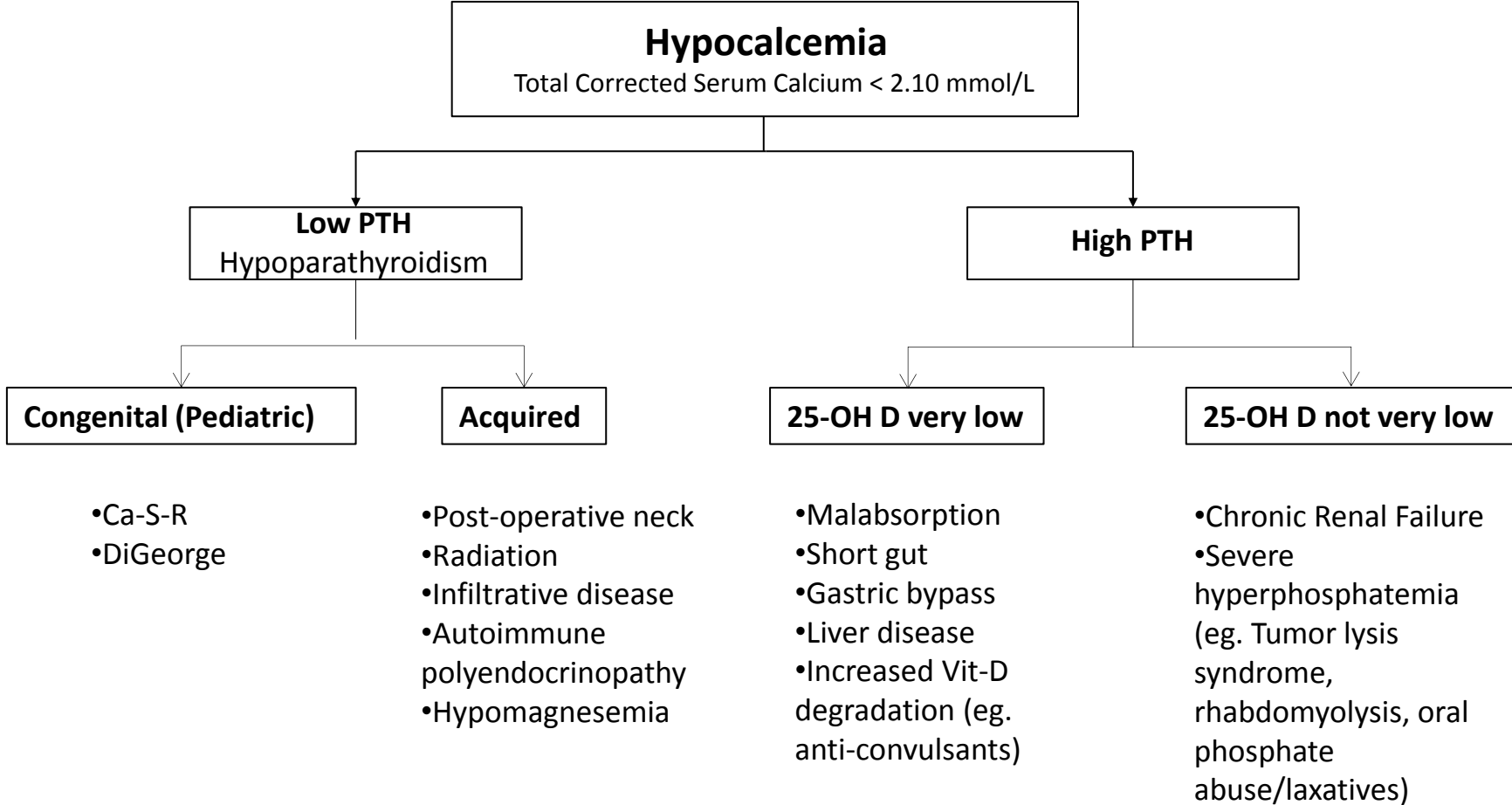
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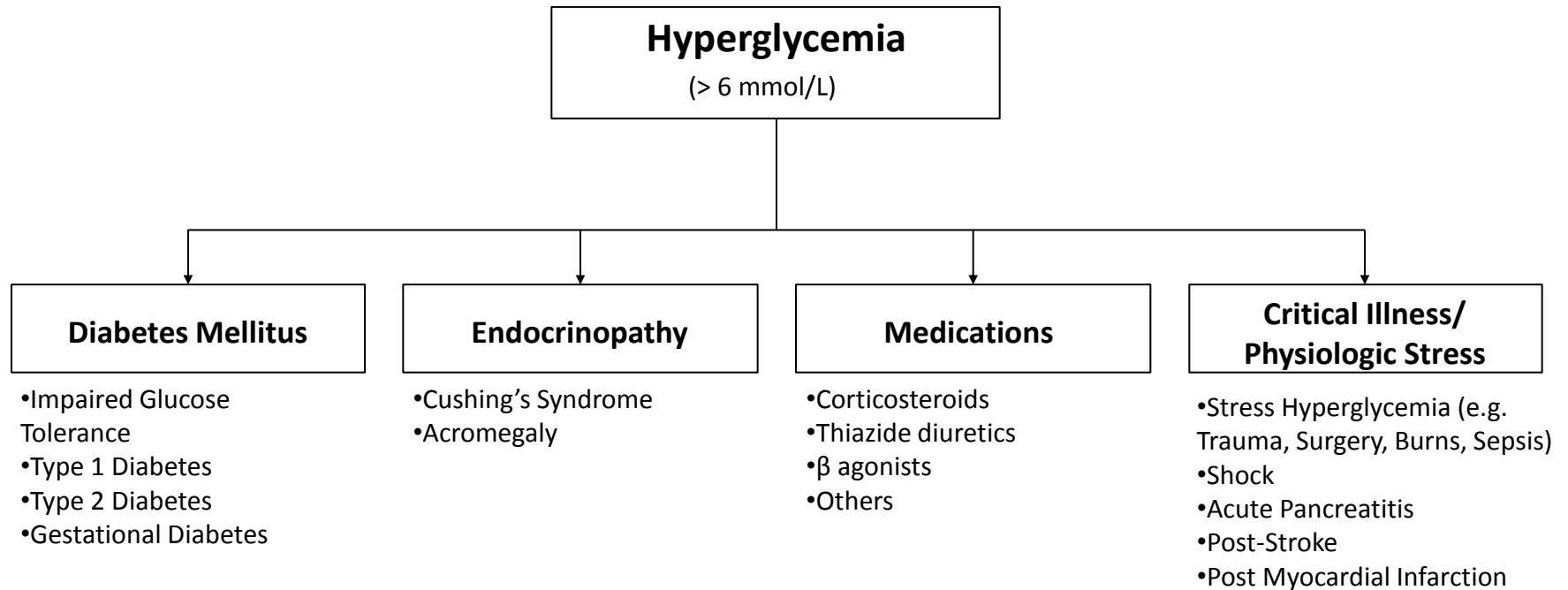
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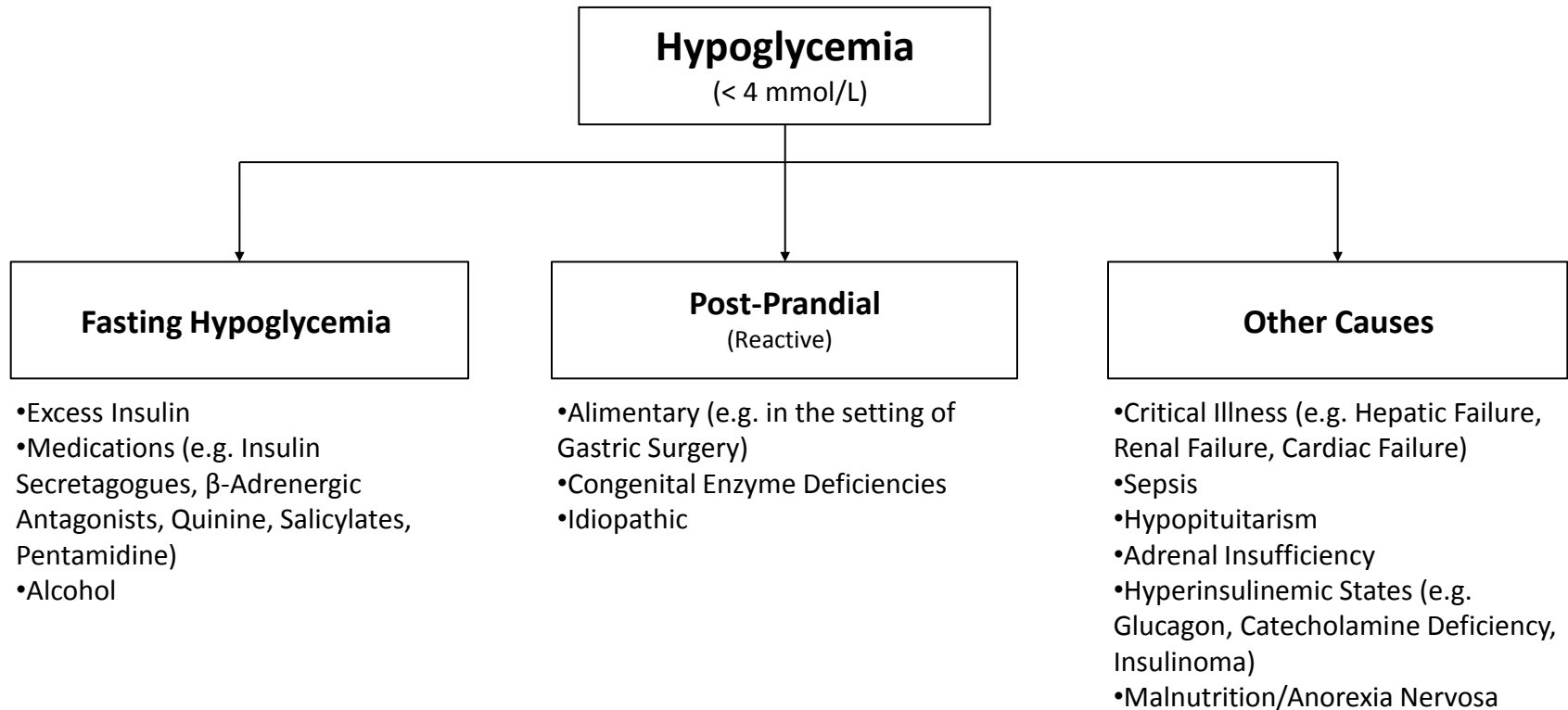
HYPERGLYCEMIA



Signs/Symptoms of Hyperglycemia:

Polyphagia, polydipsia, polyuria, blurred vision, fatigue and weight loss

HYPOGLYCEMIA

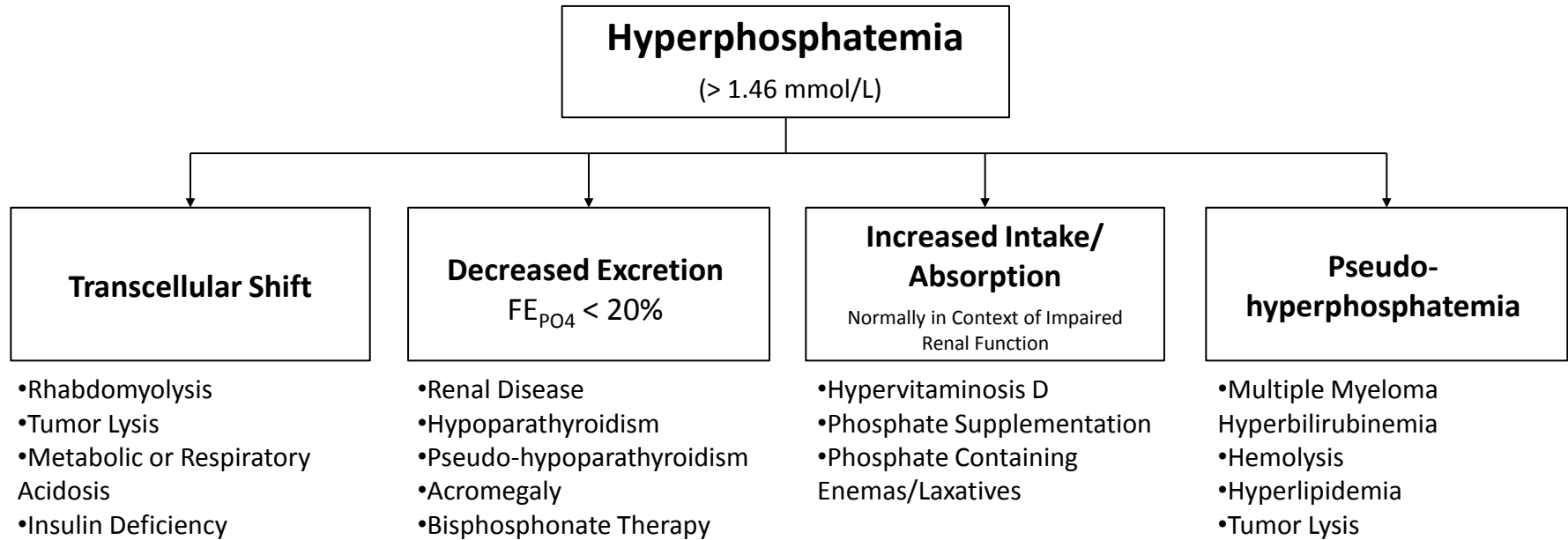


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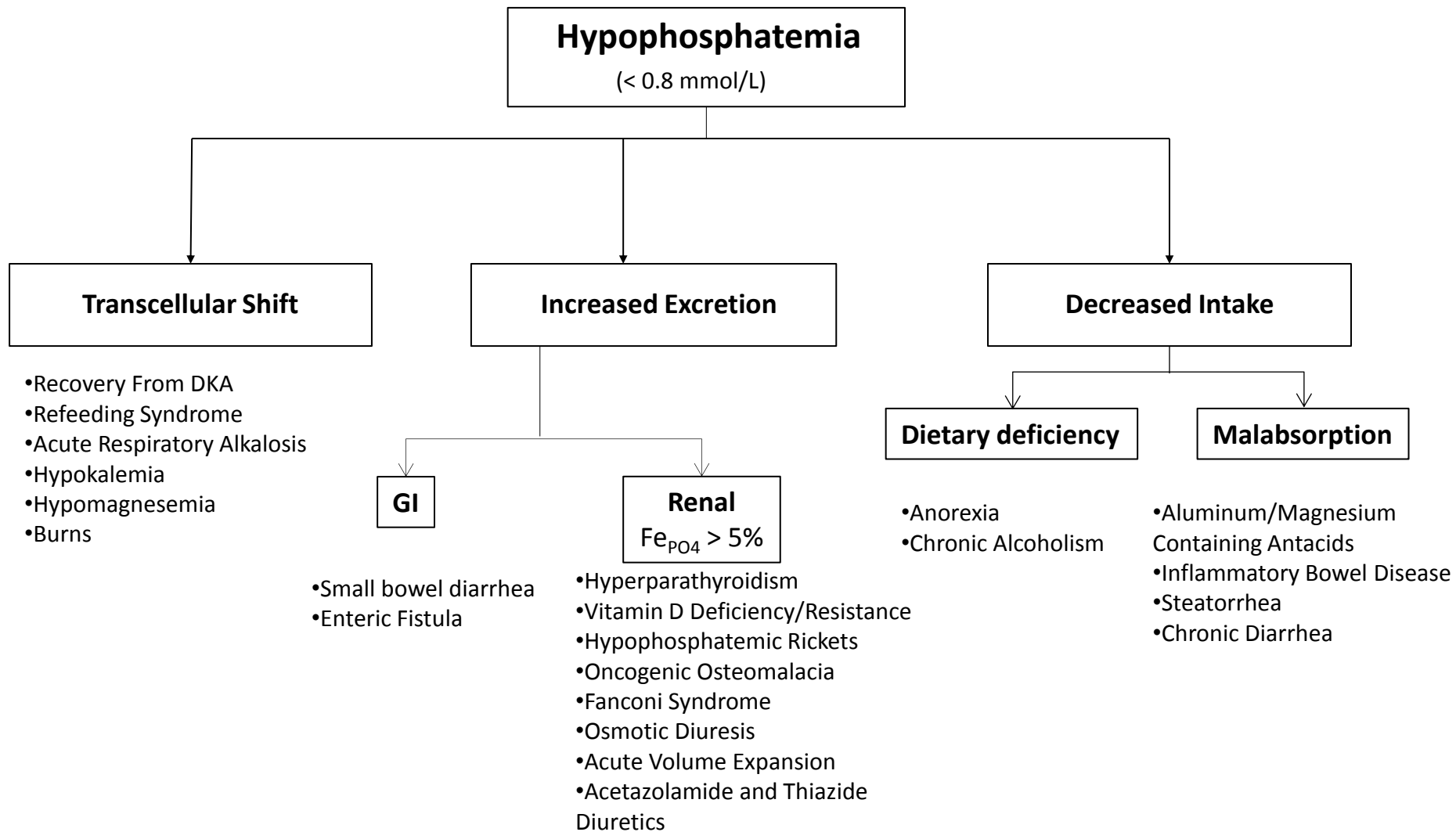
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Neuroglycopenia: confusion, lethargy, abnormal behaviour, amnesia, weakness, blurred vision, seizures

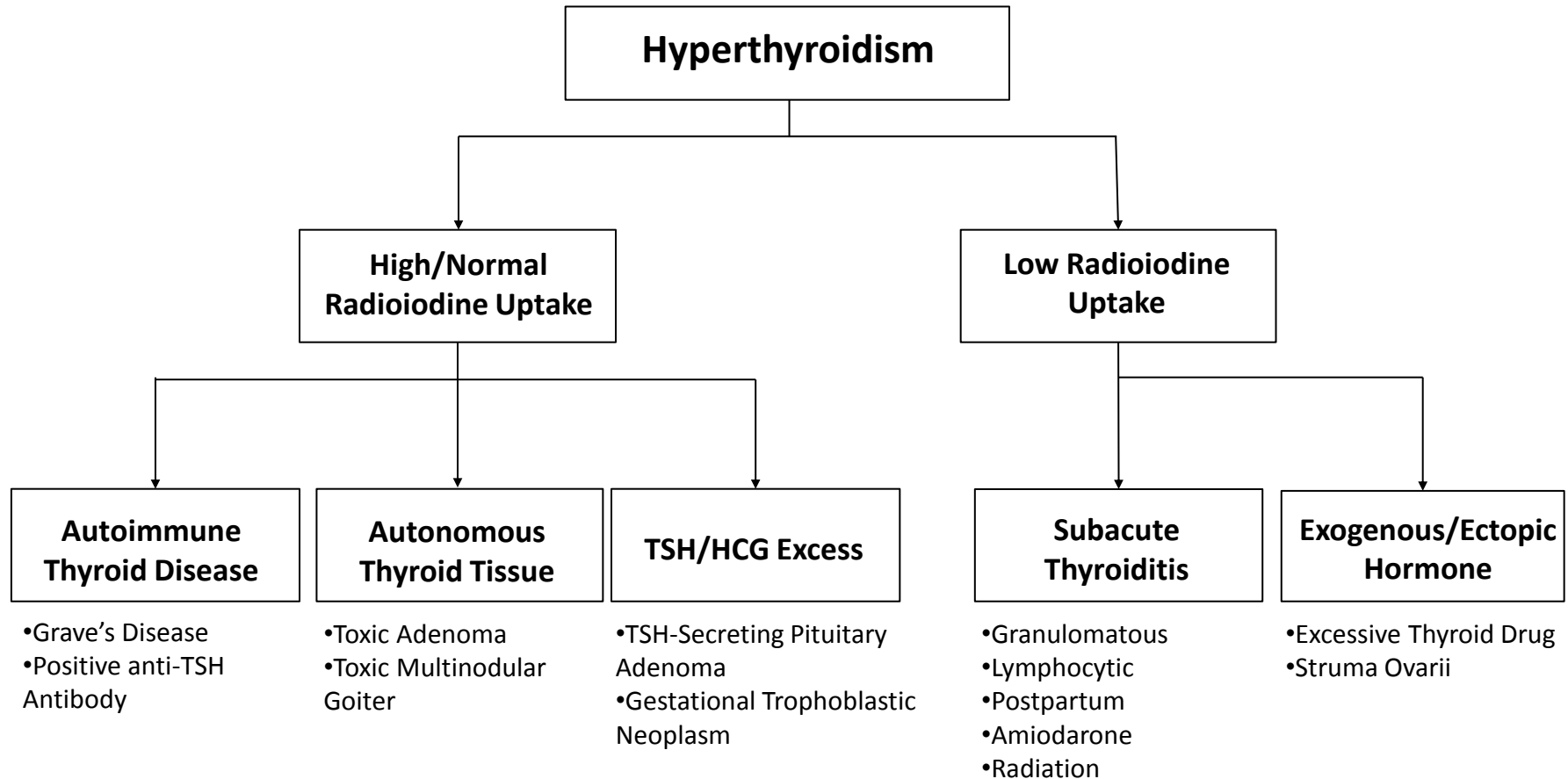
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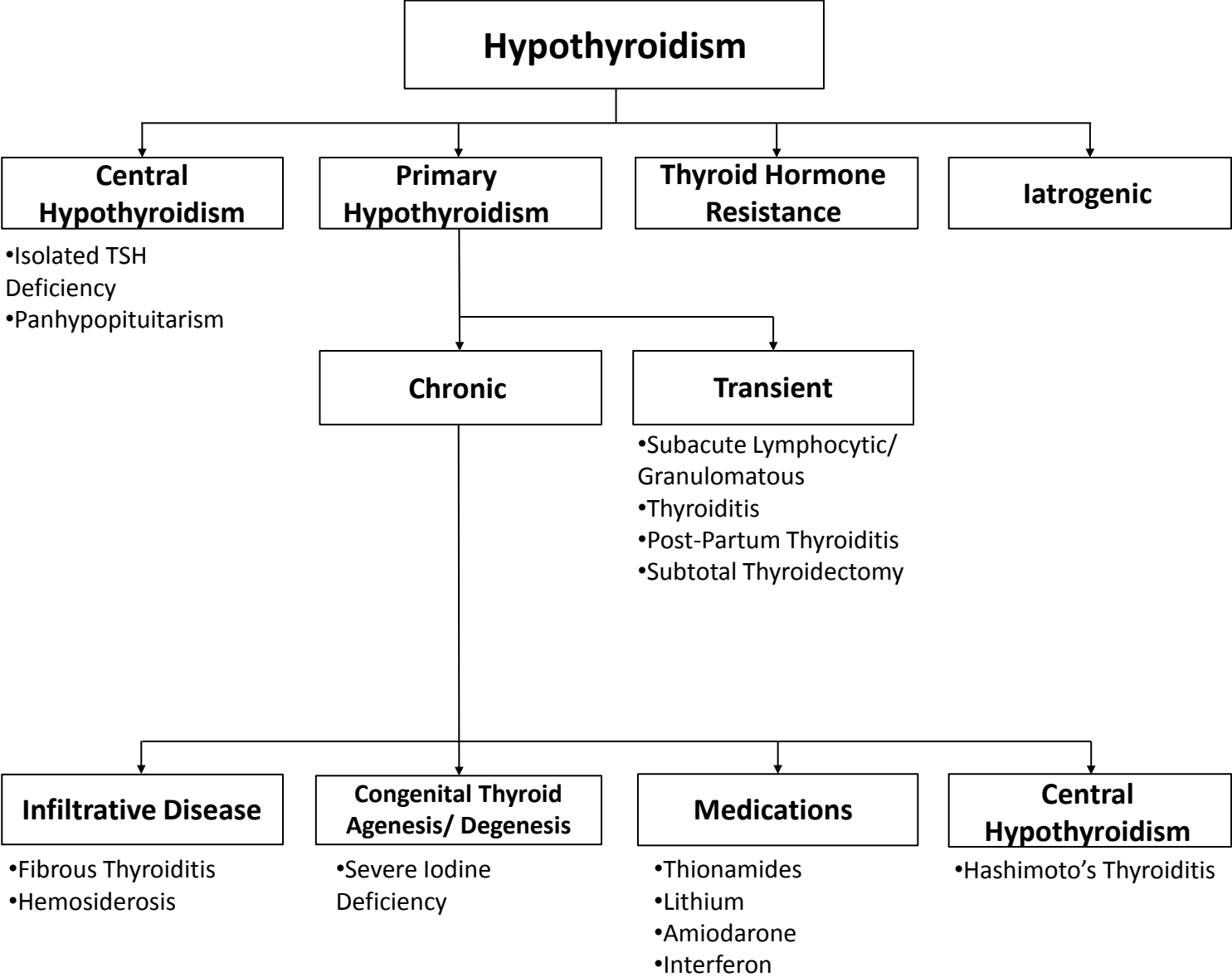
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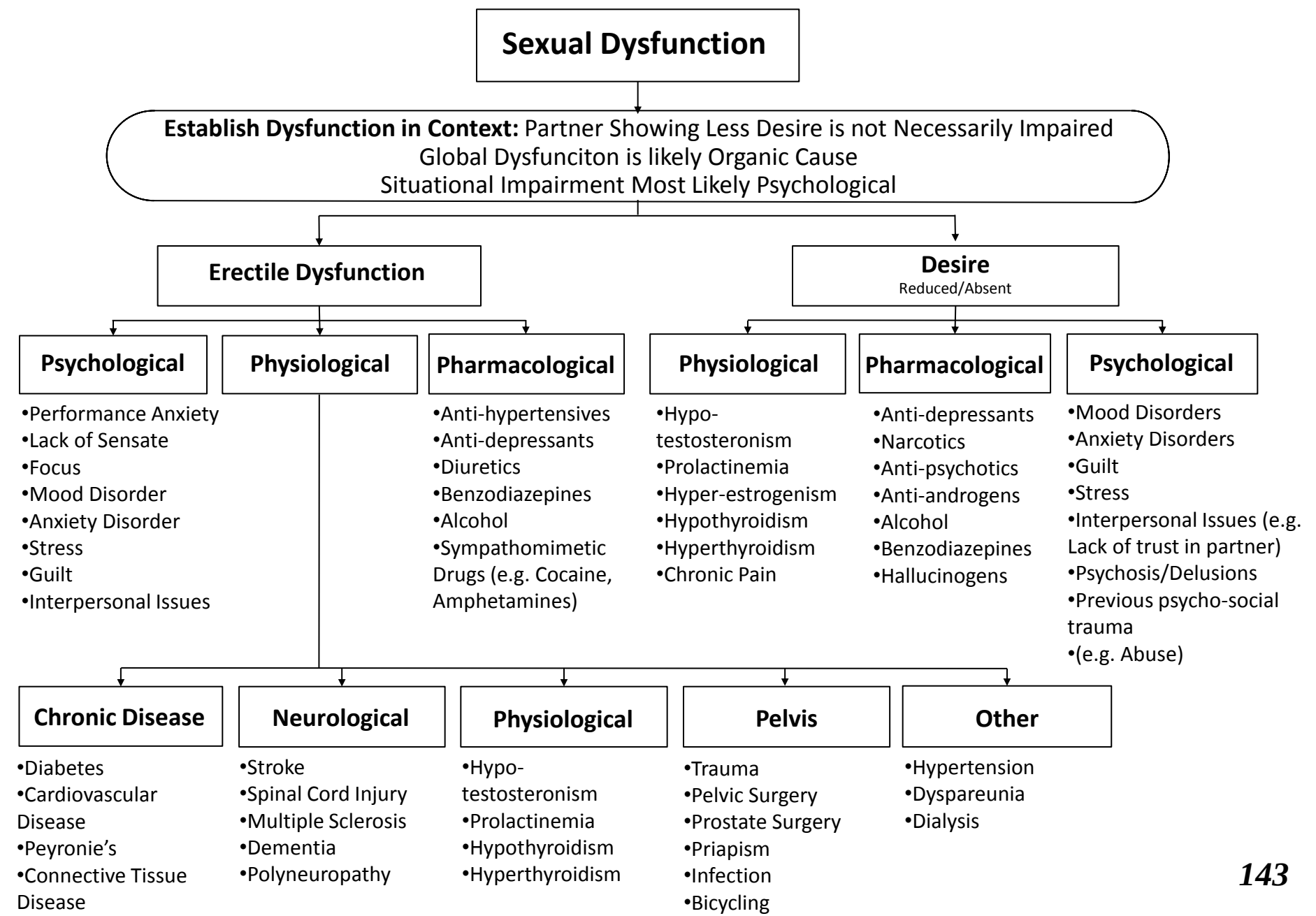
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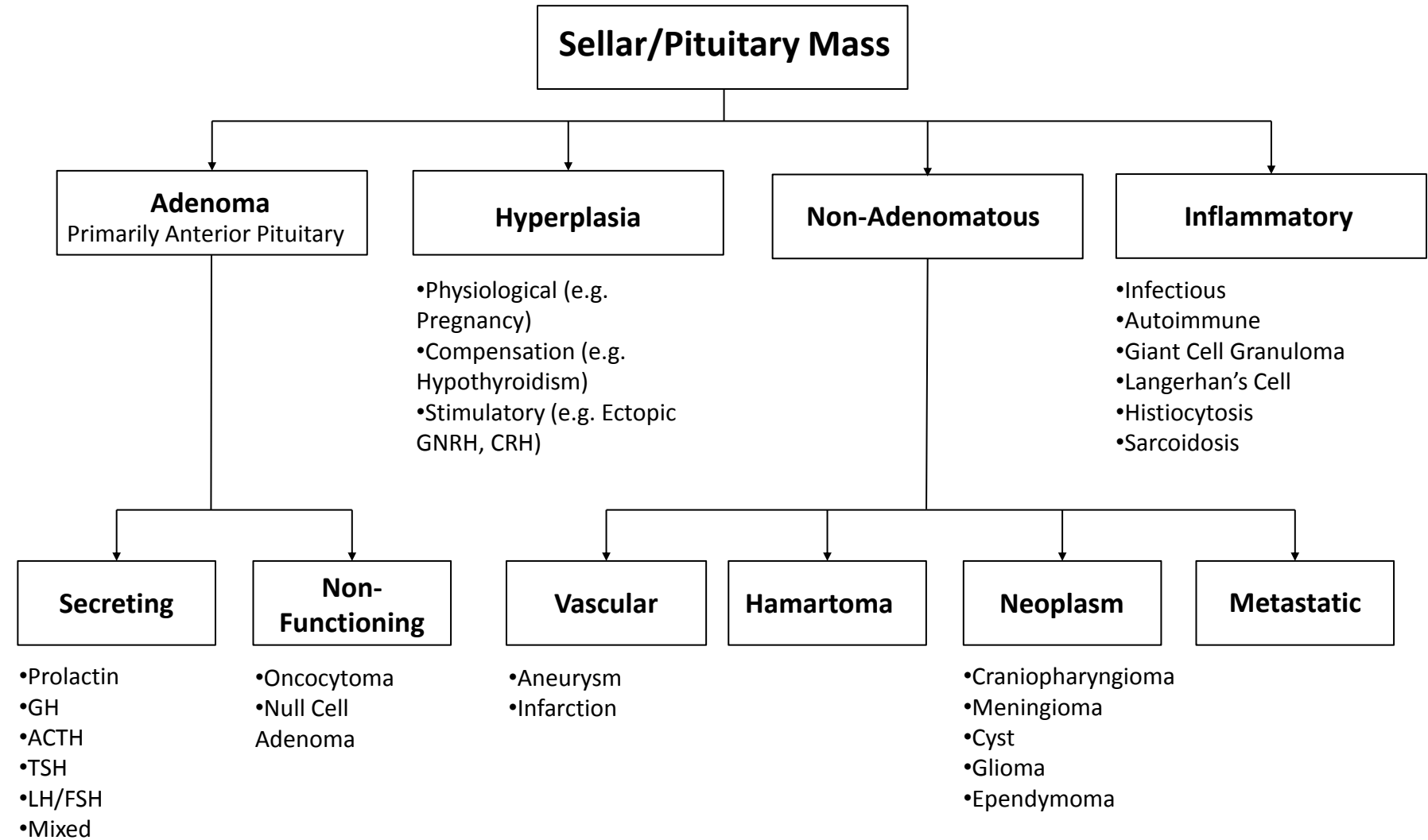
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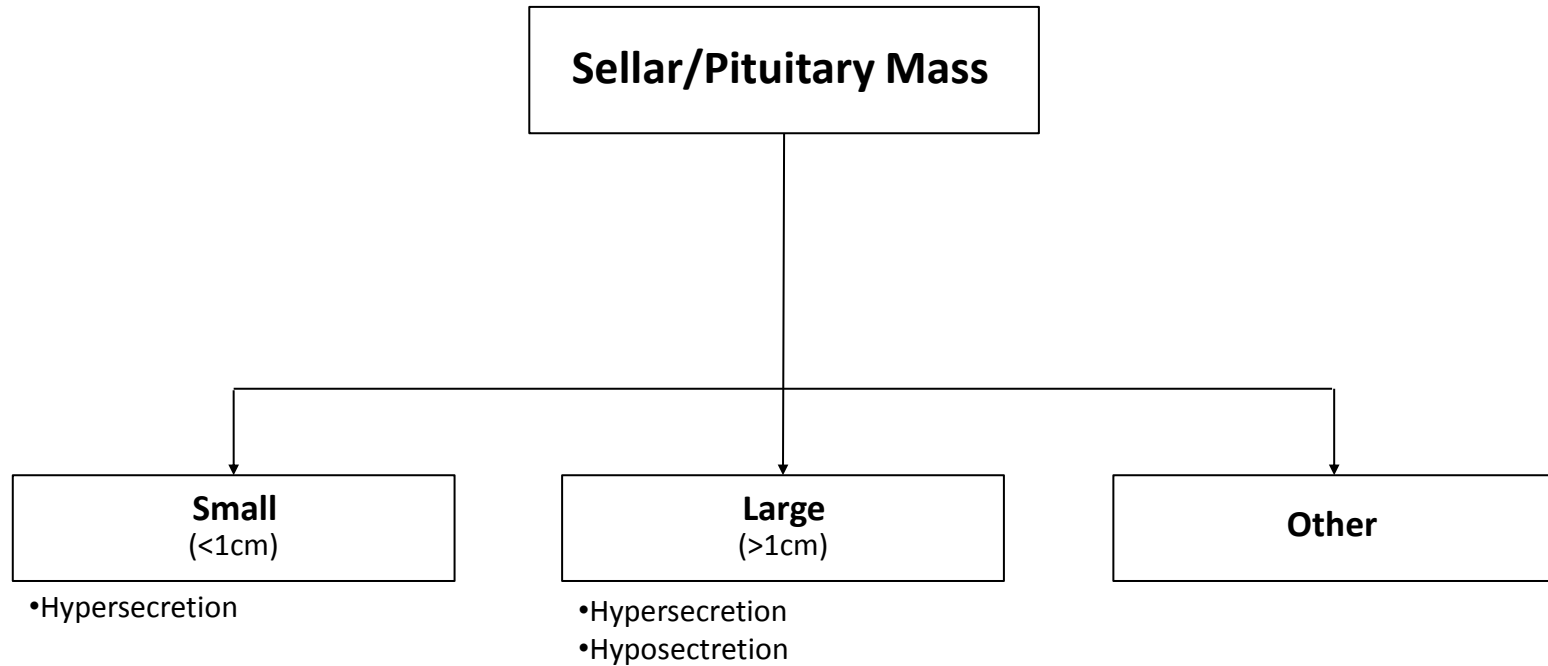
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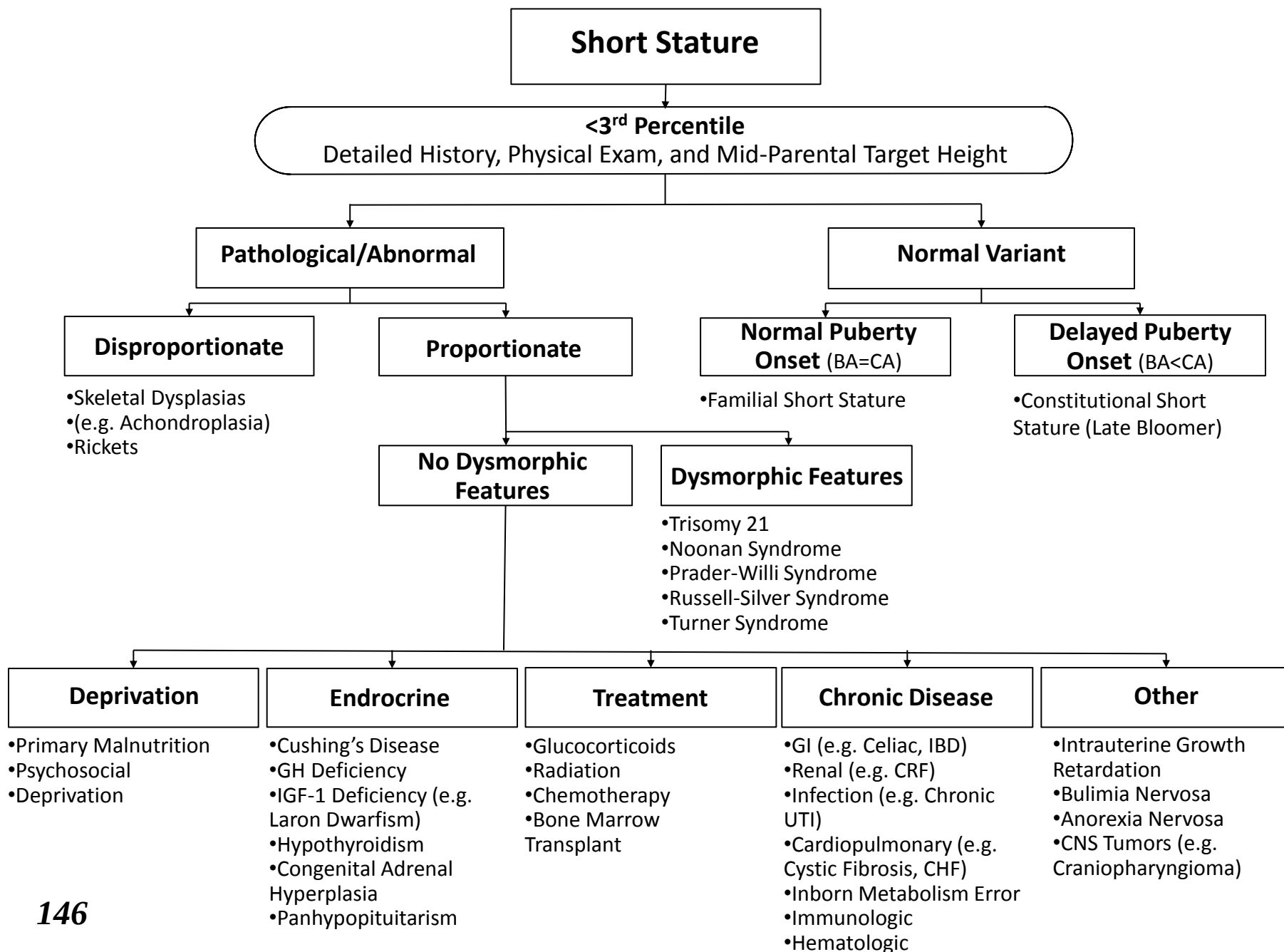
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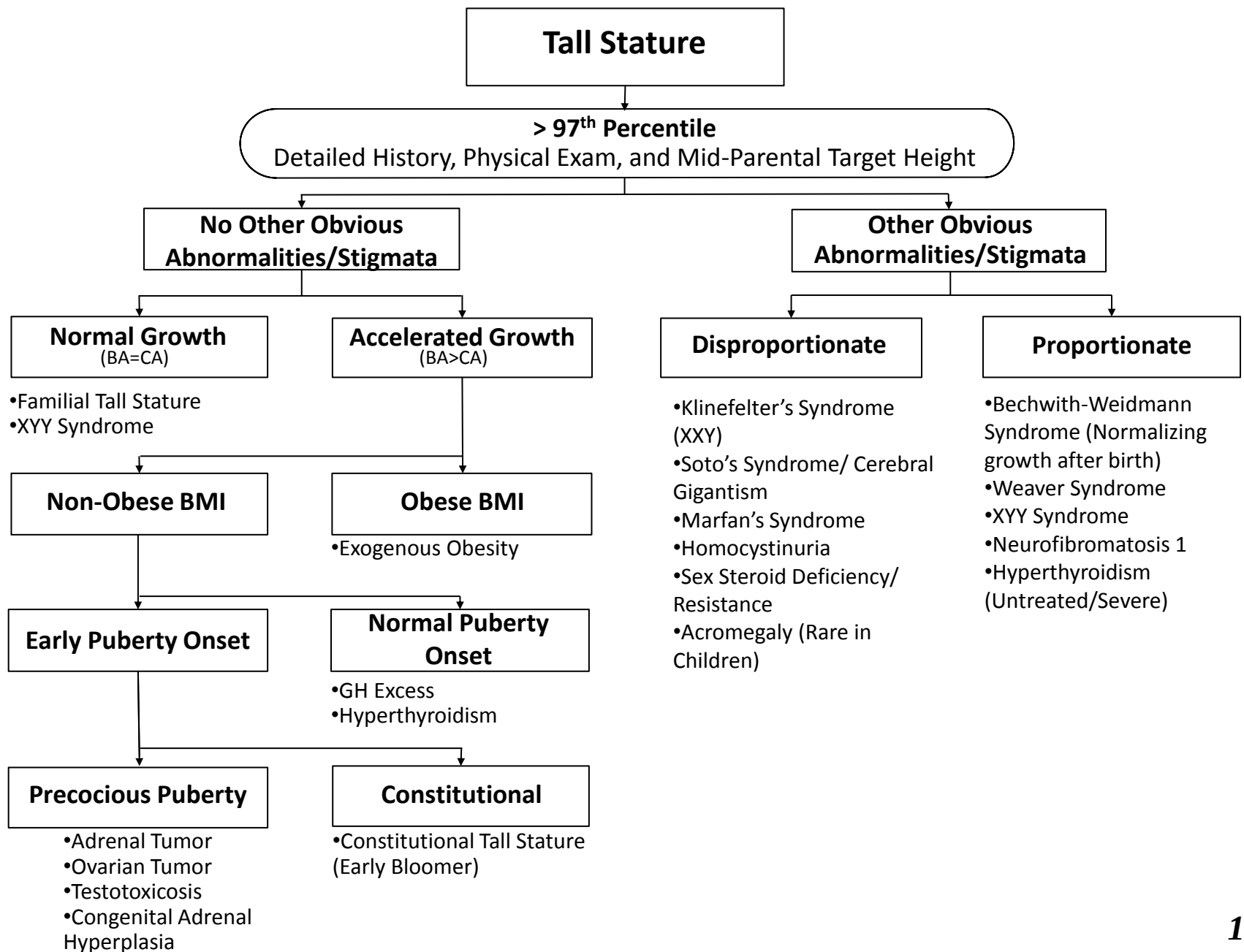
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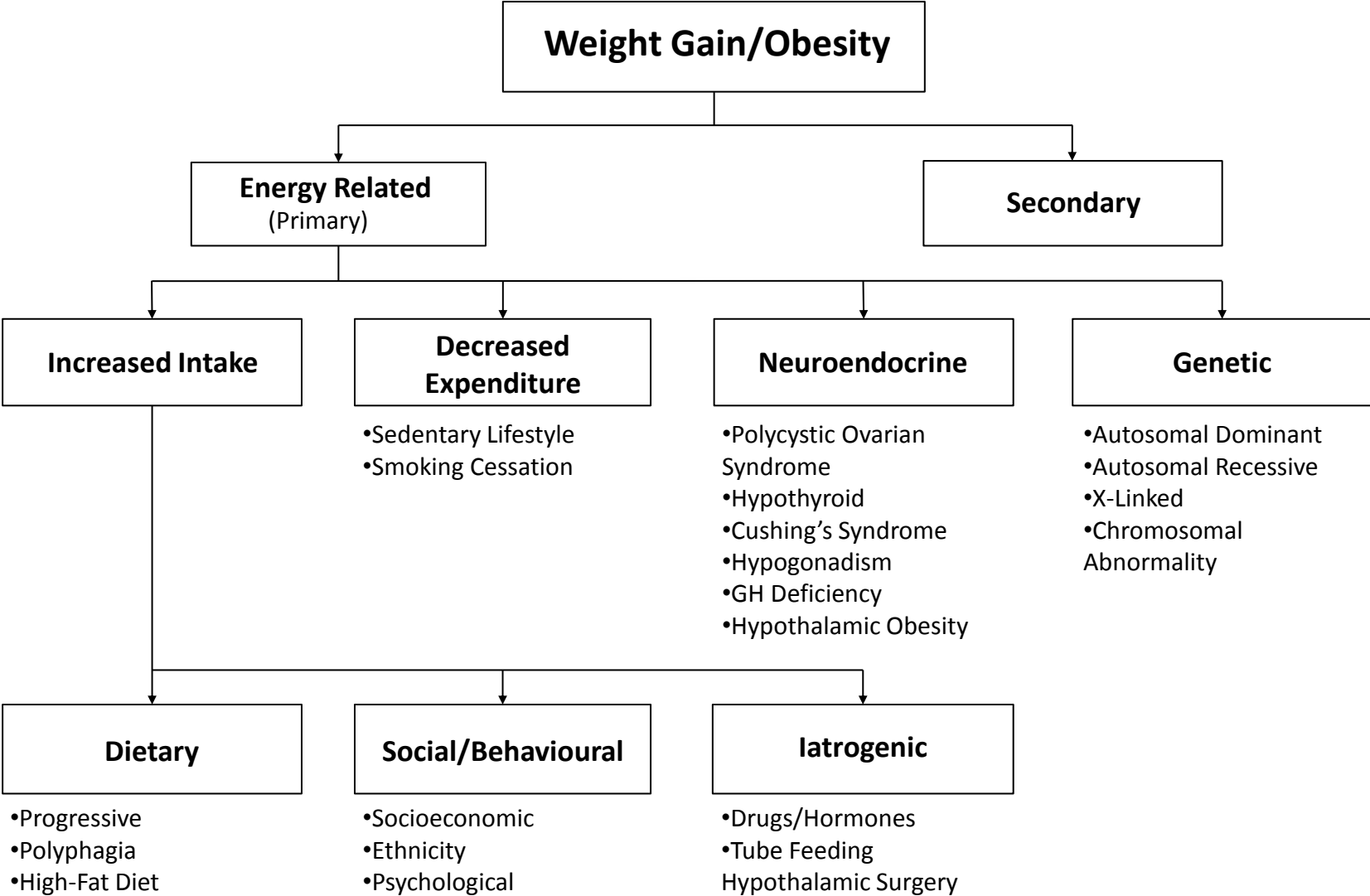
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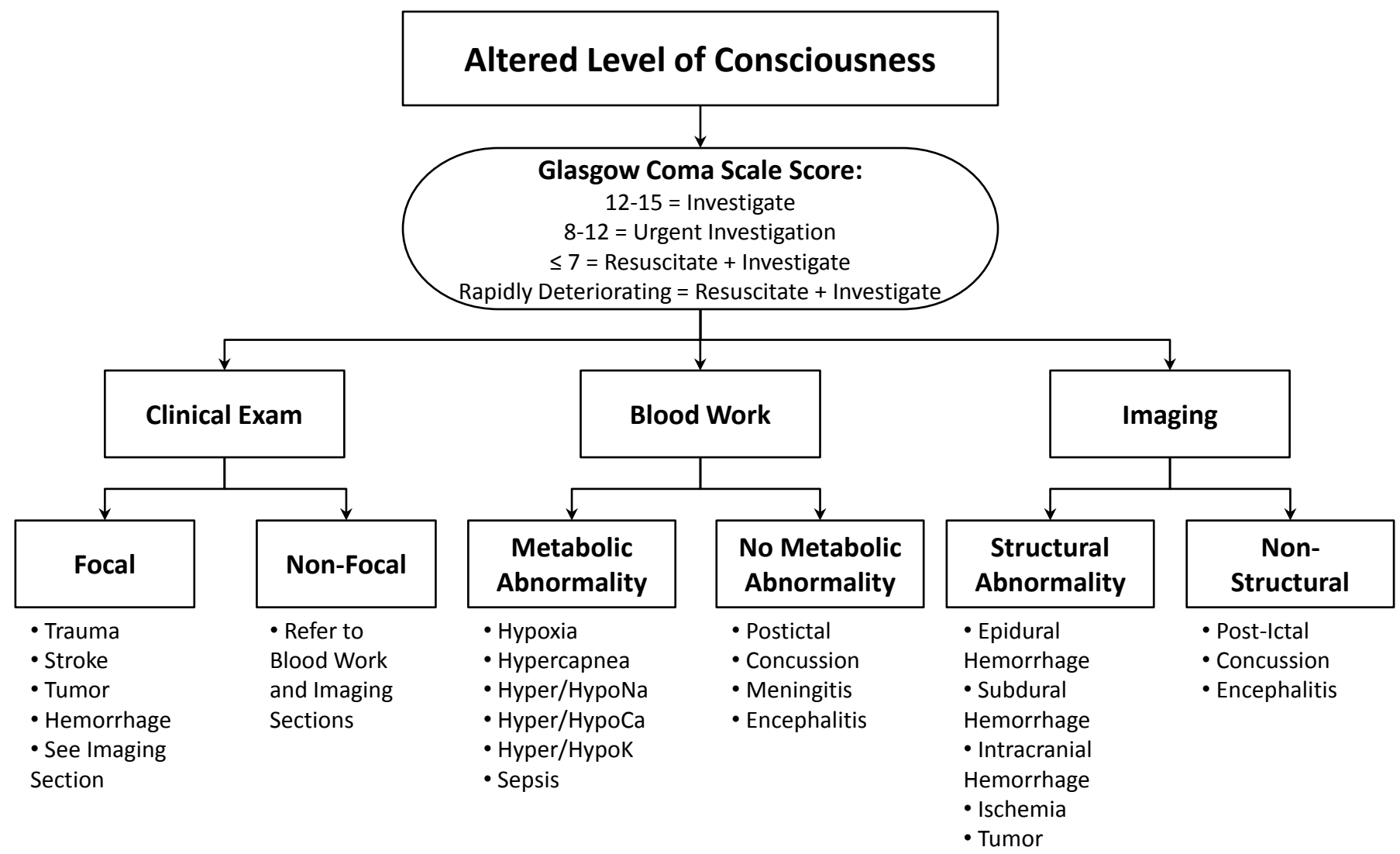
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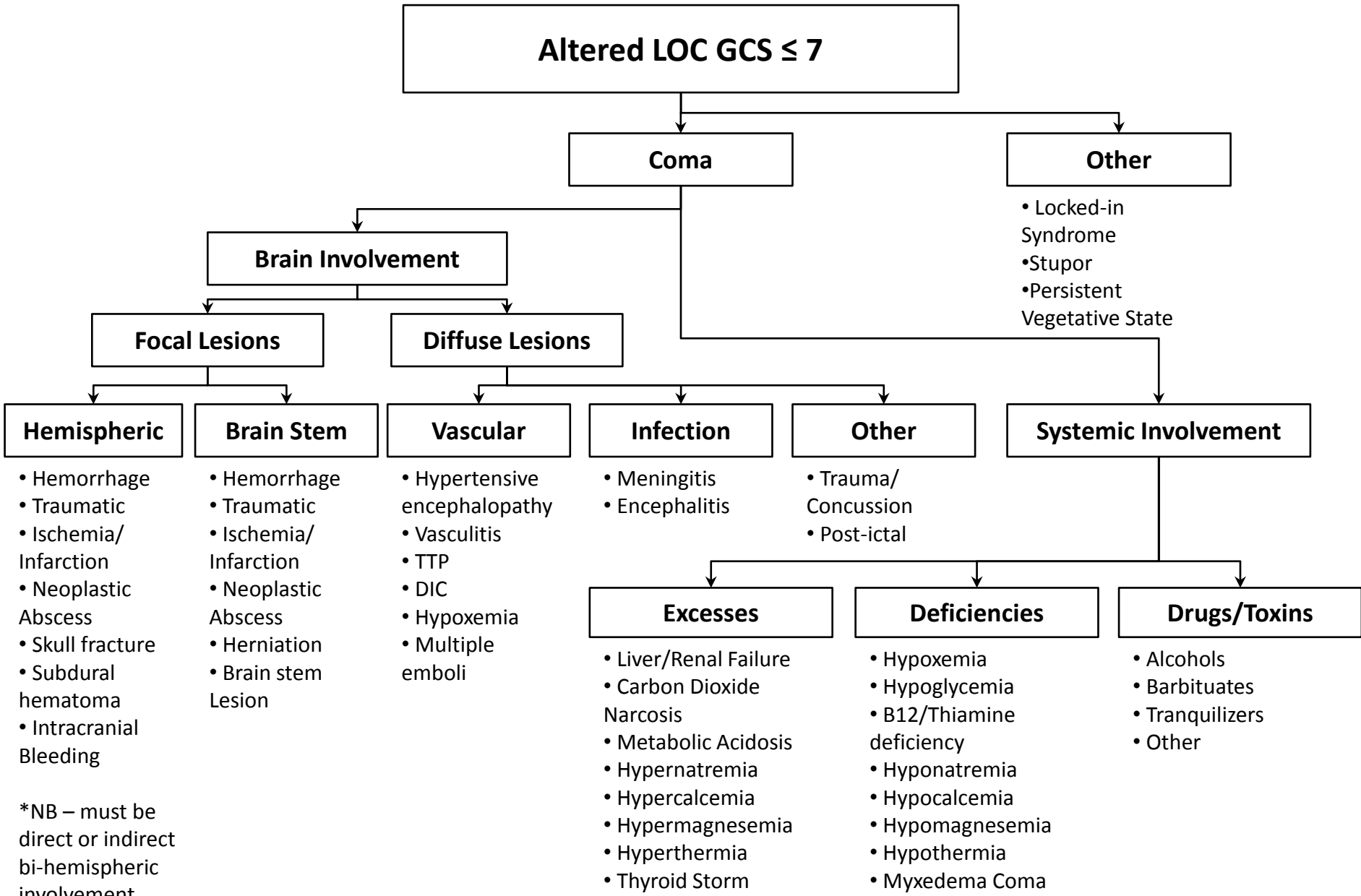
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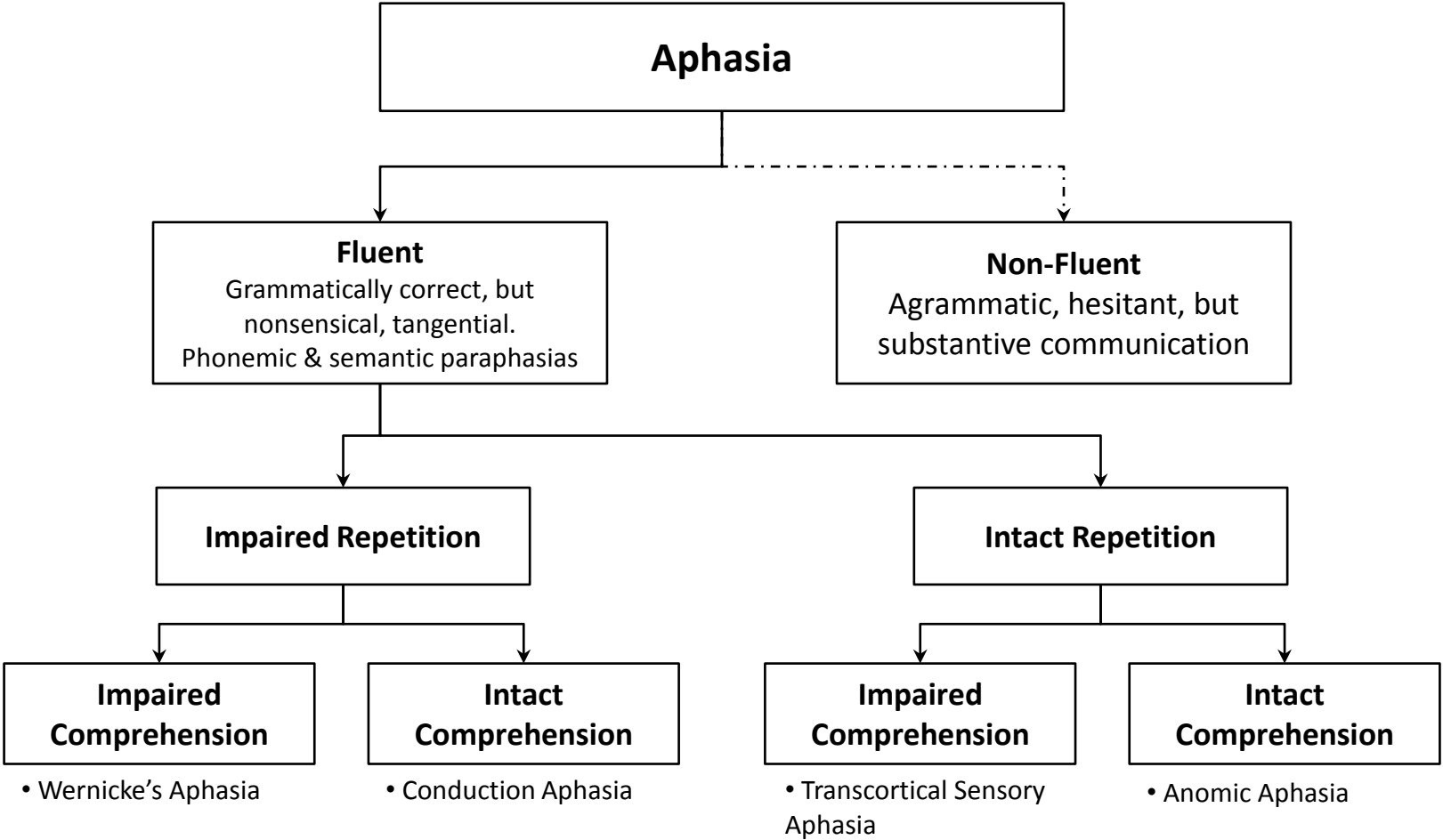


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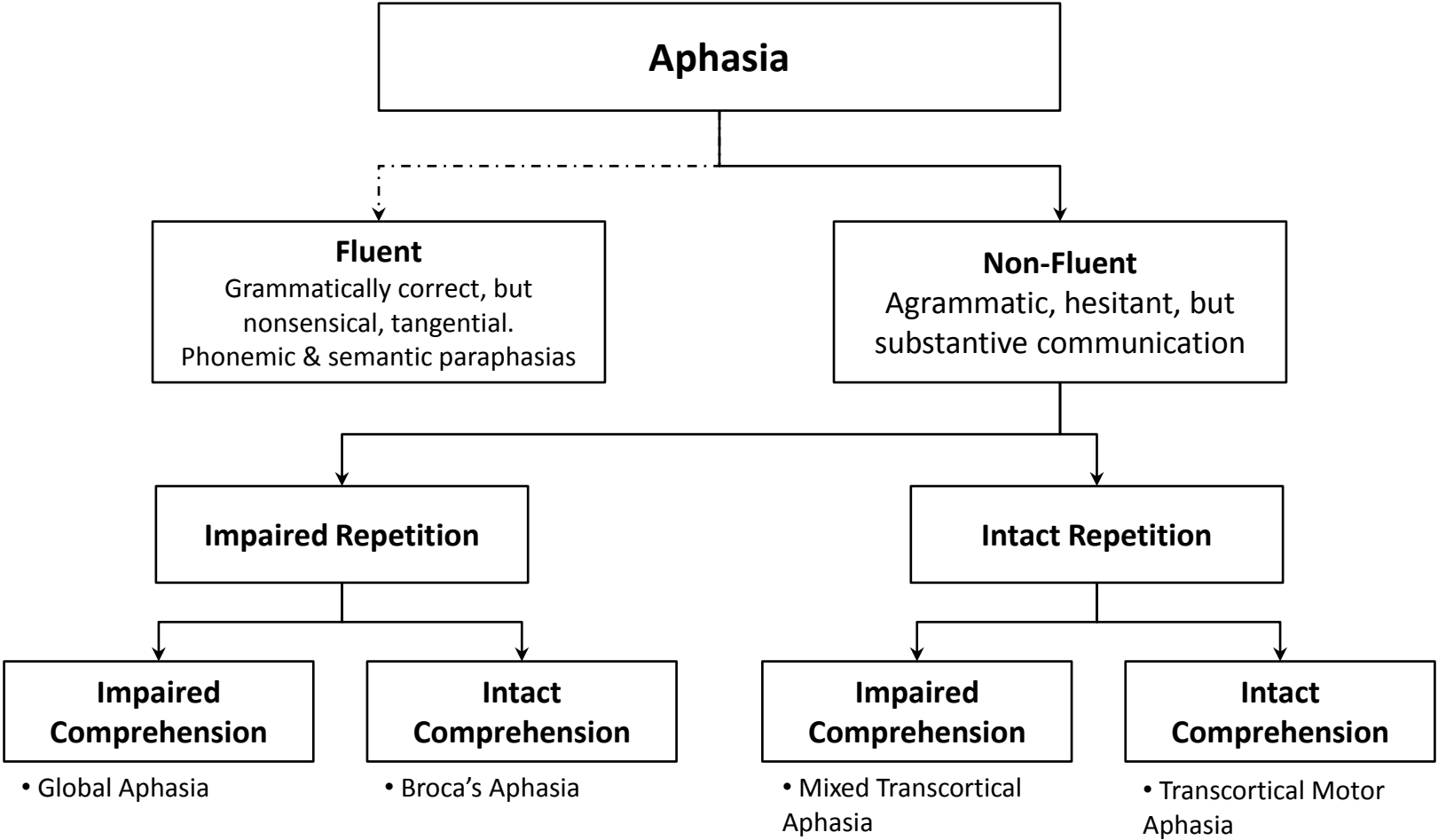


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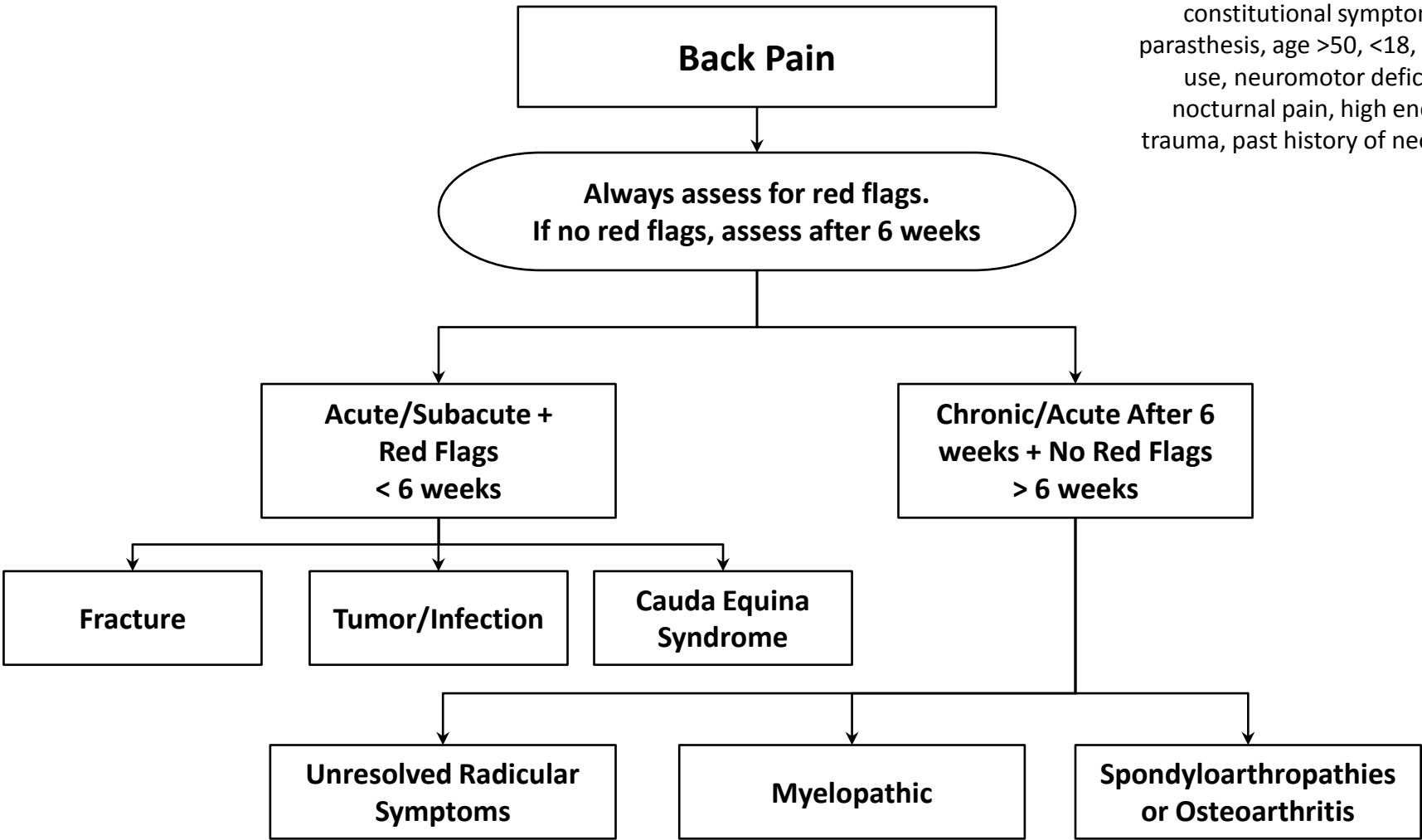


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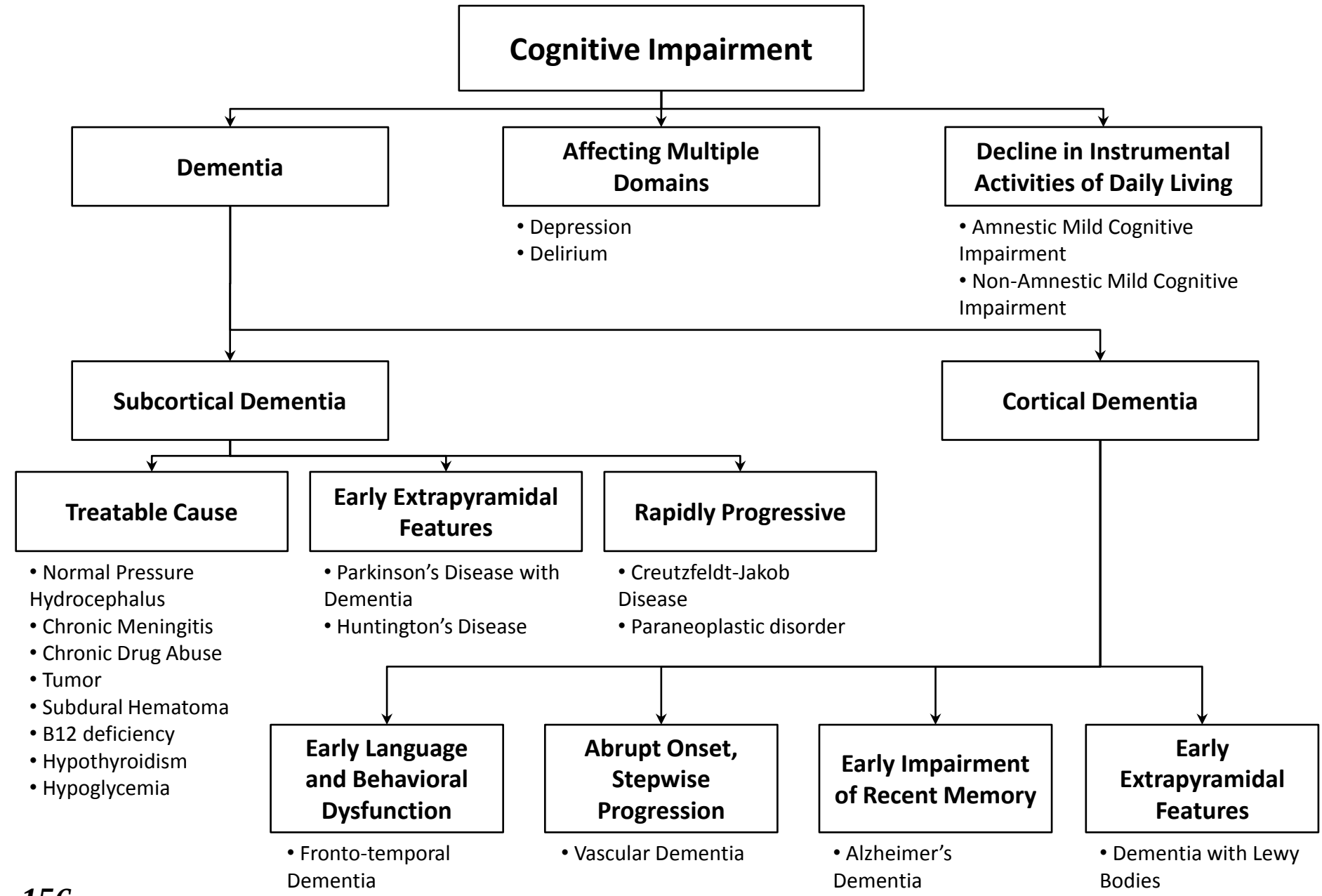


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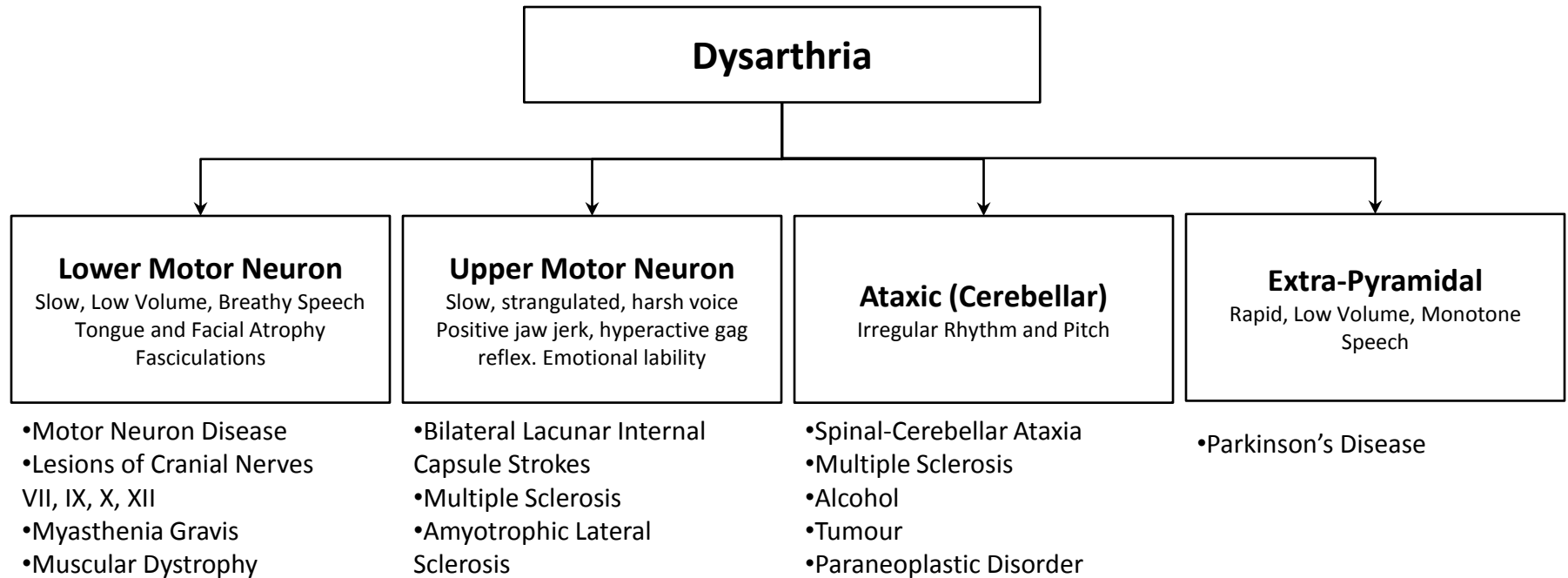
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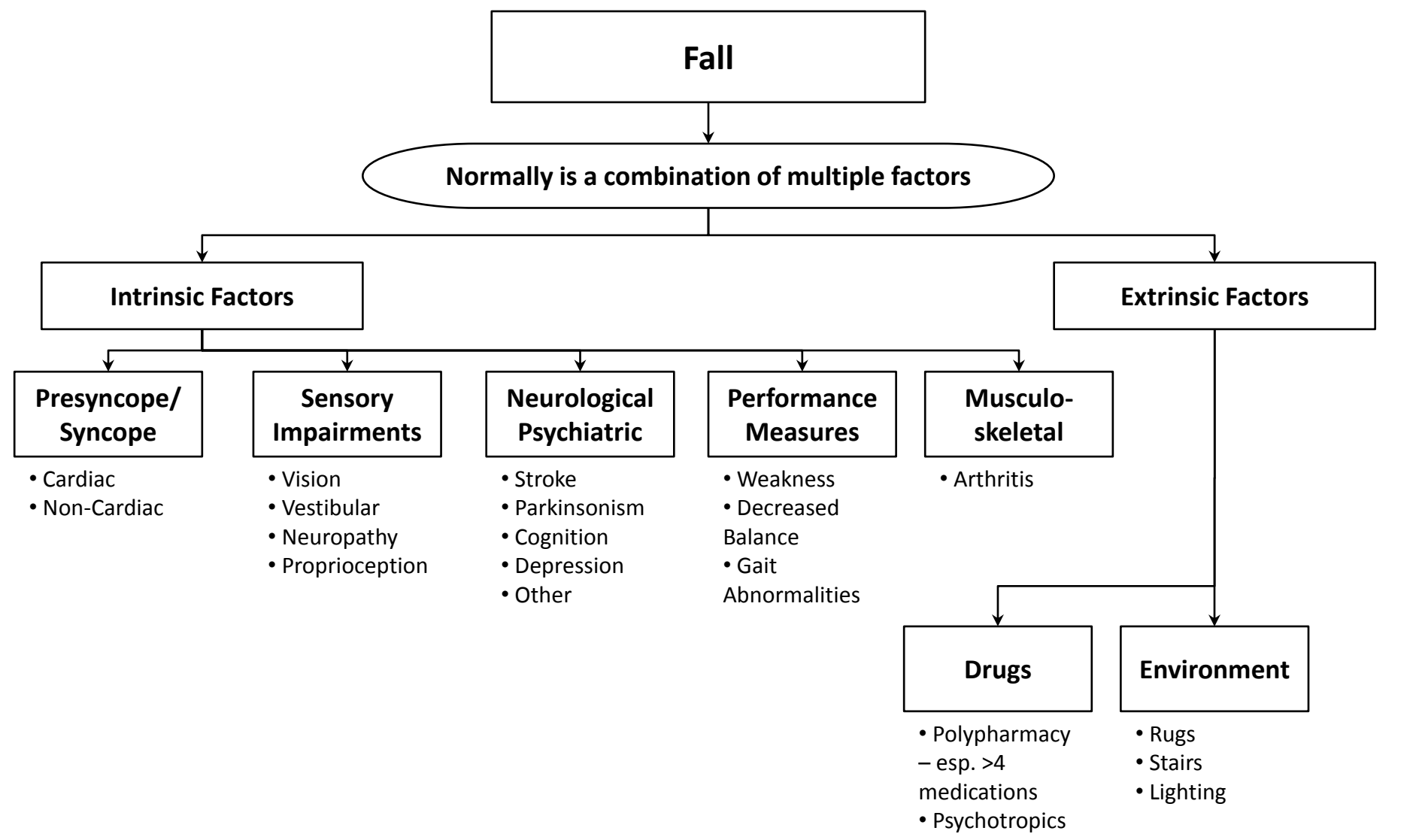
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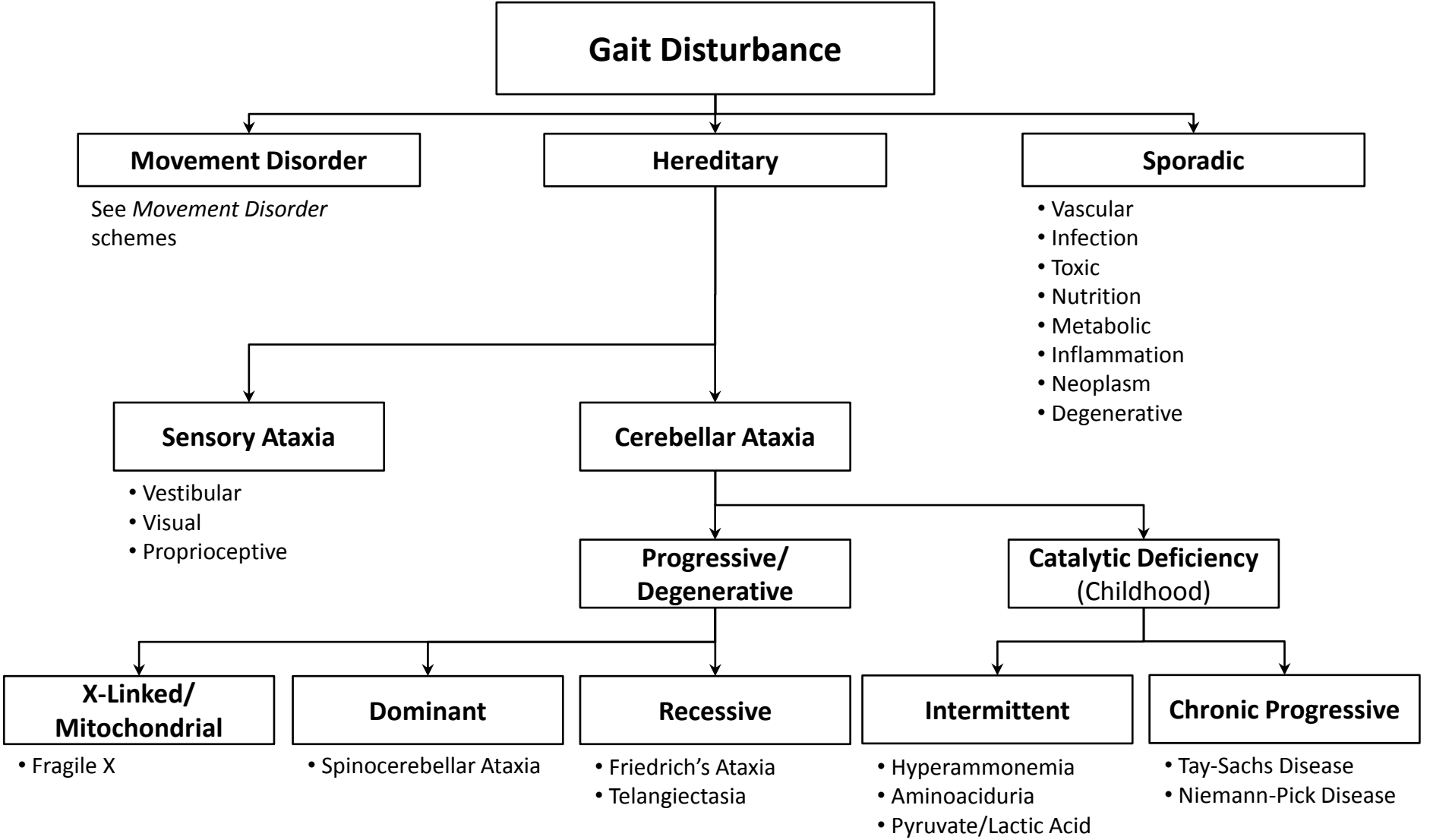
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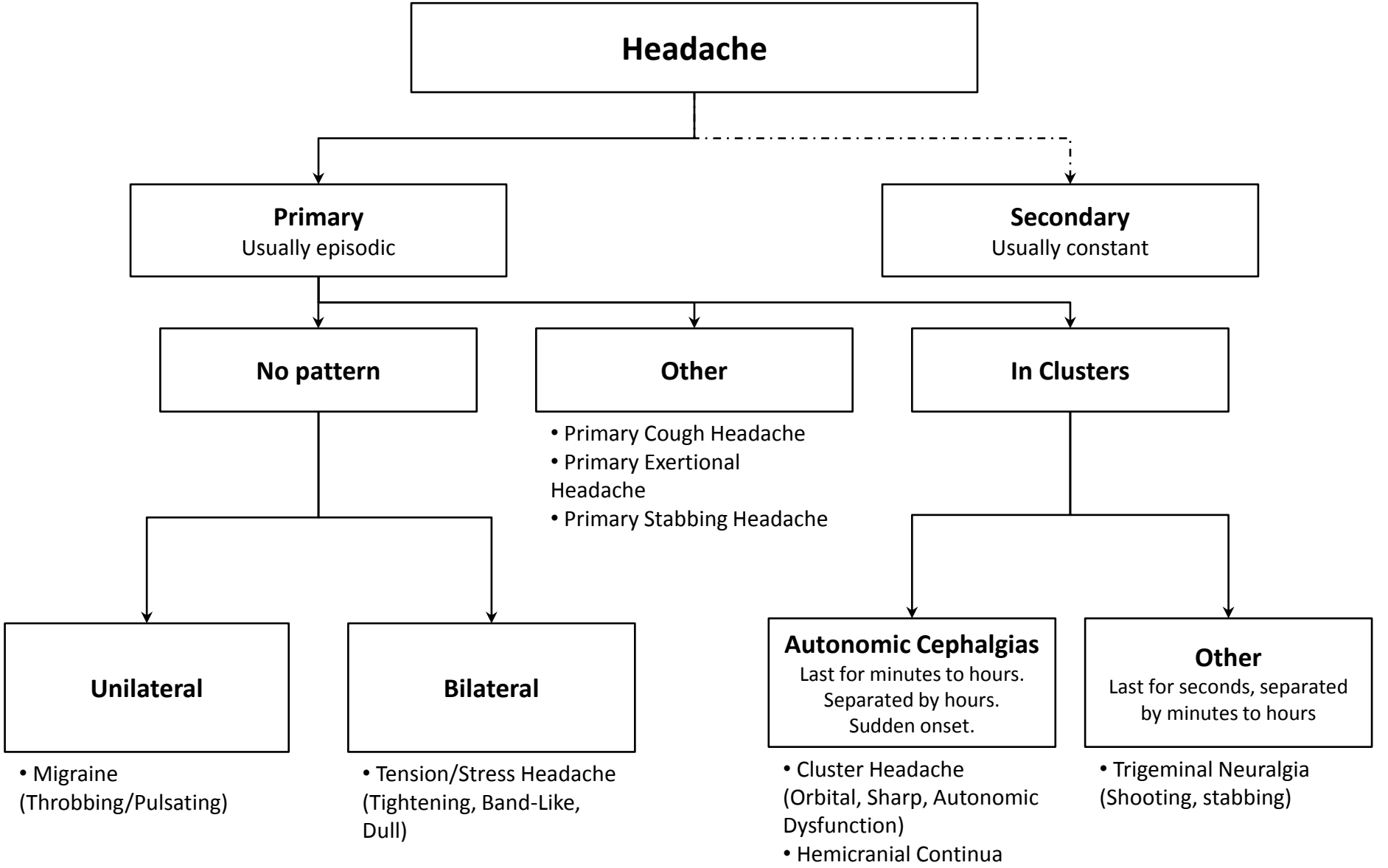
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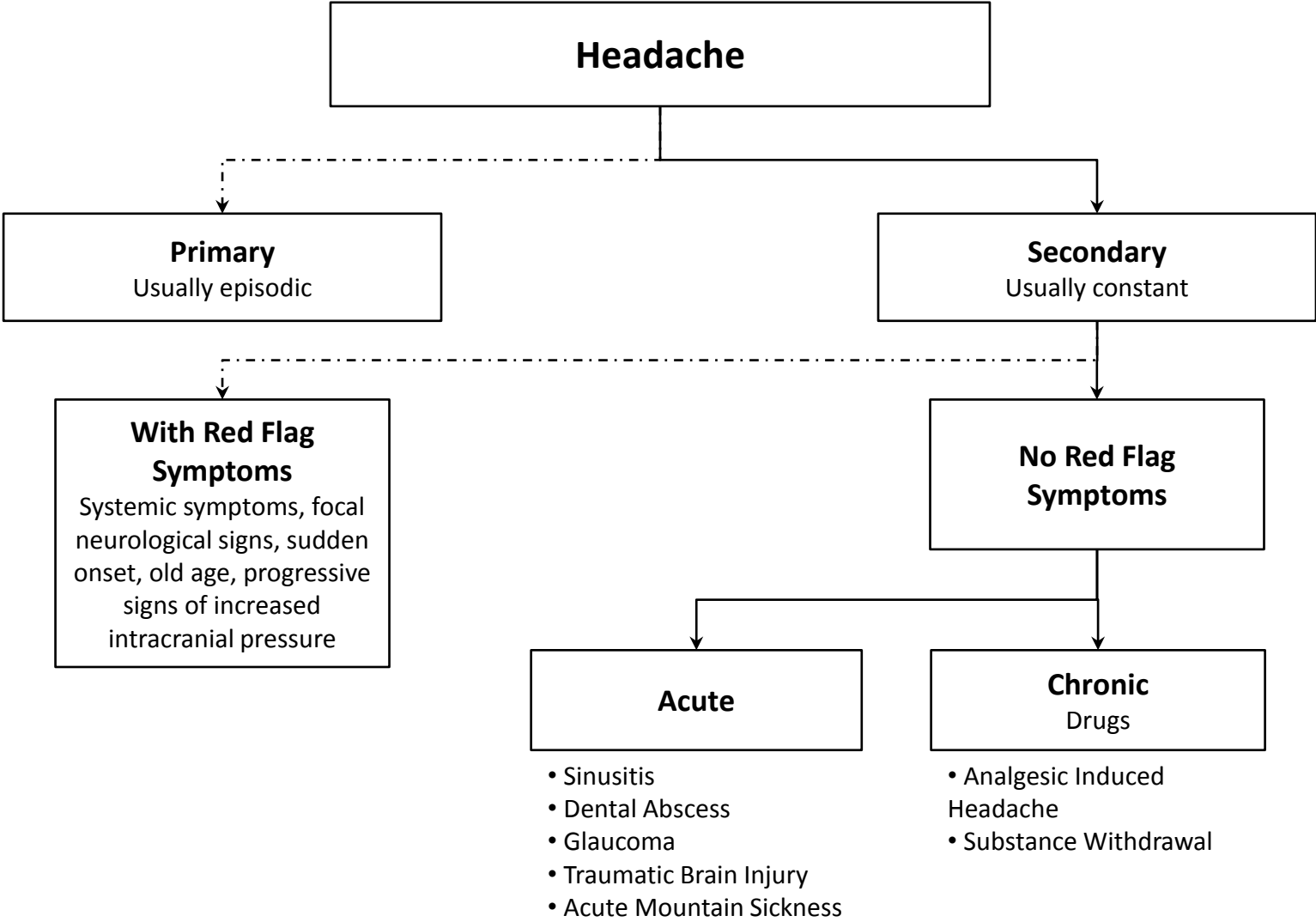
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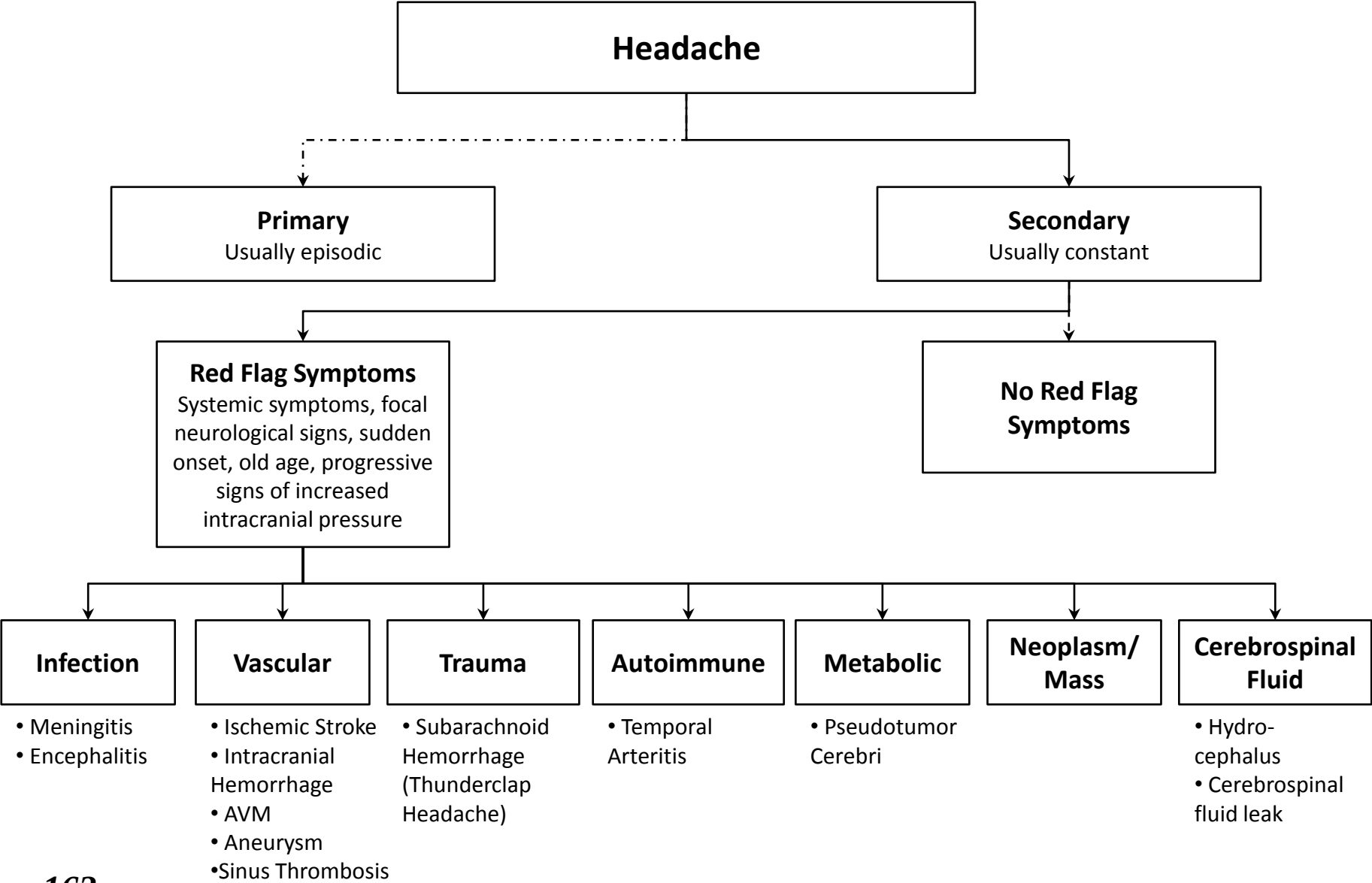
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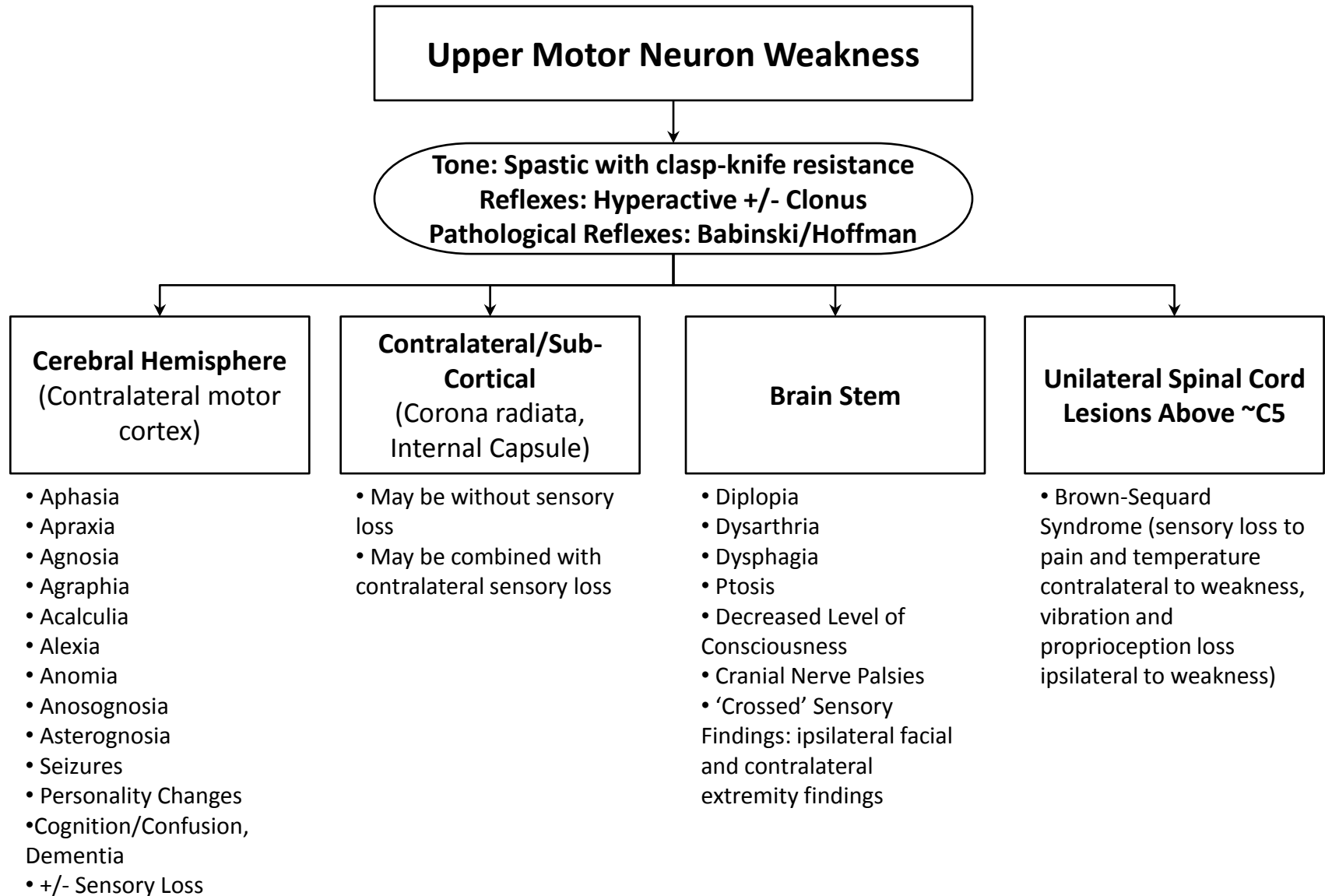
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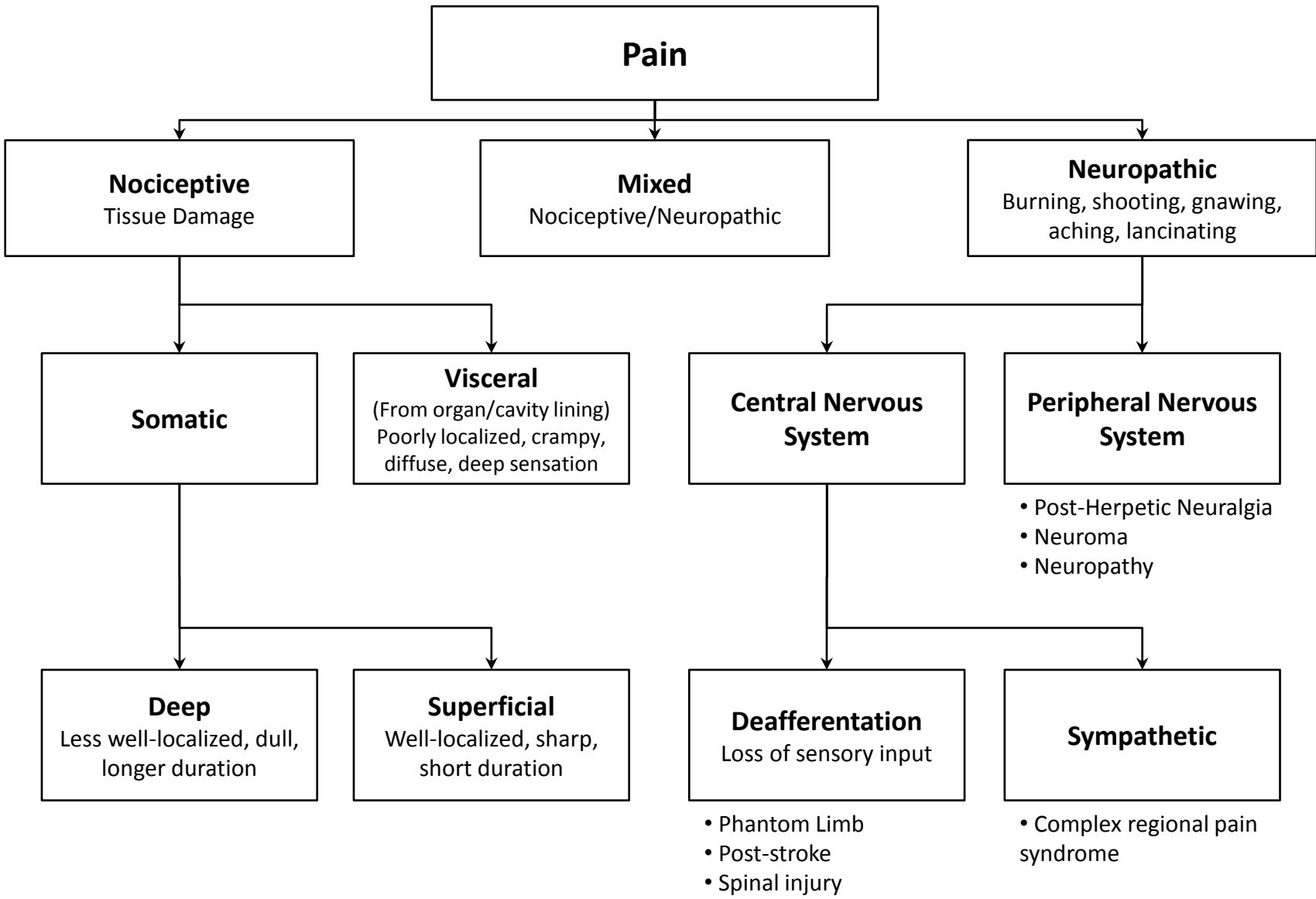
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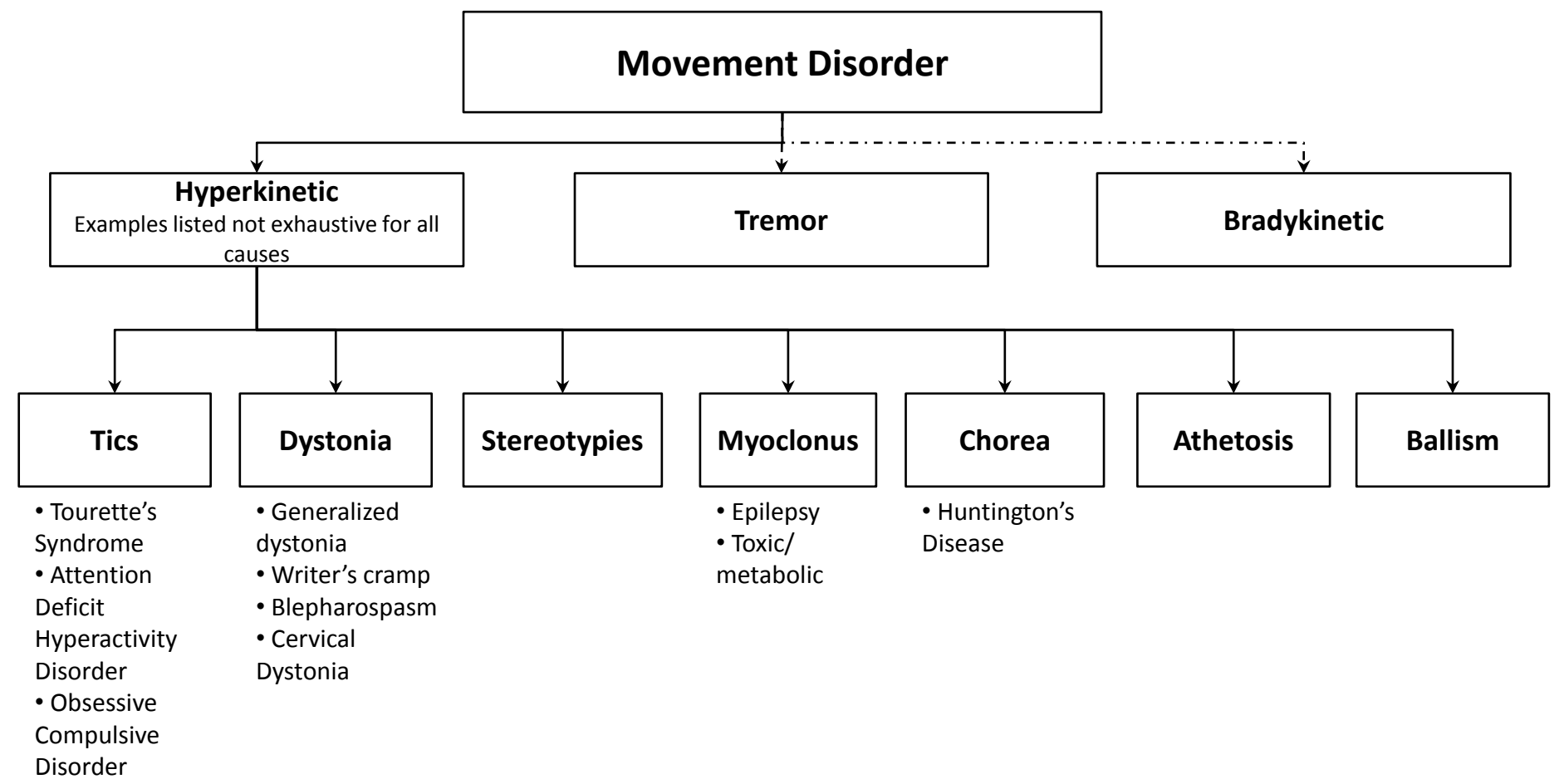
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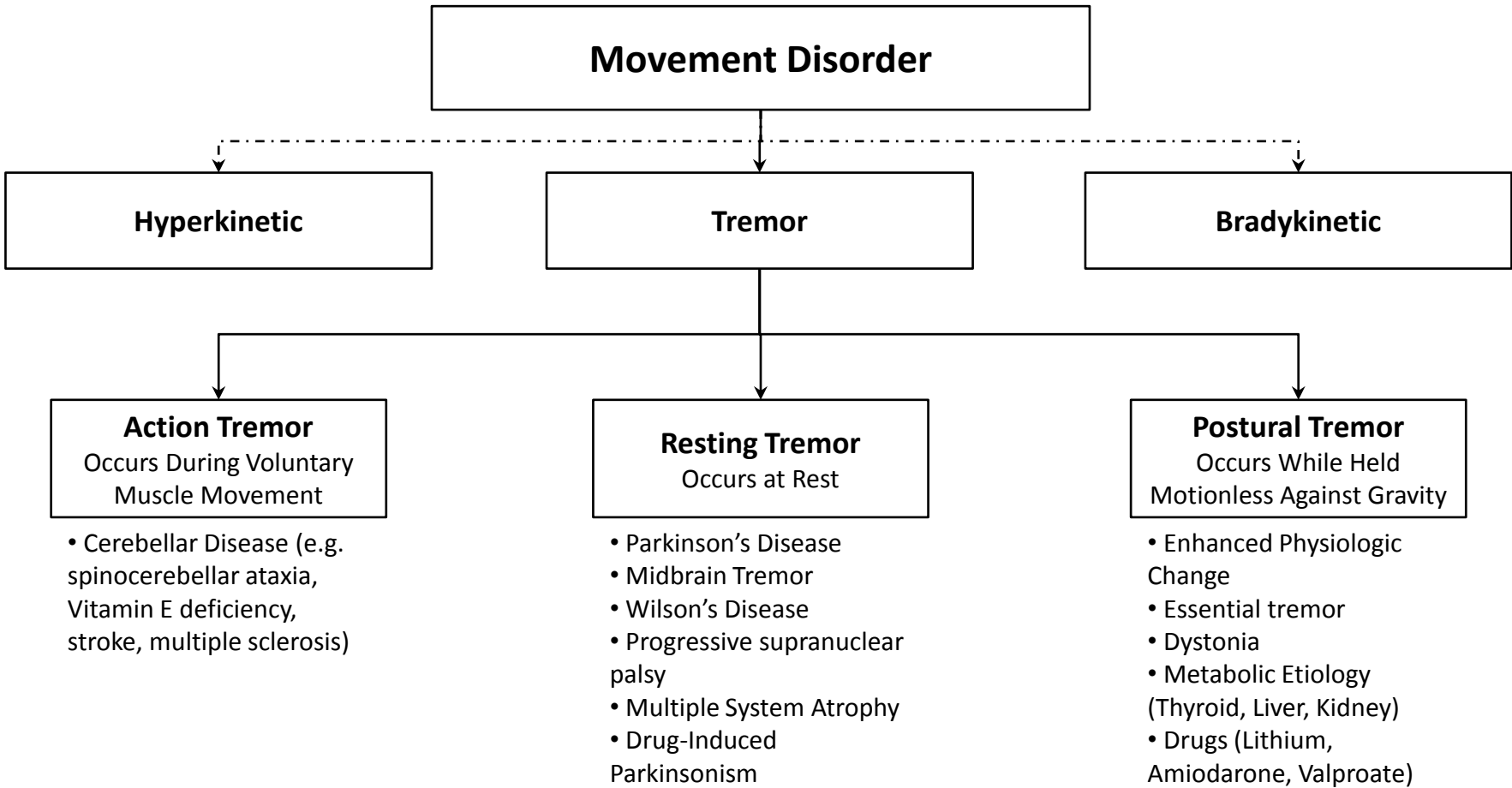
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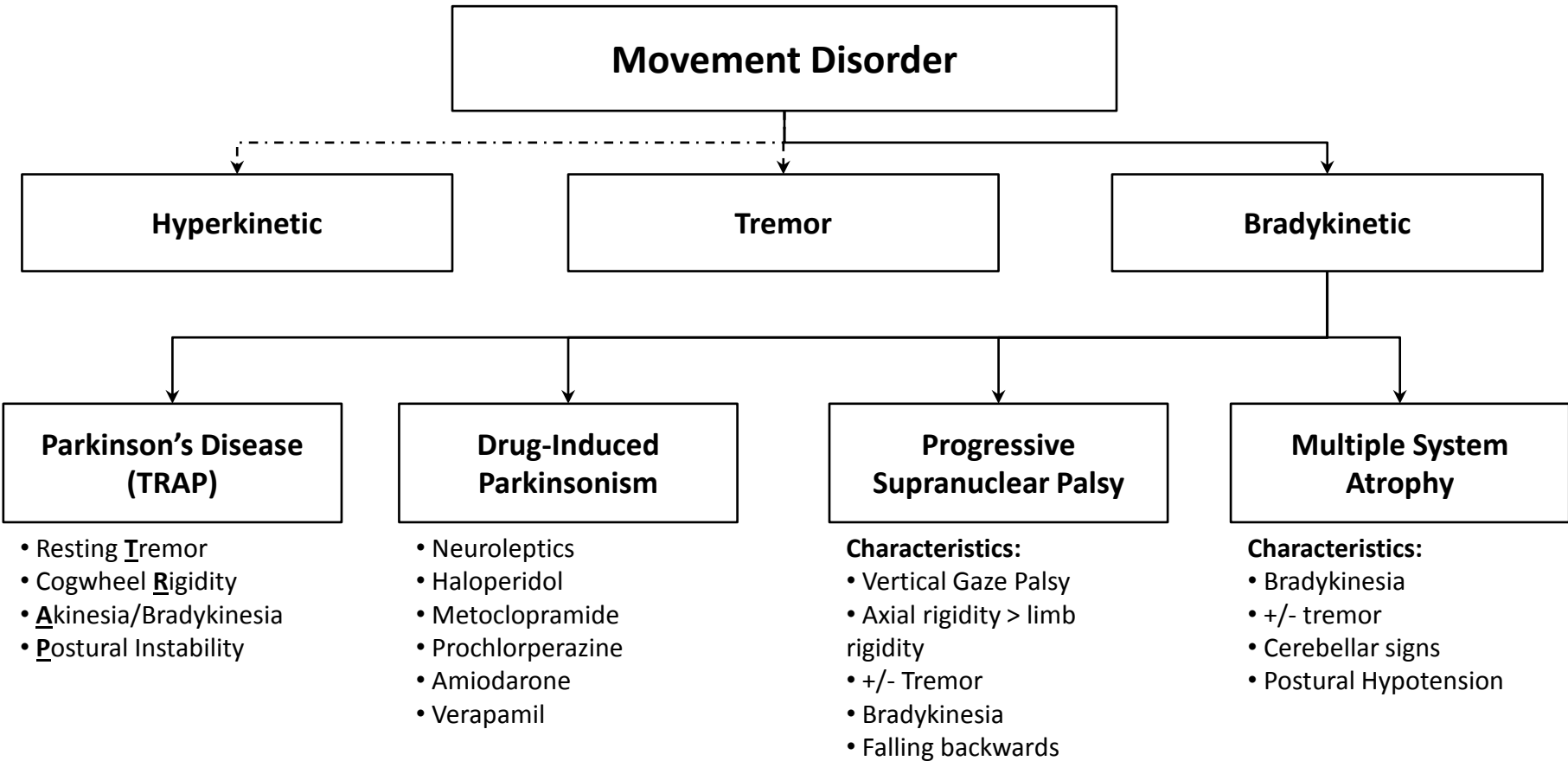
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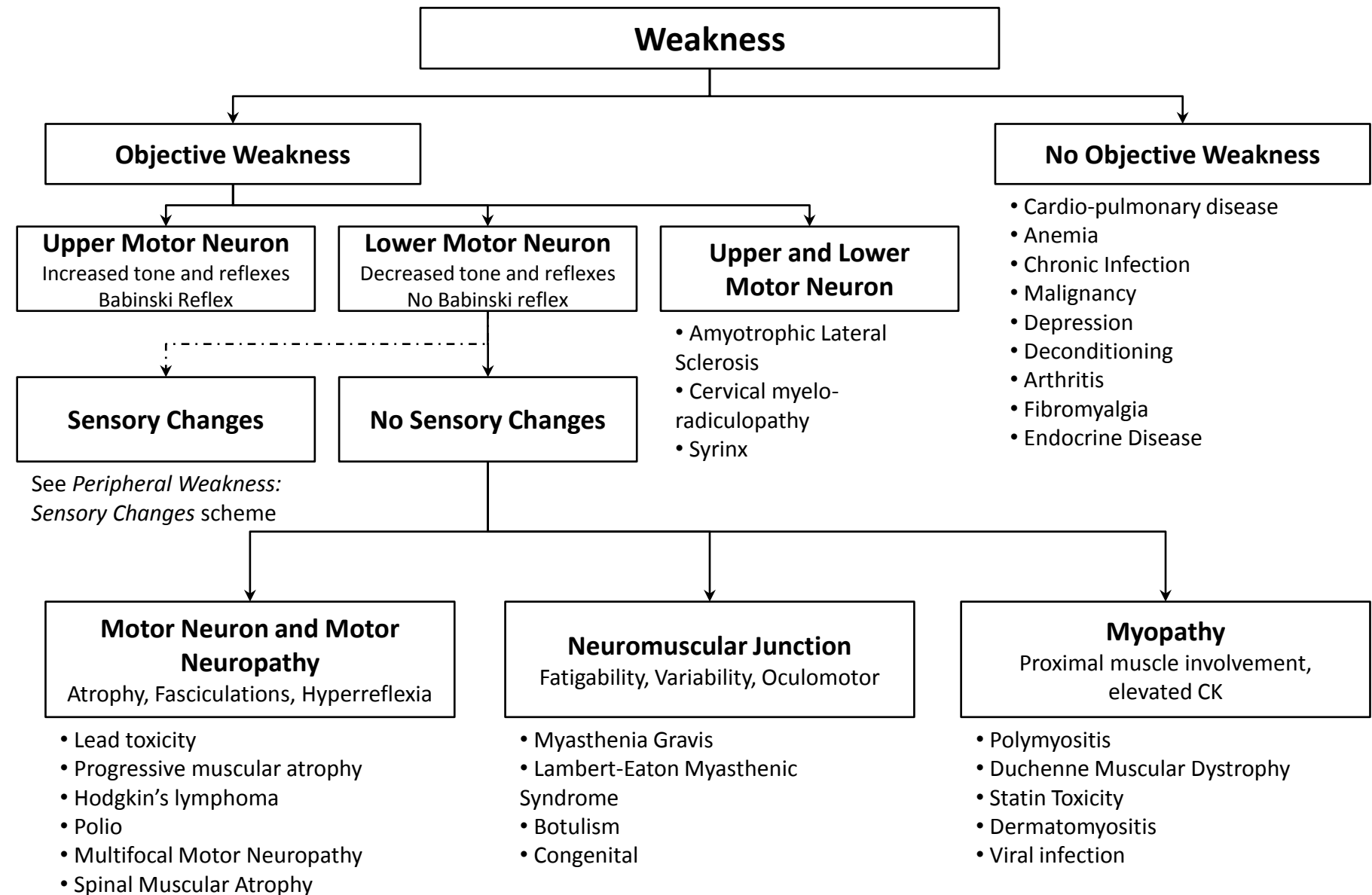
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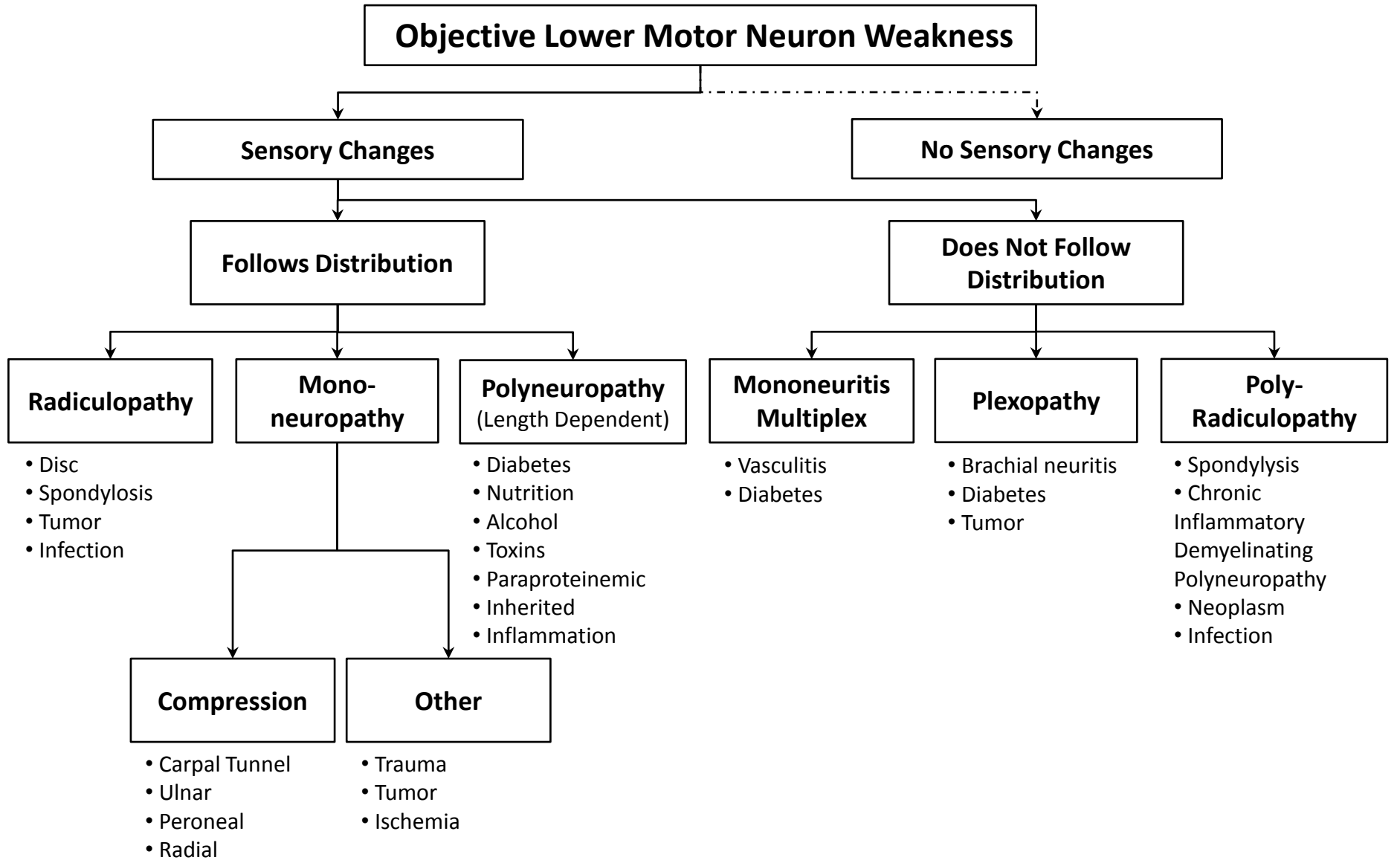
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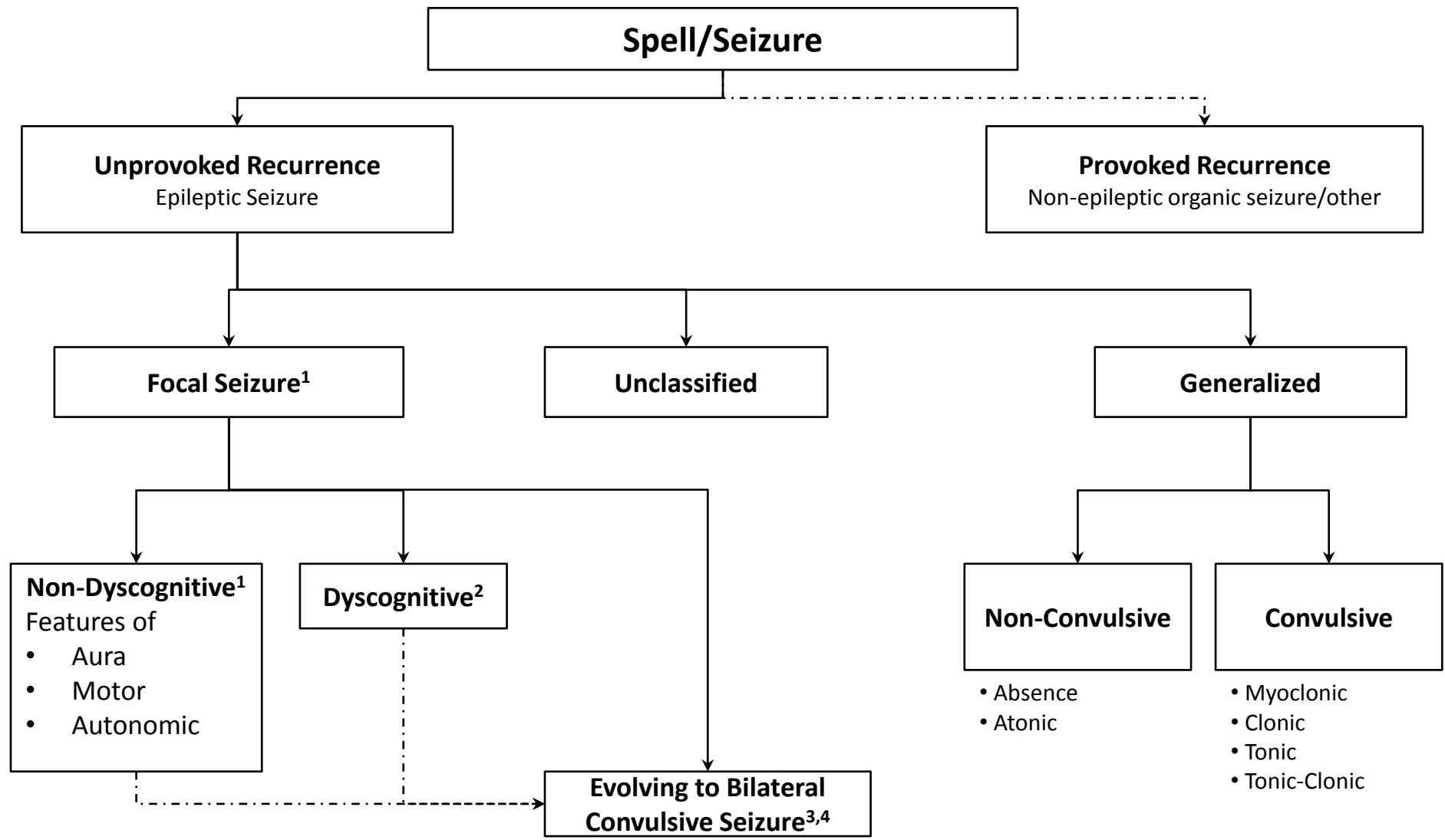
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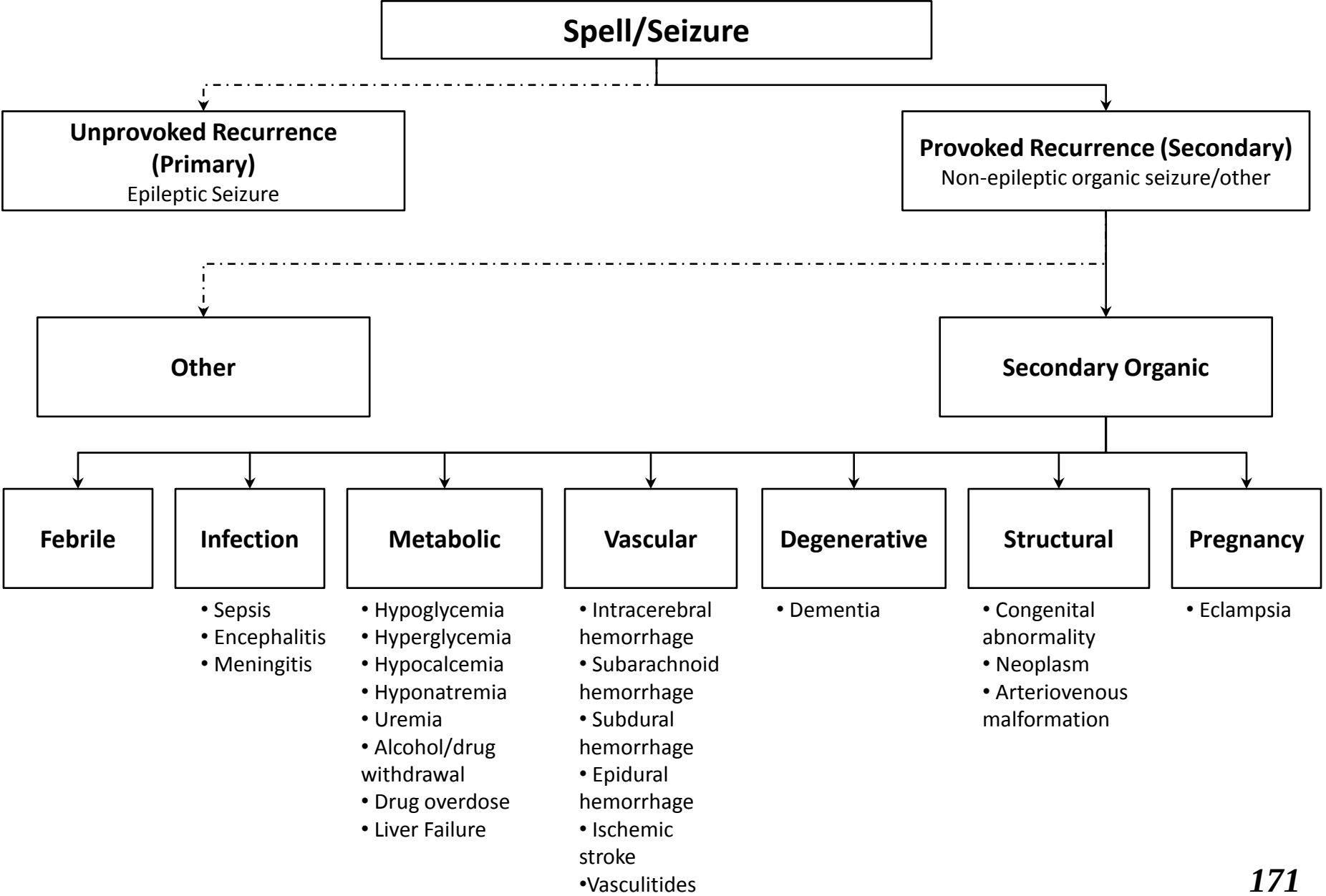


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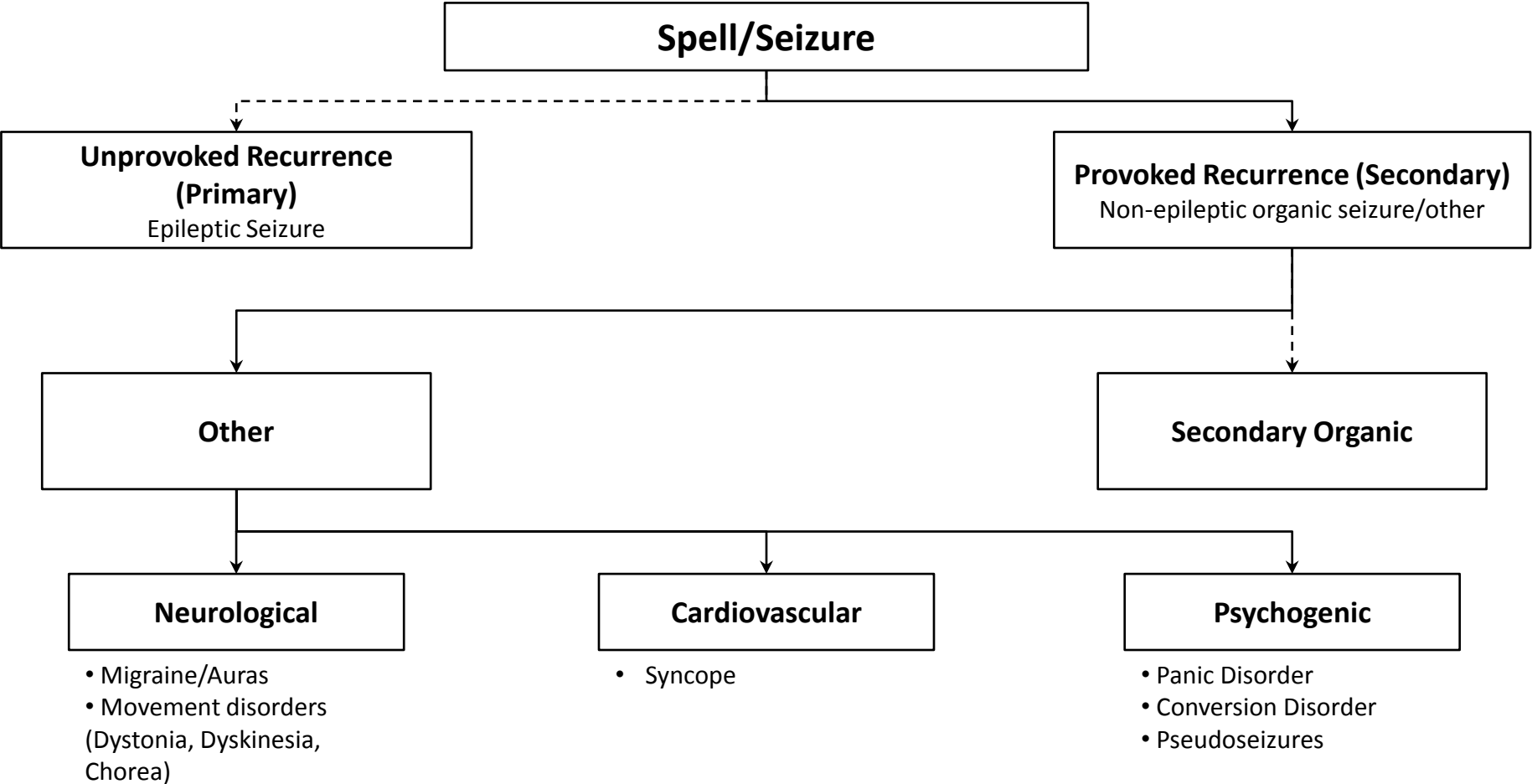


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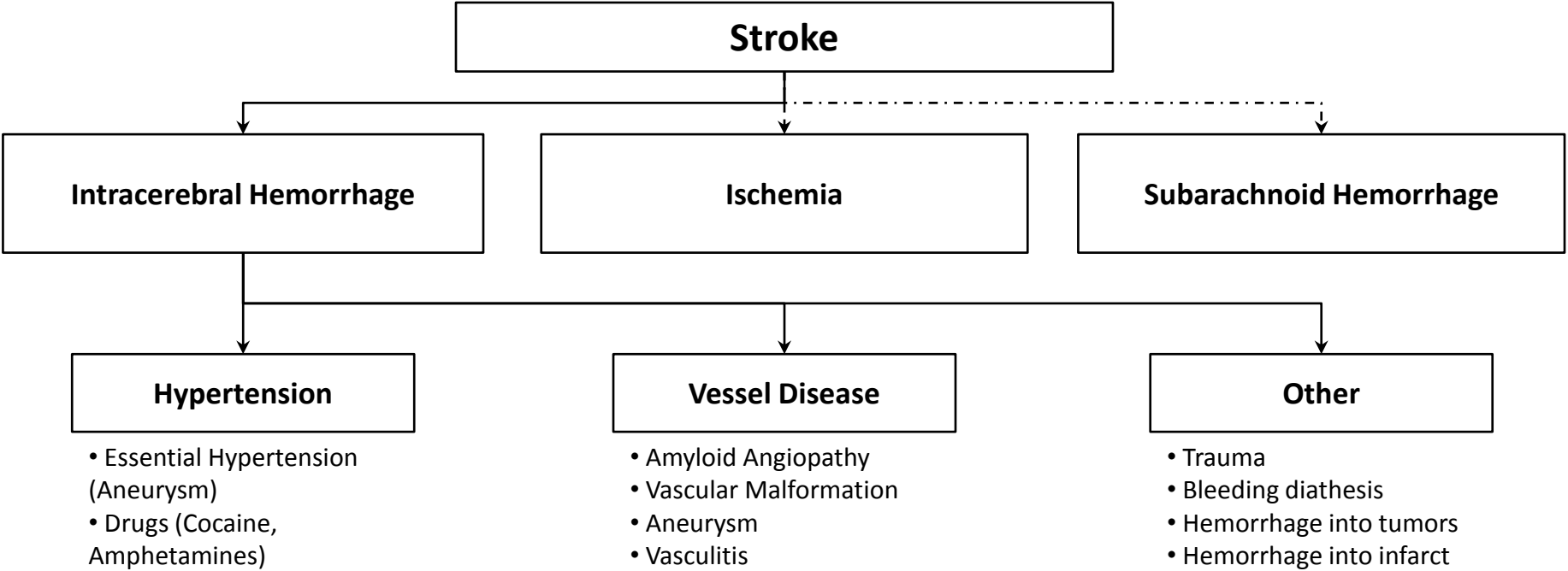
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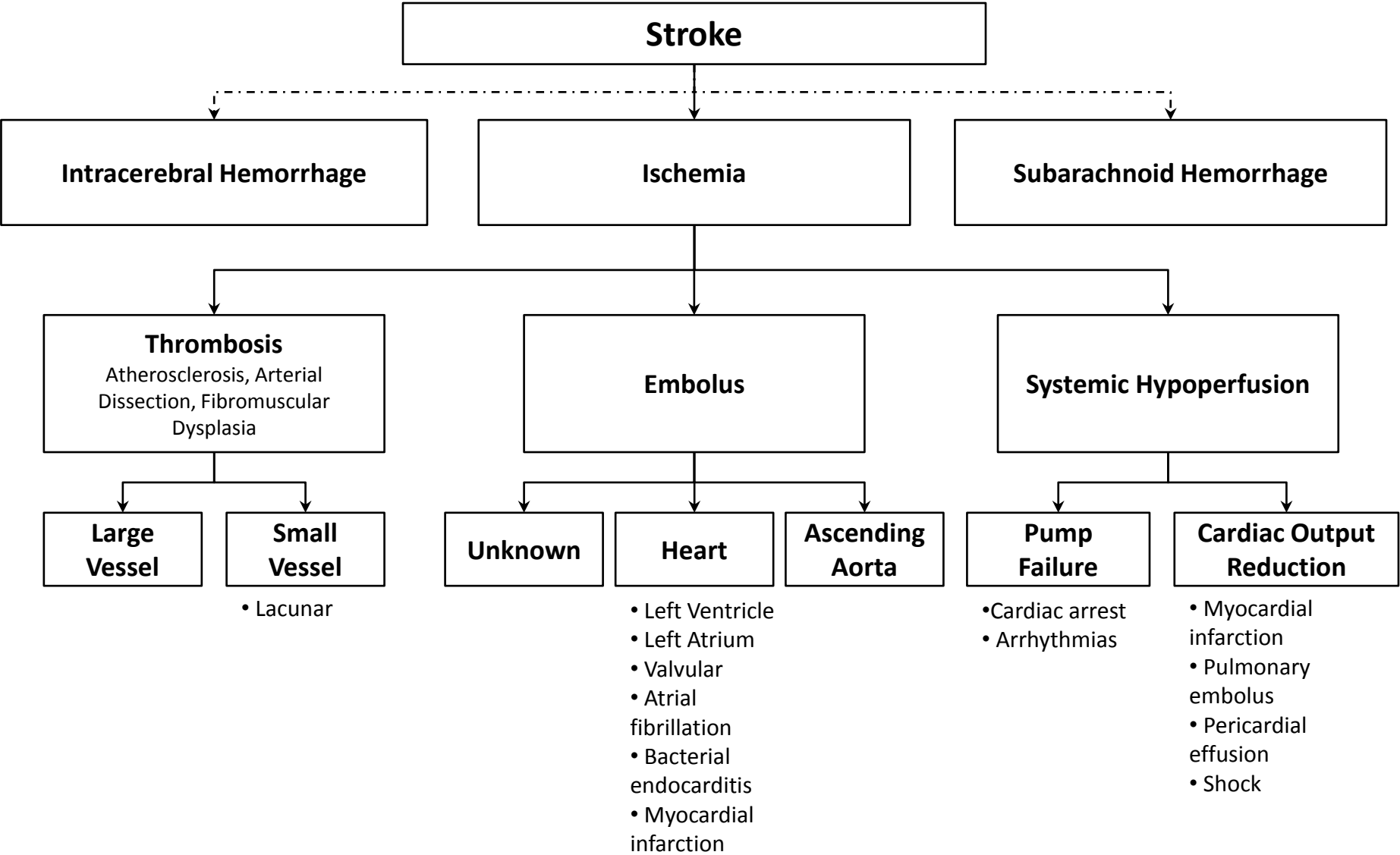
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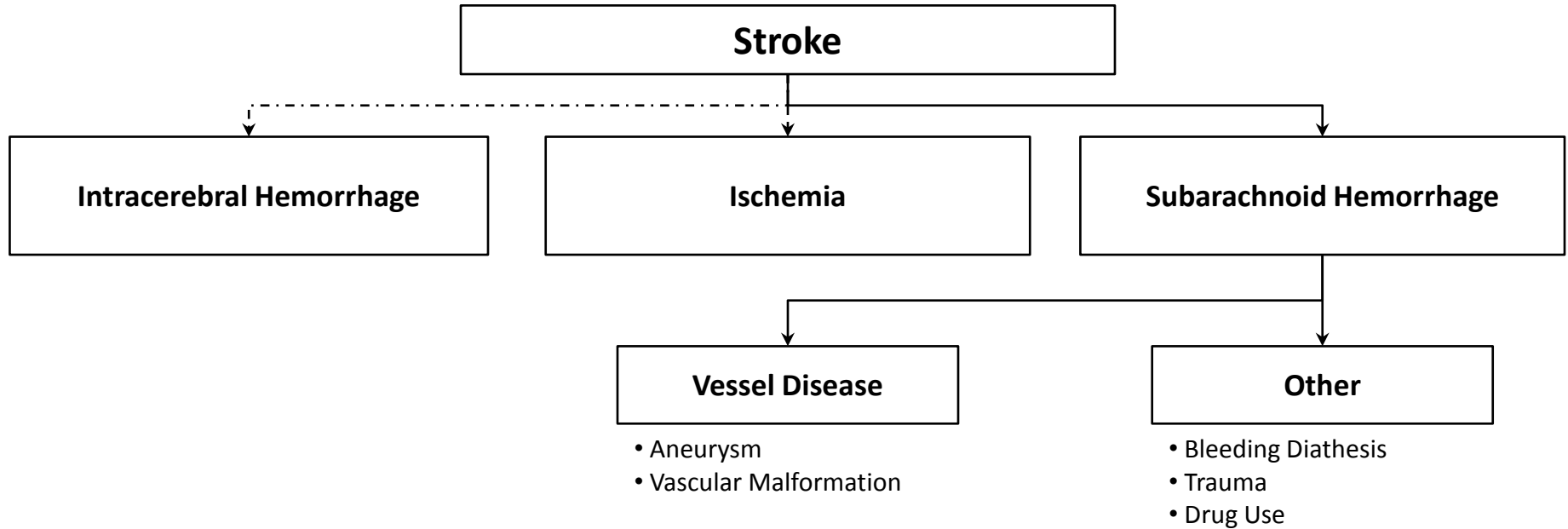
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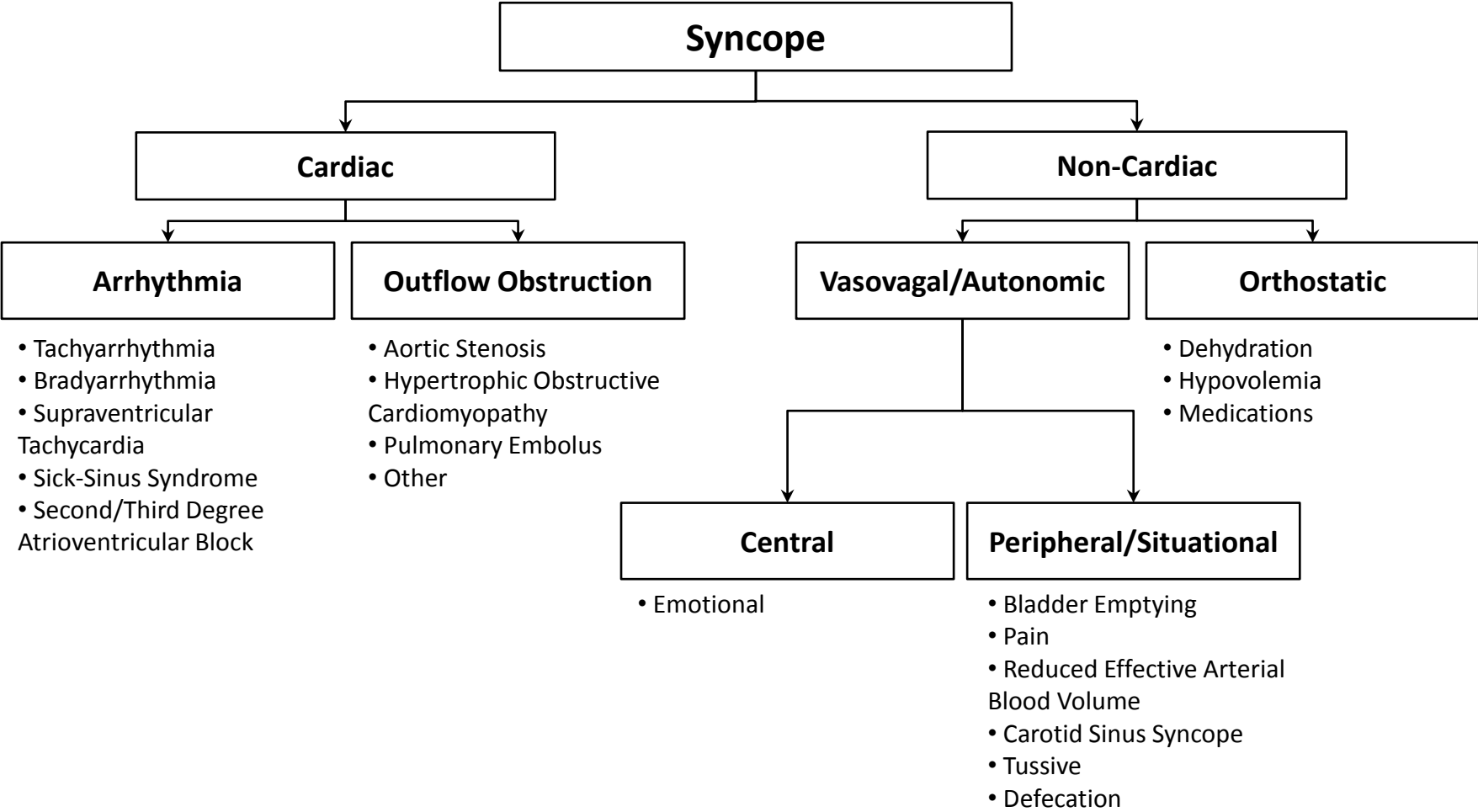
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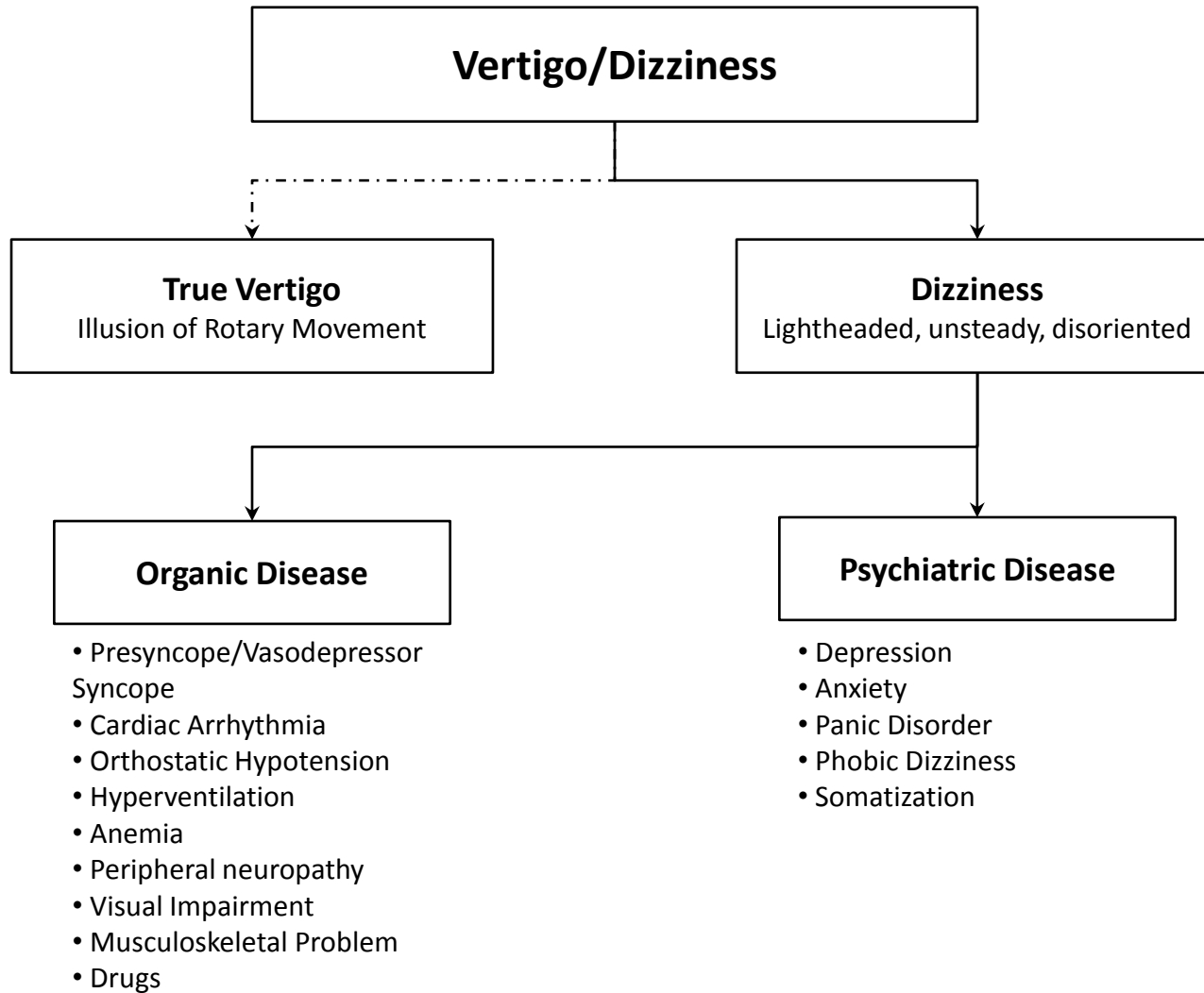
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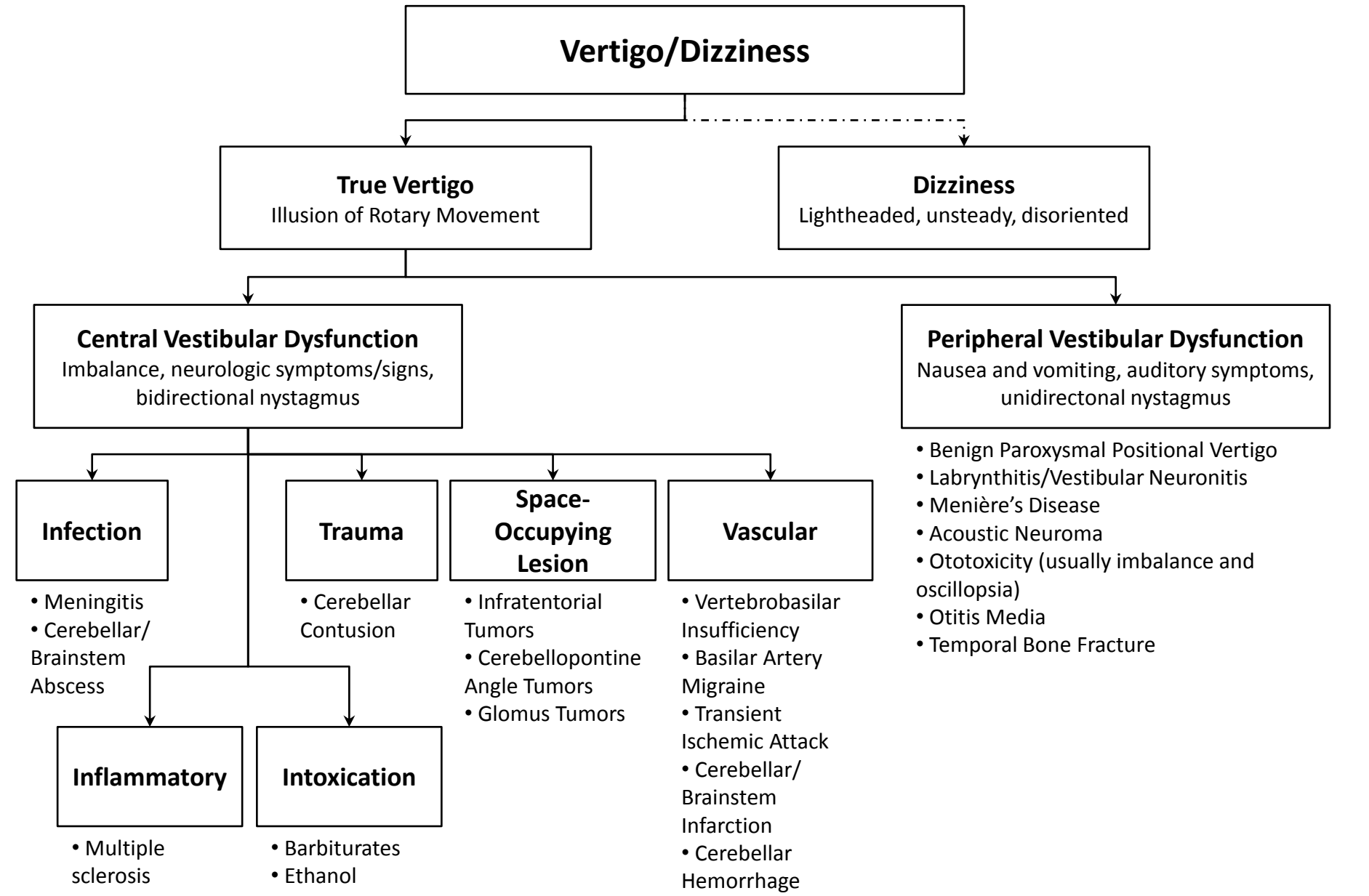
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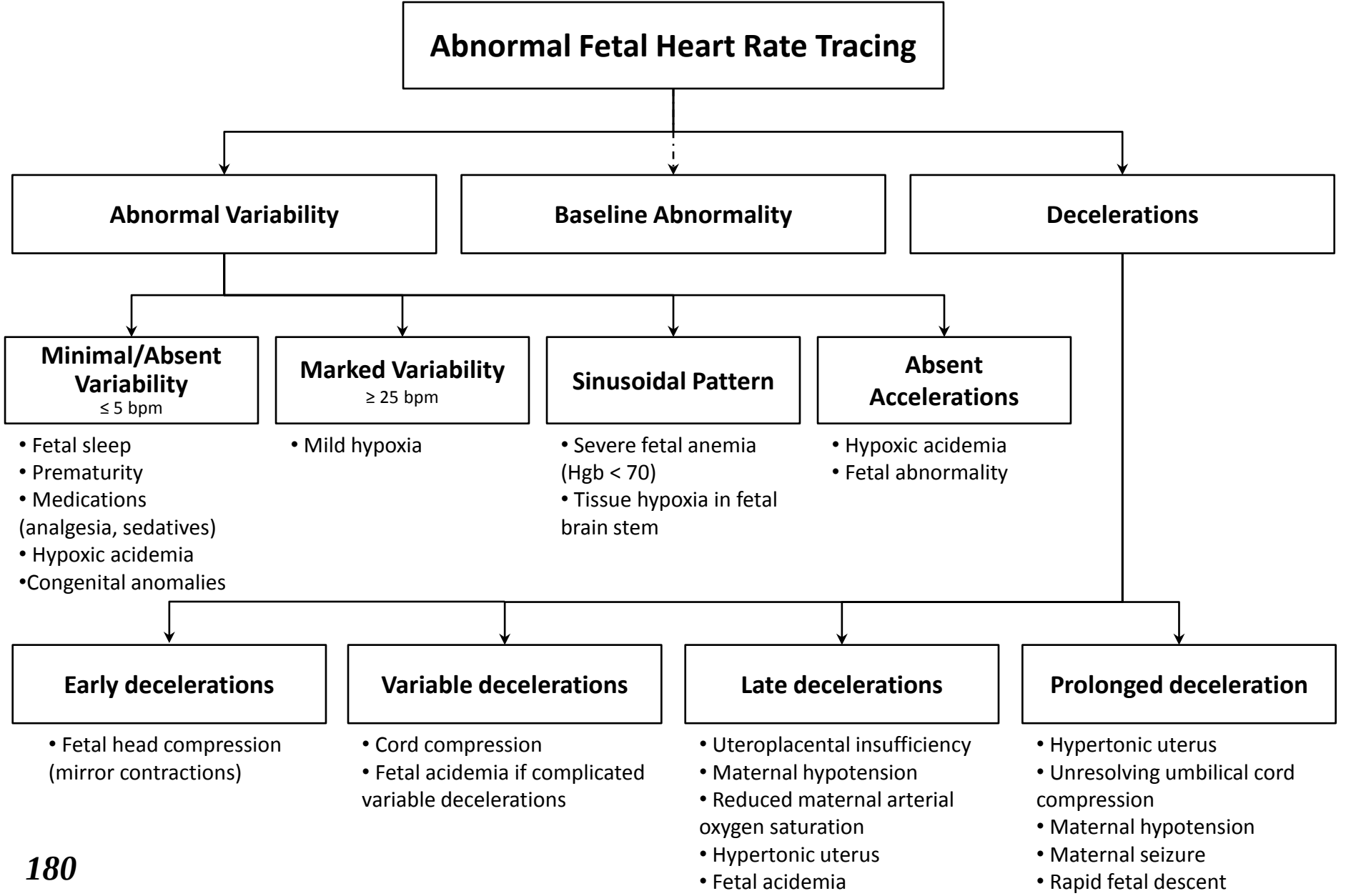
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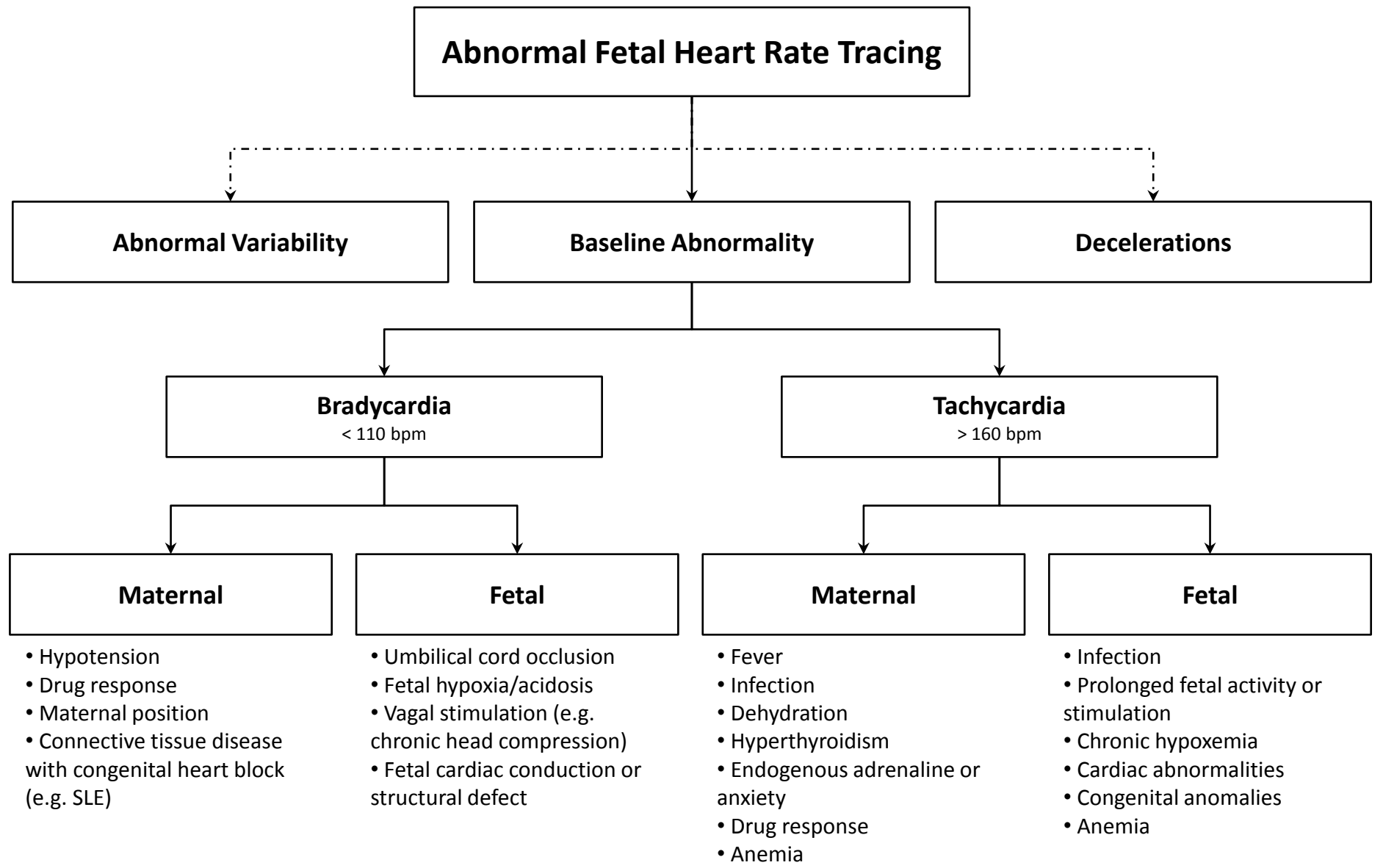
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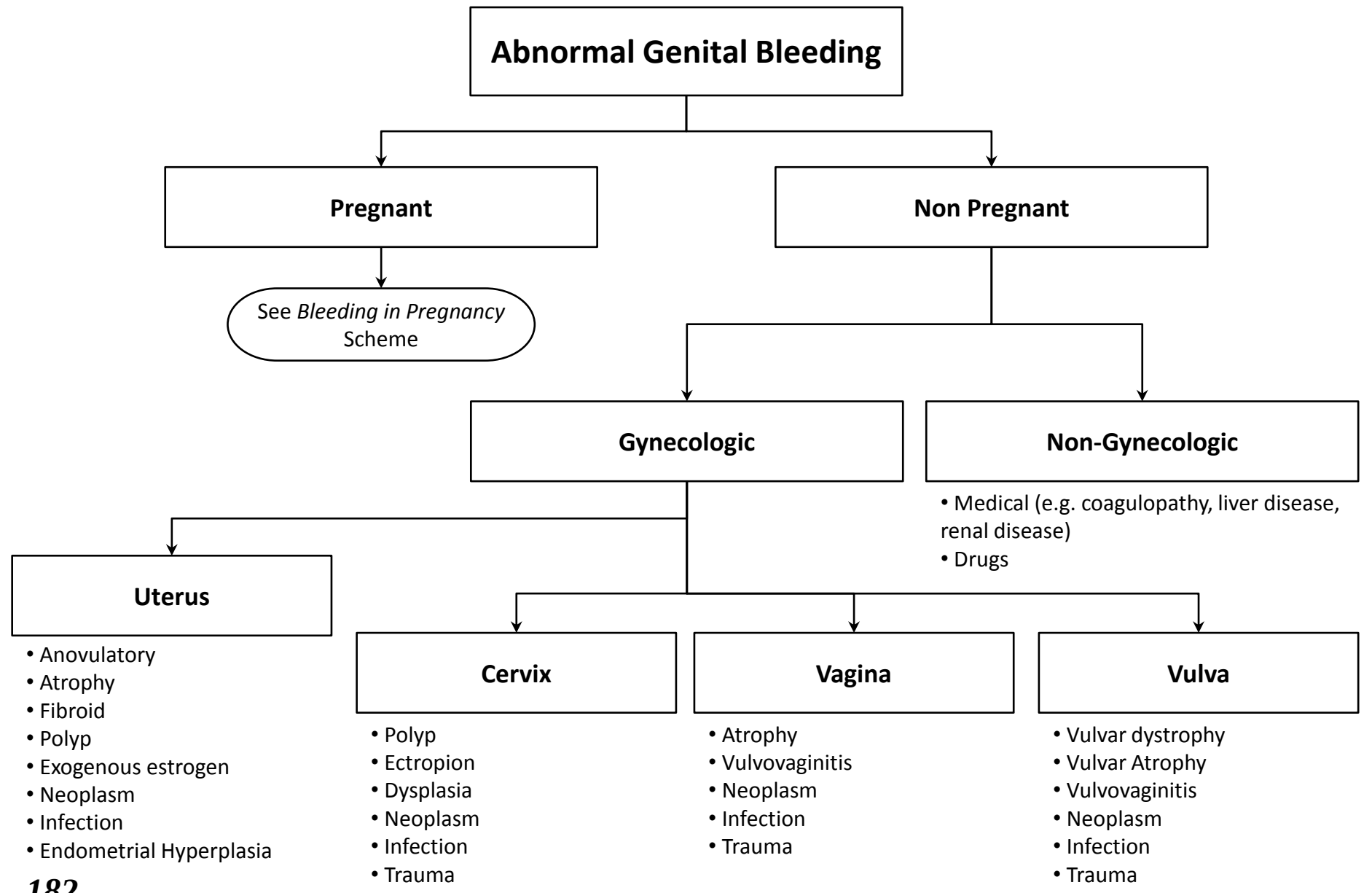
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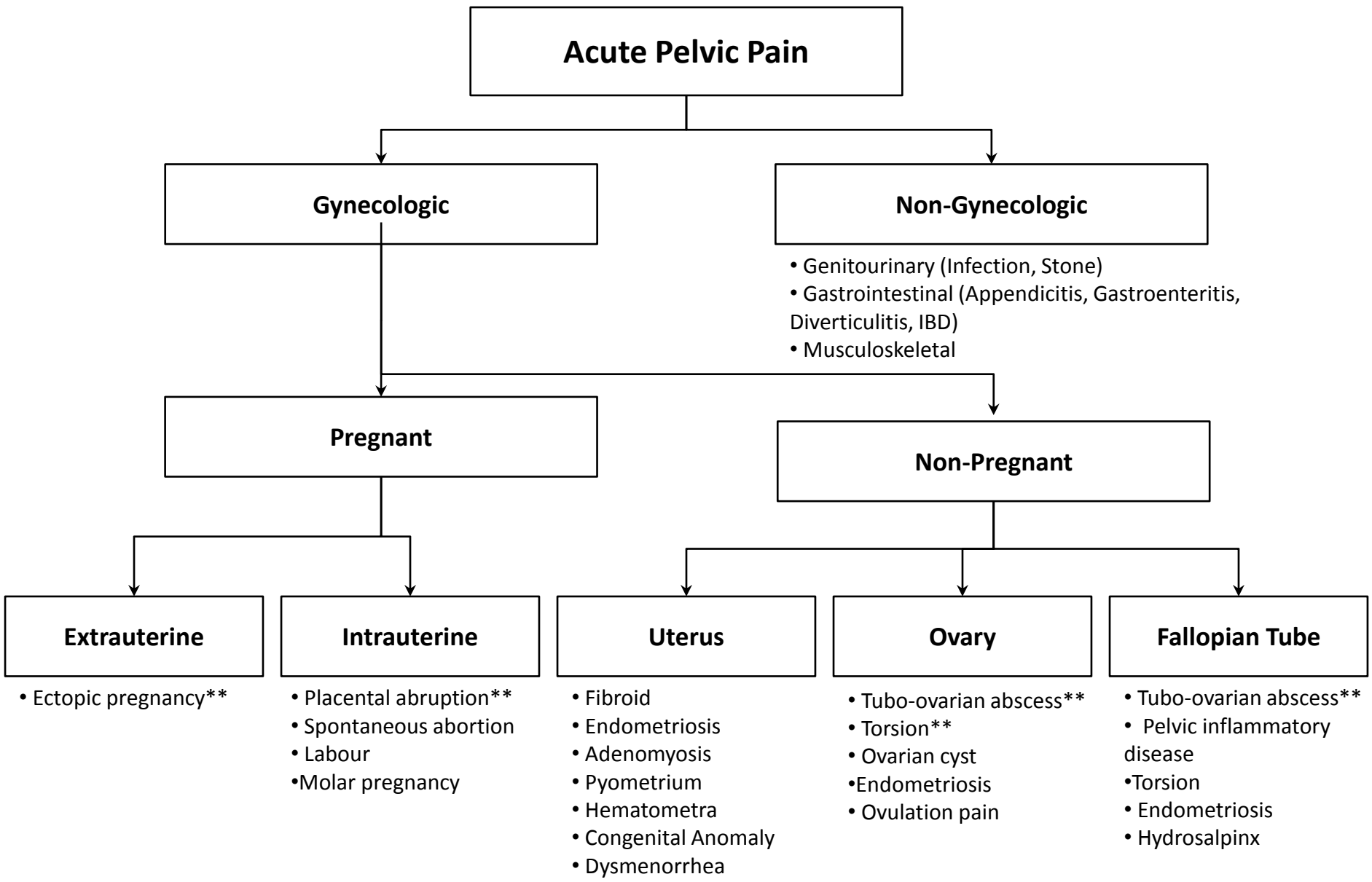
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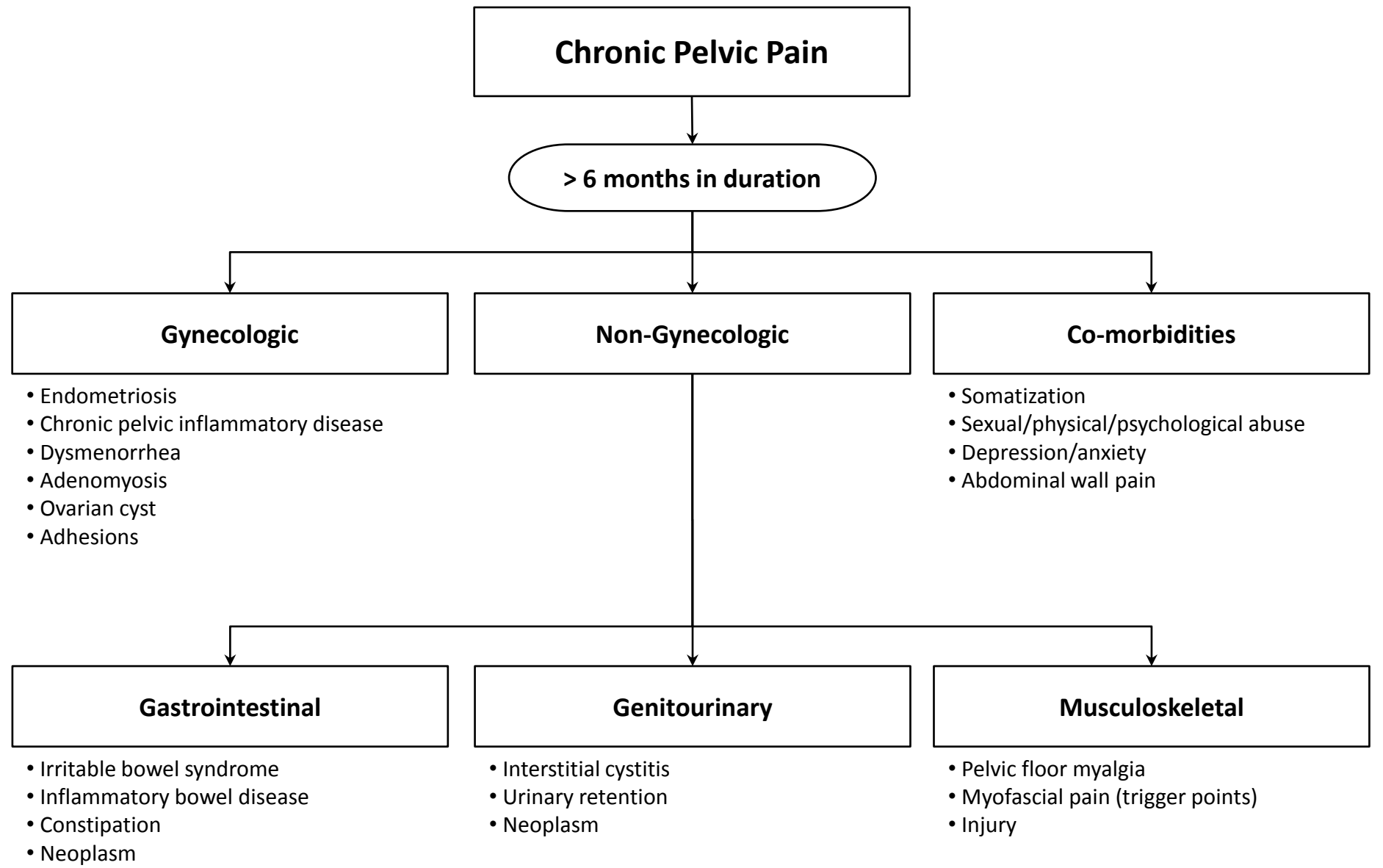


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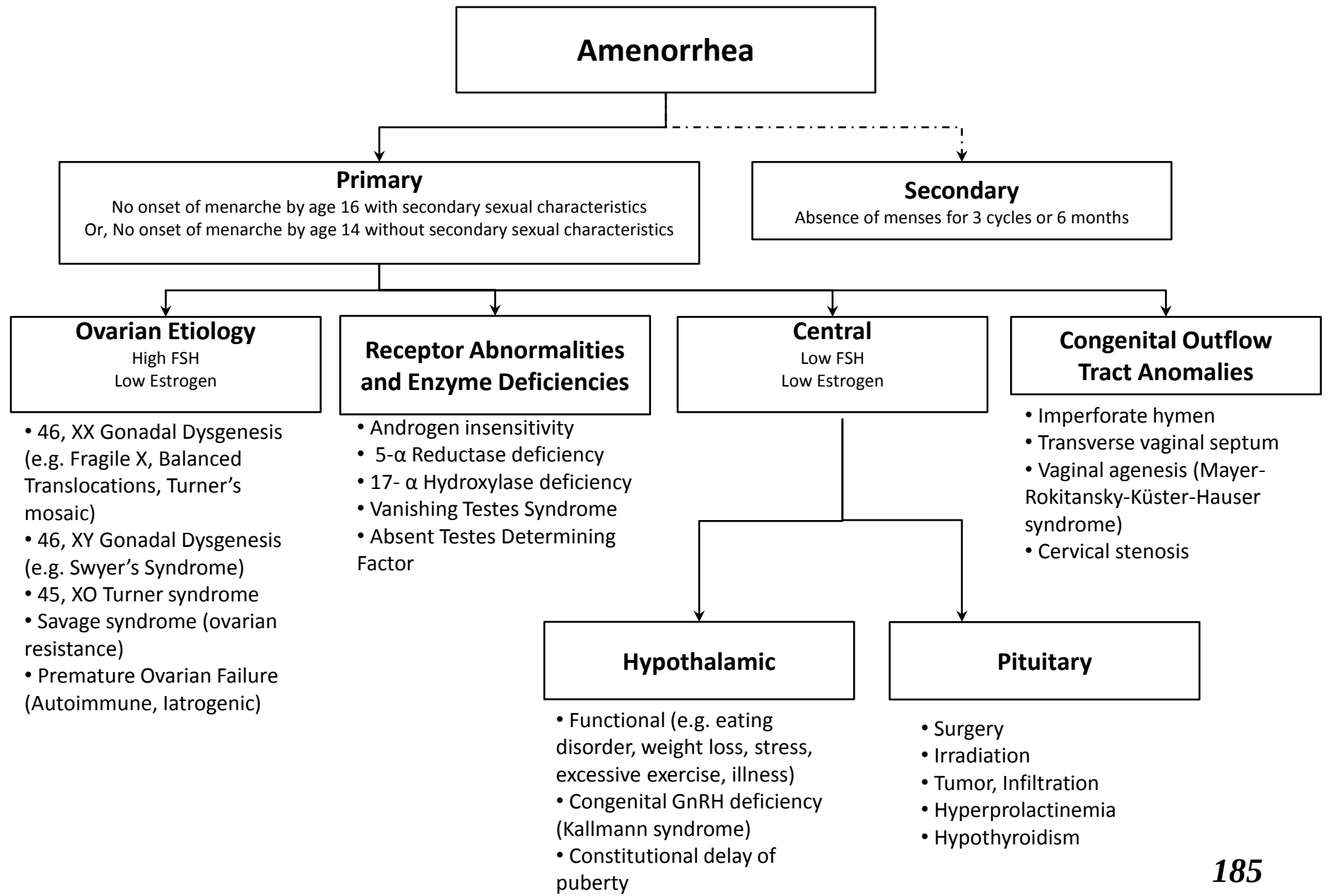


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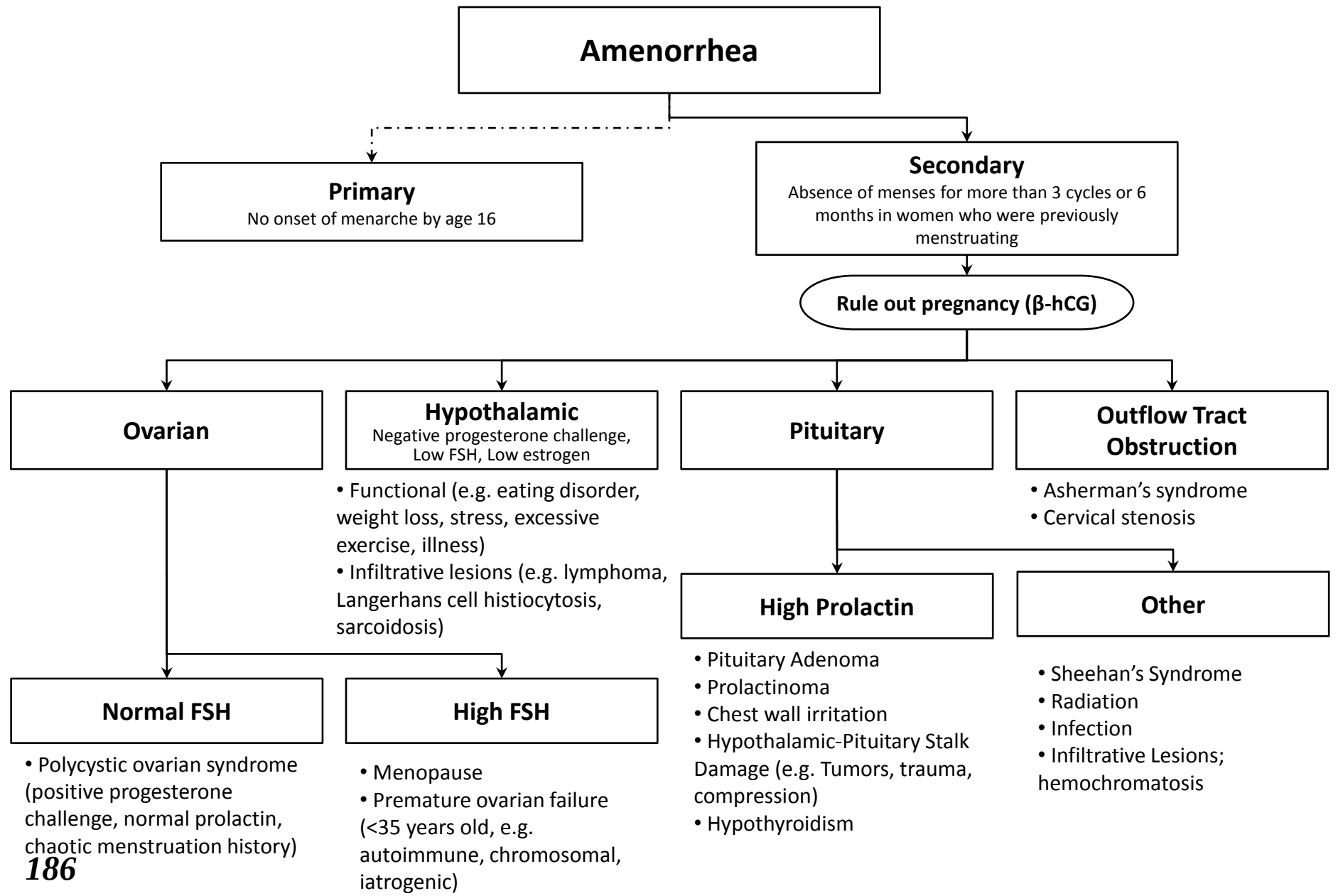
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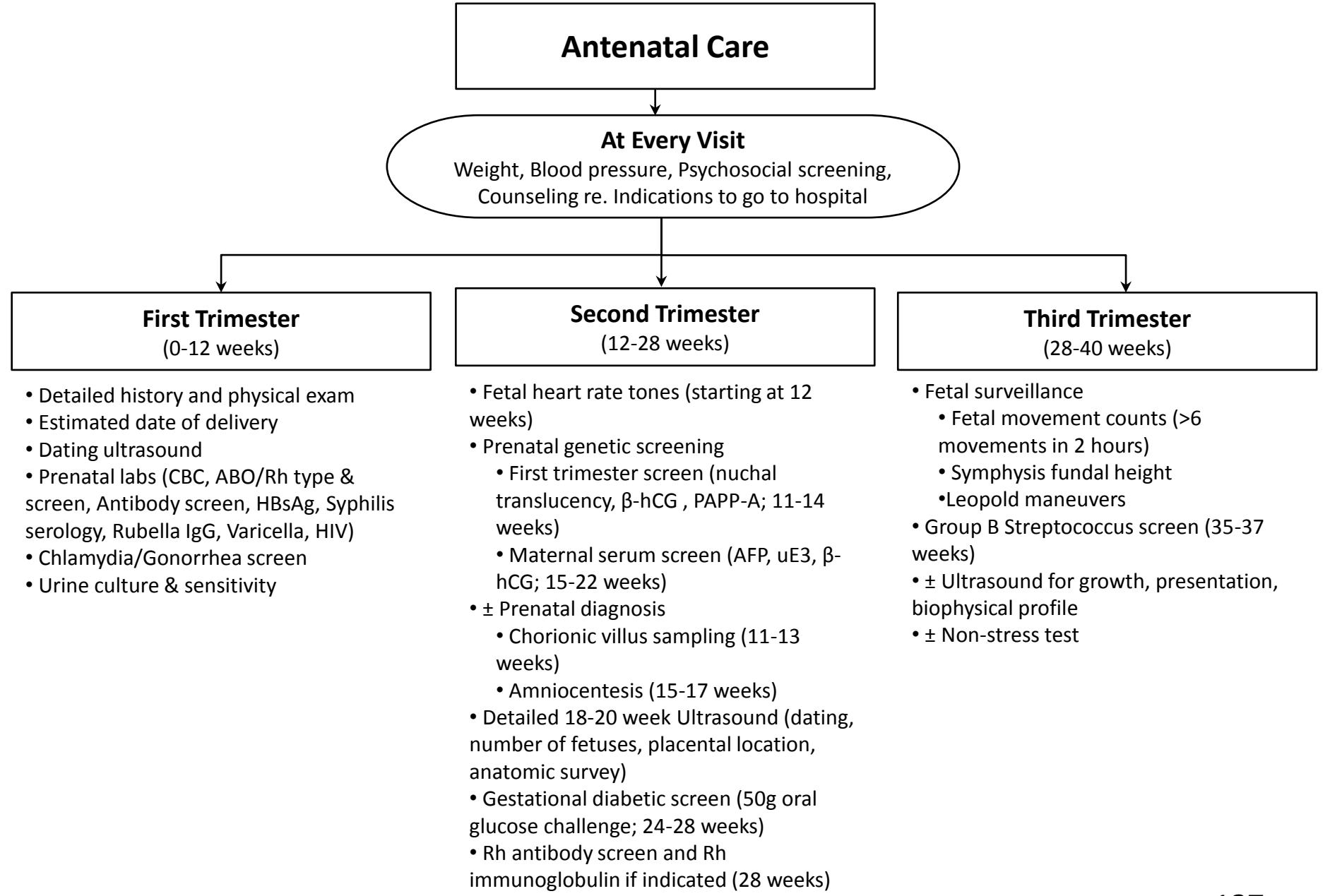
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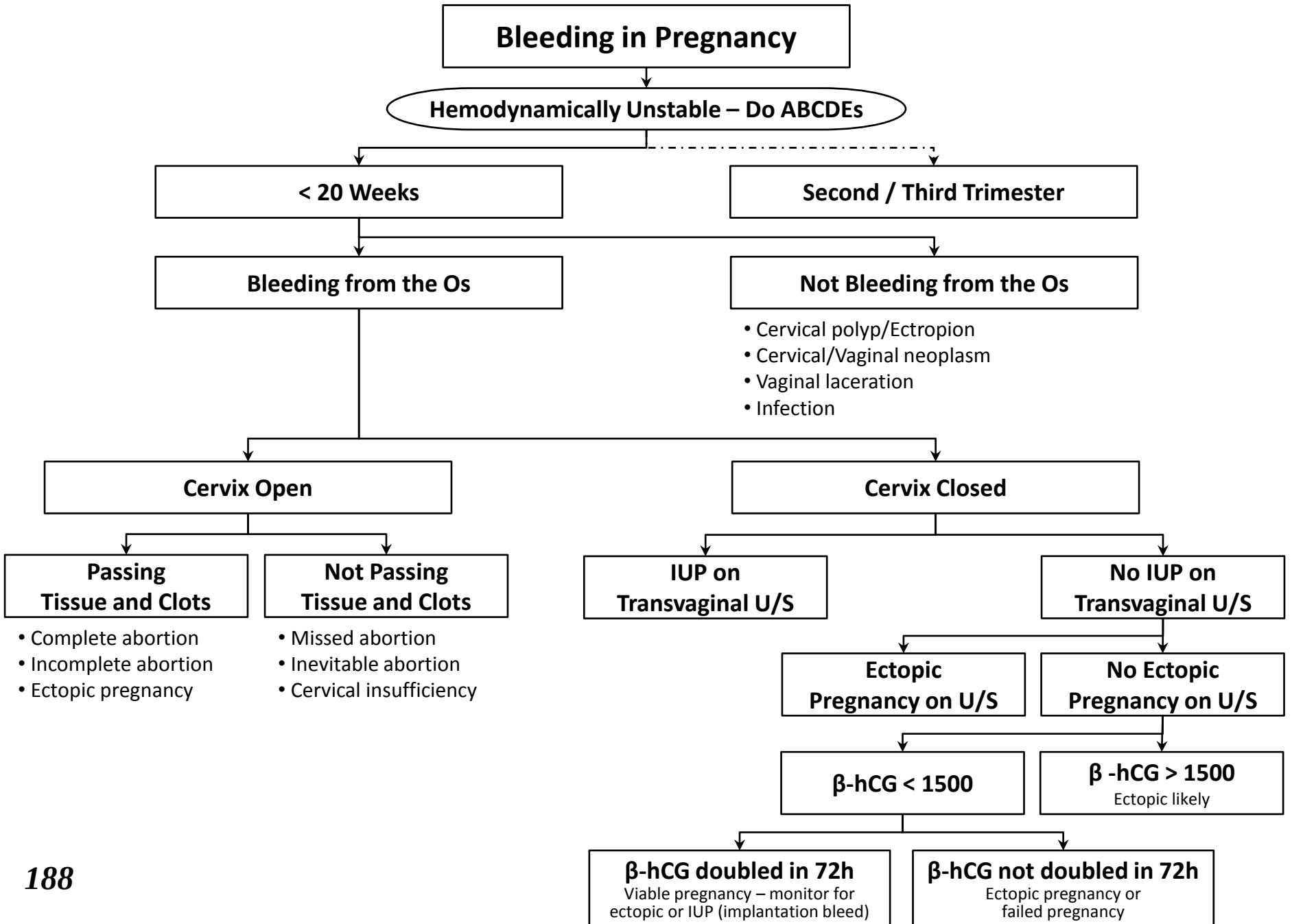
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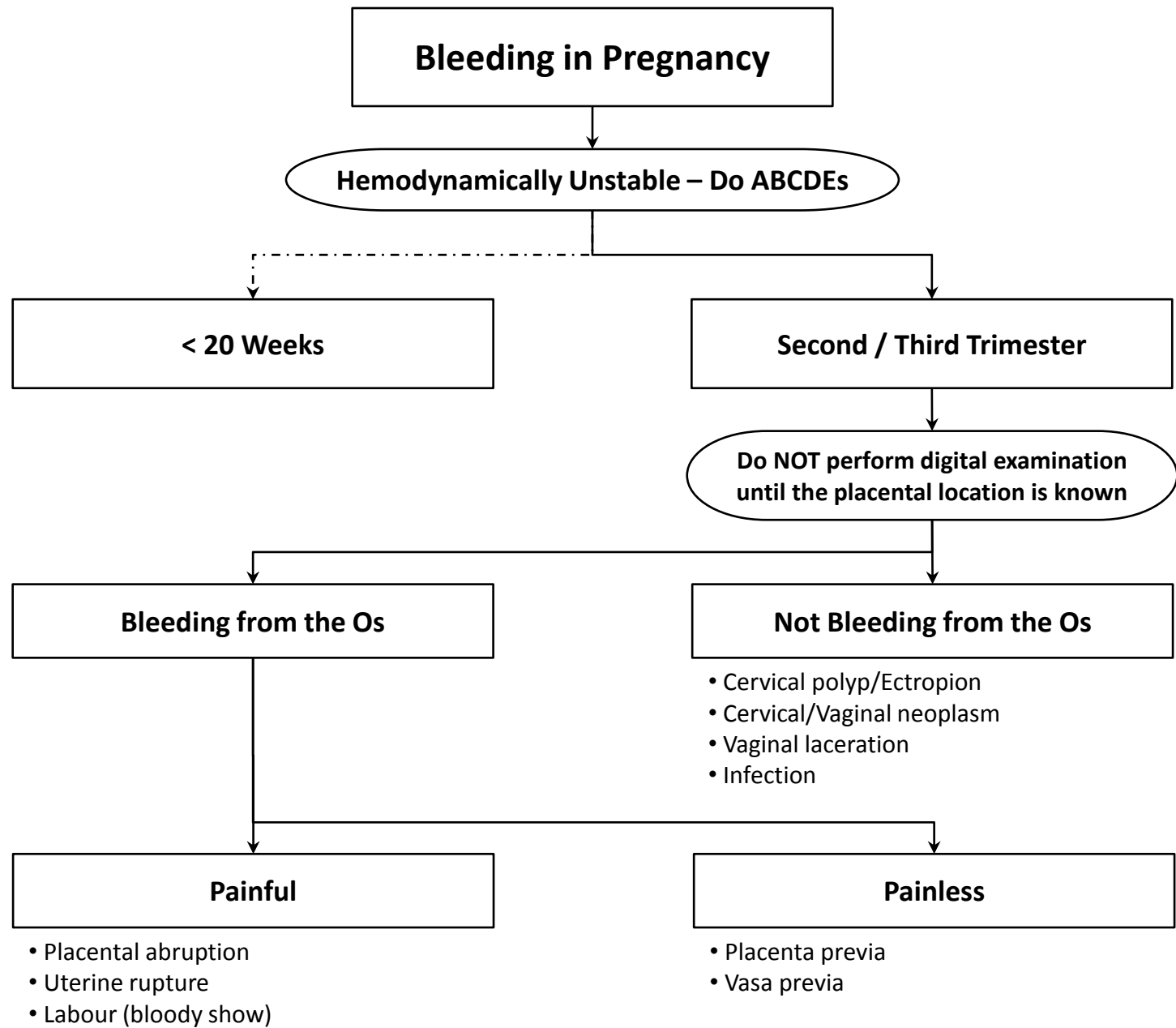
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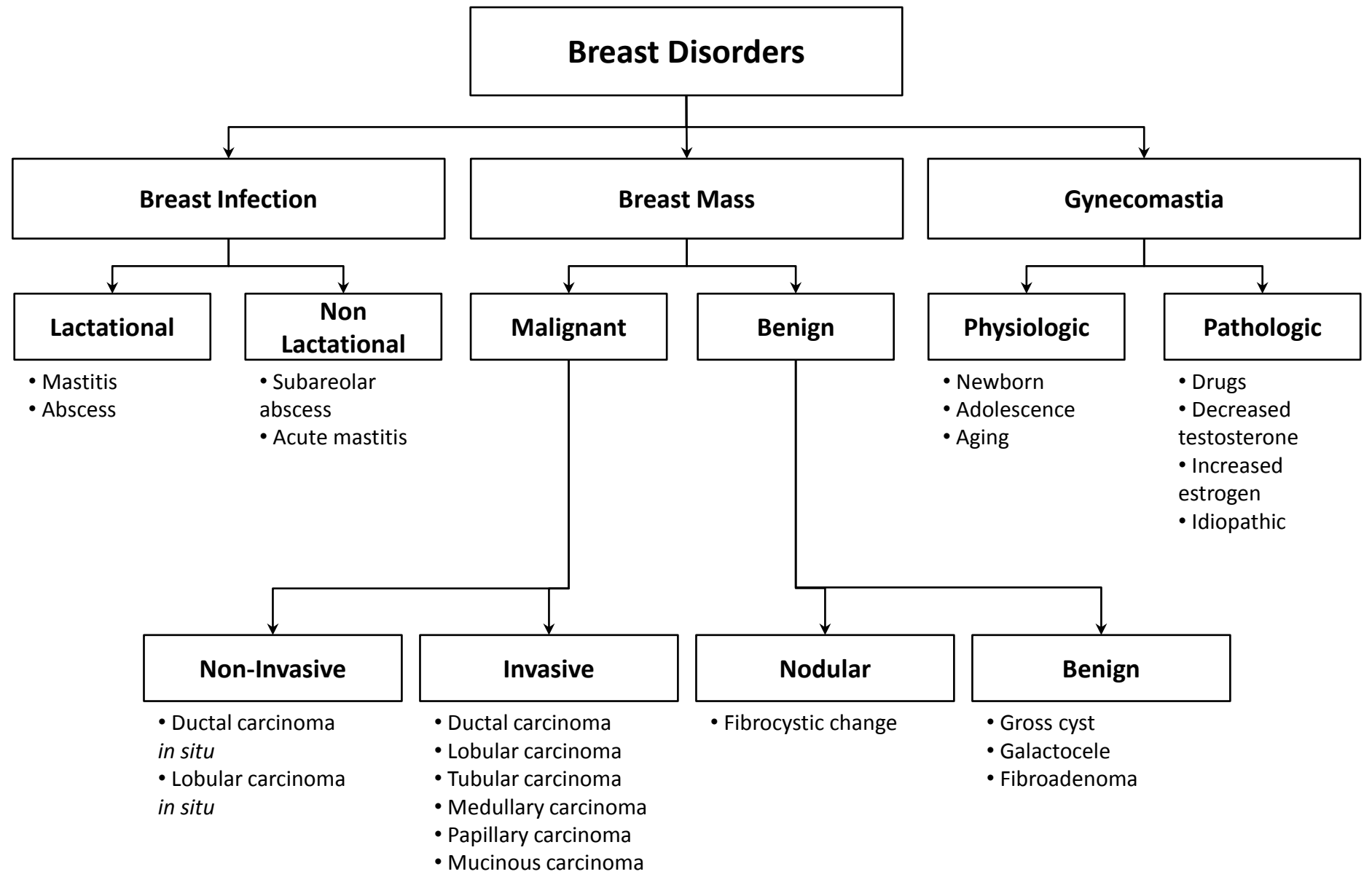
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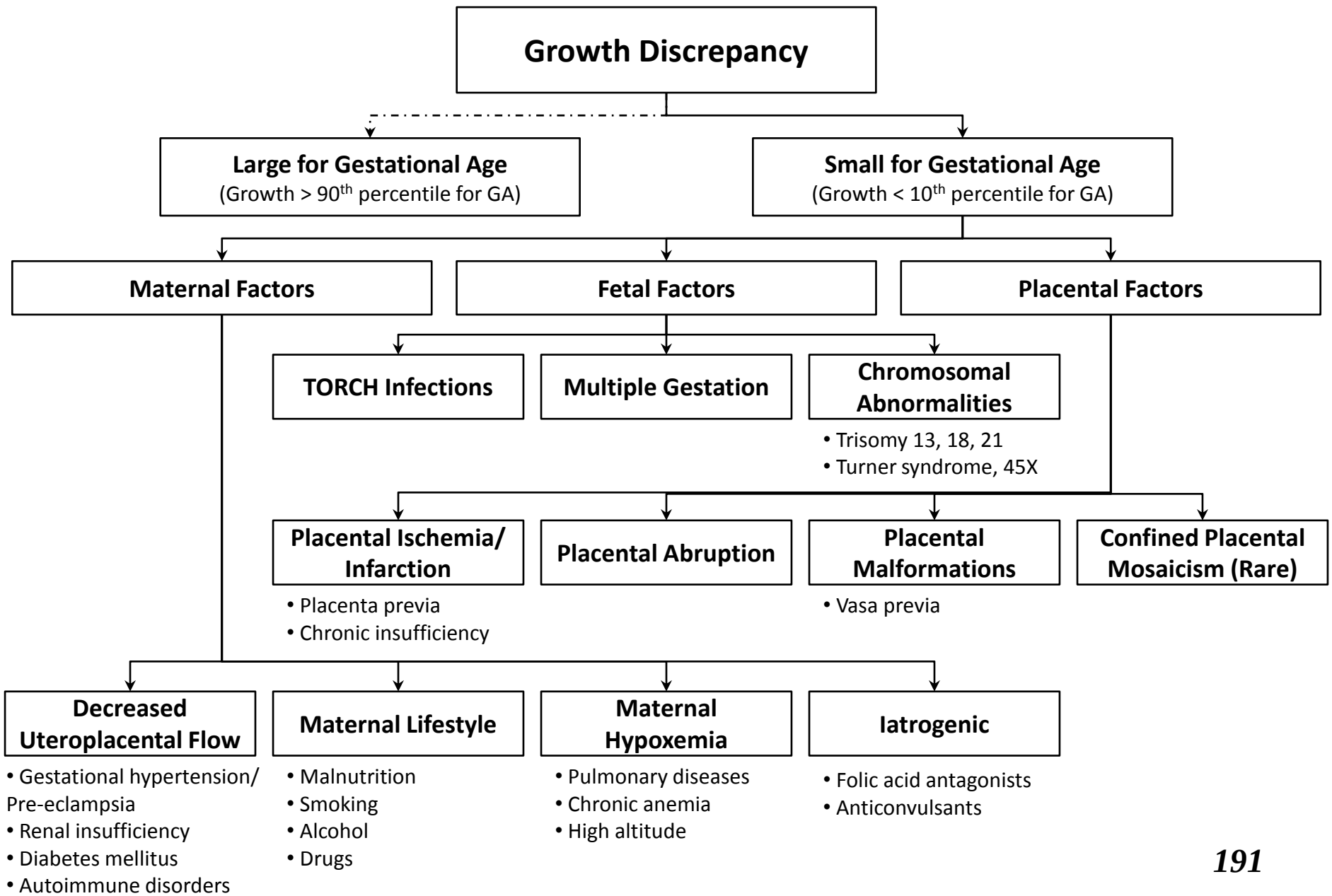
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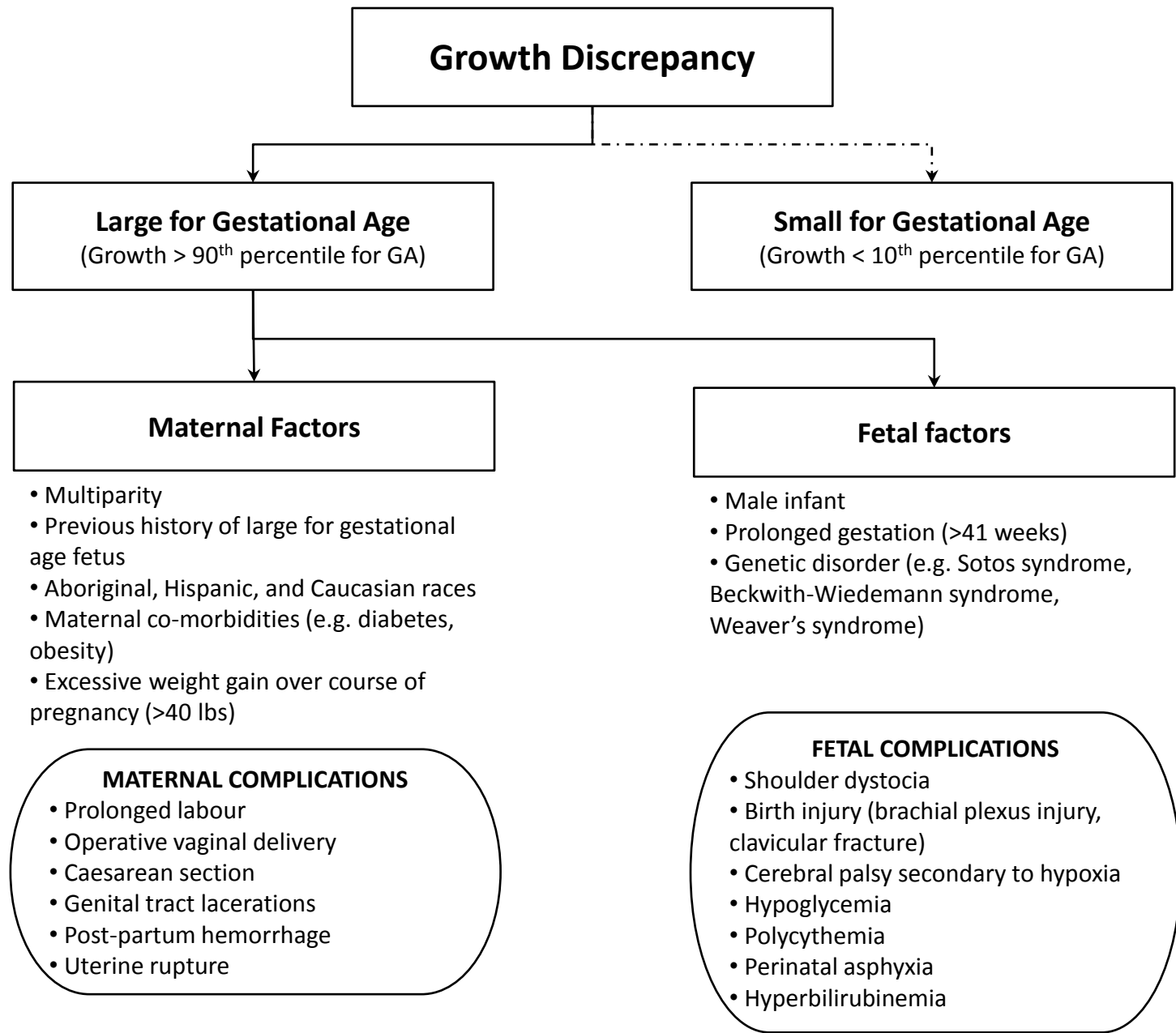
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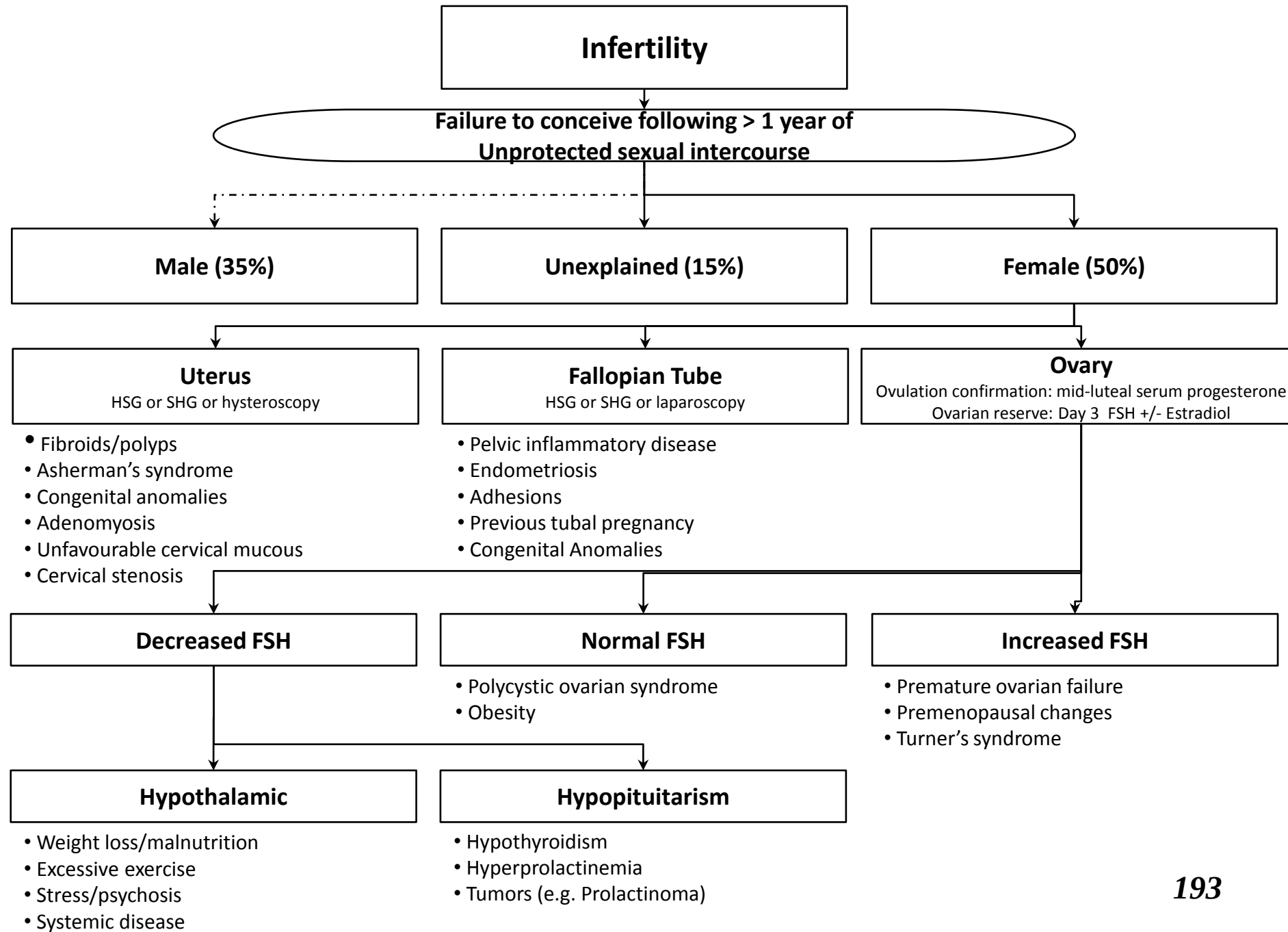
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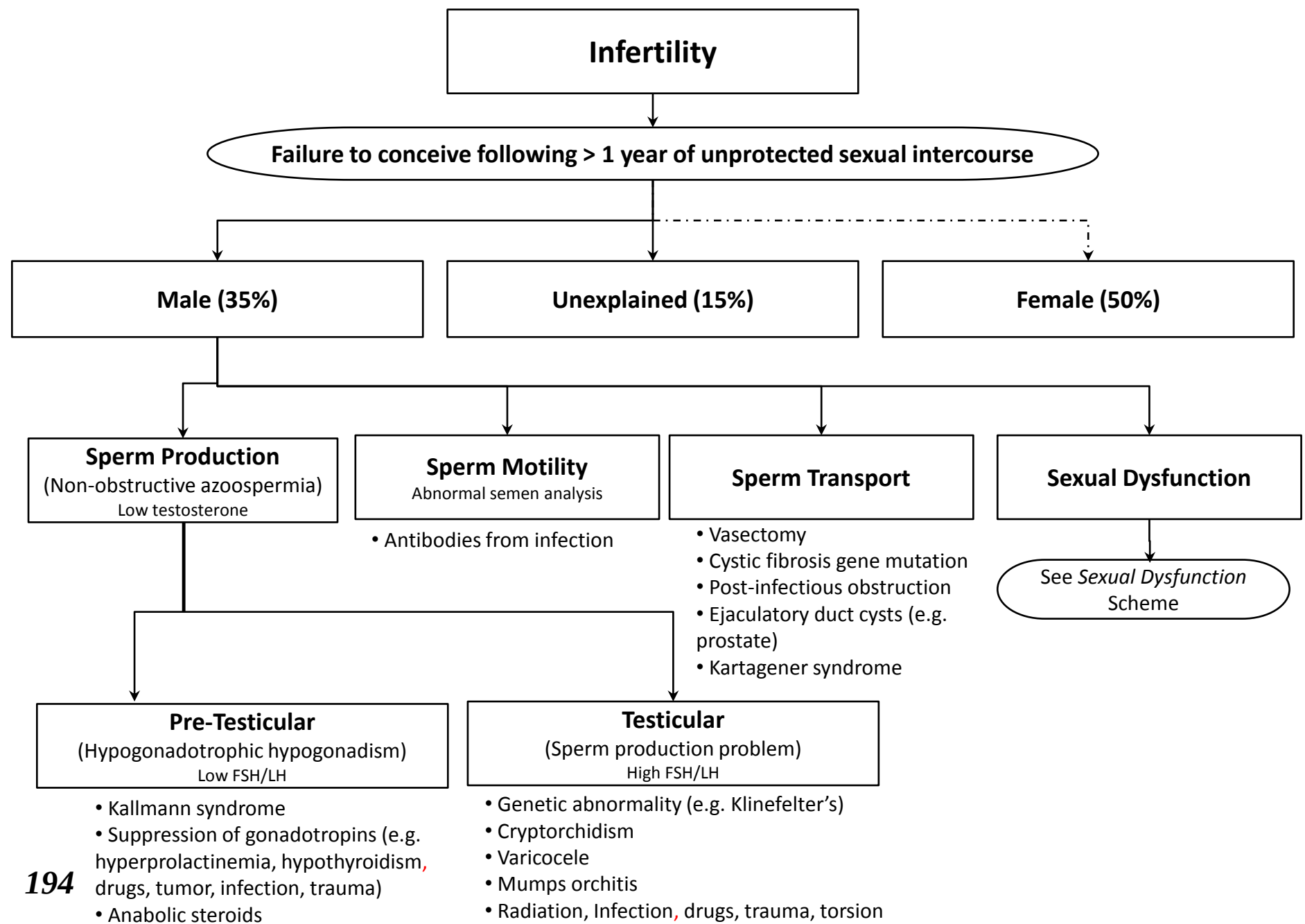
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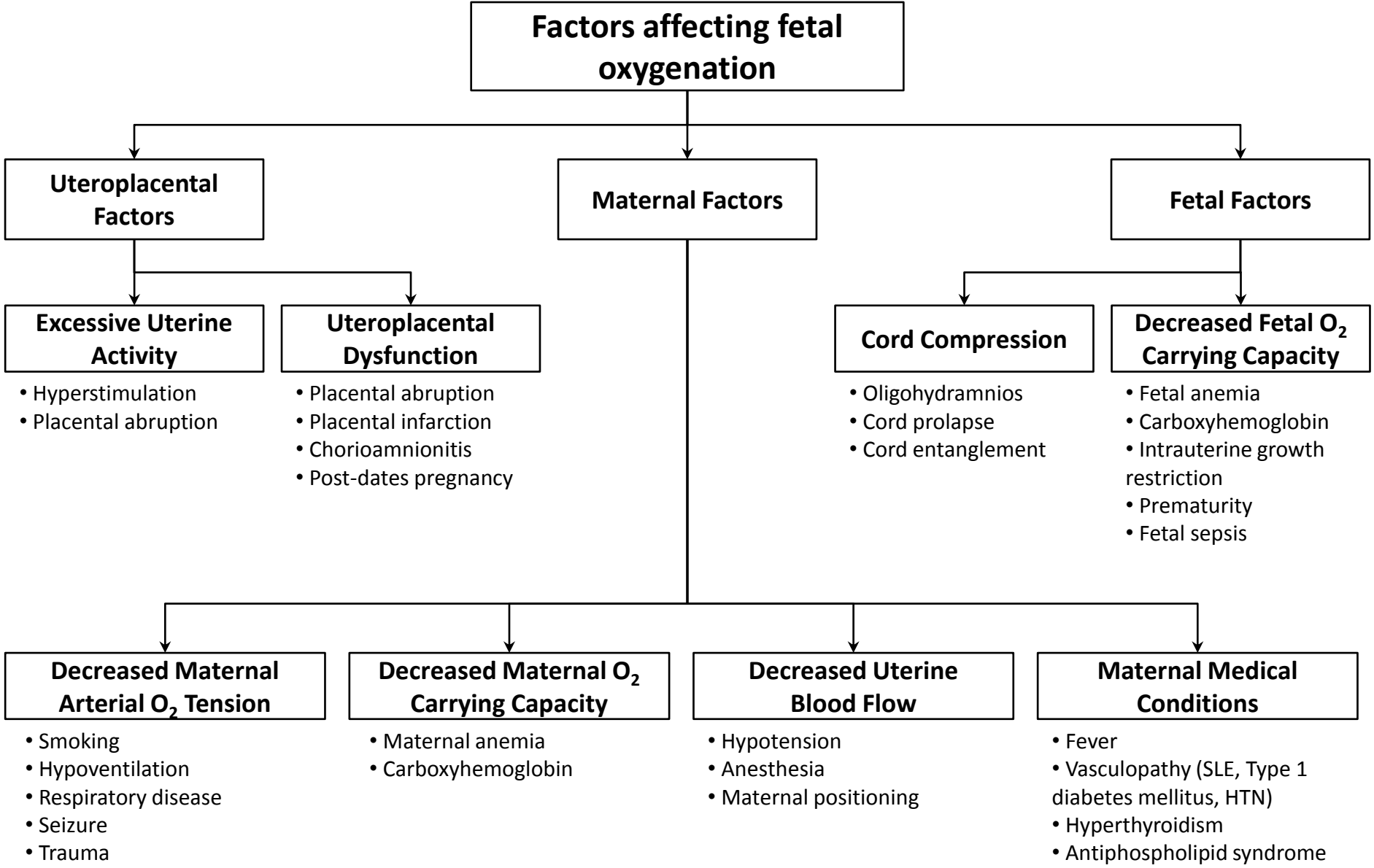
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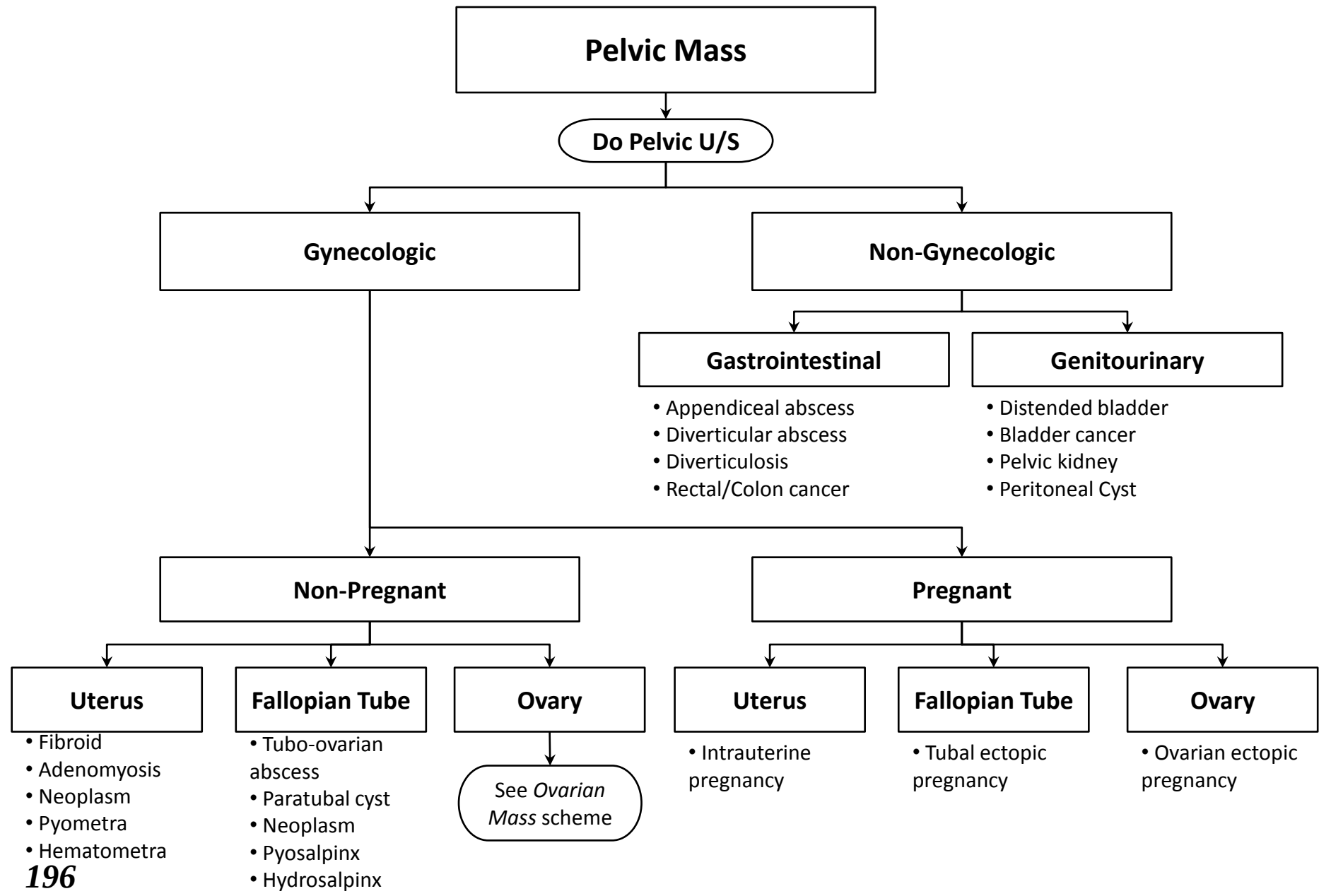
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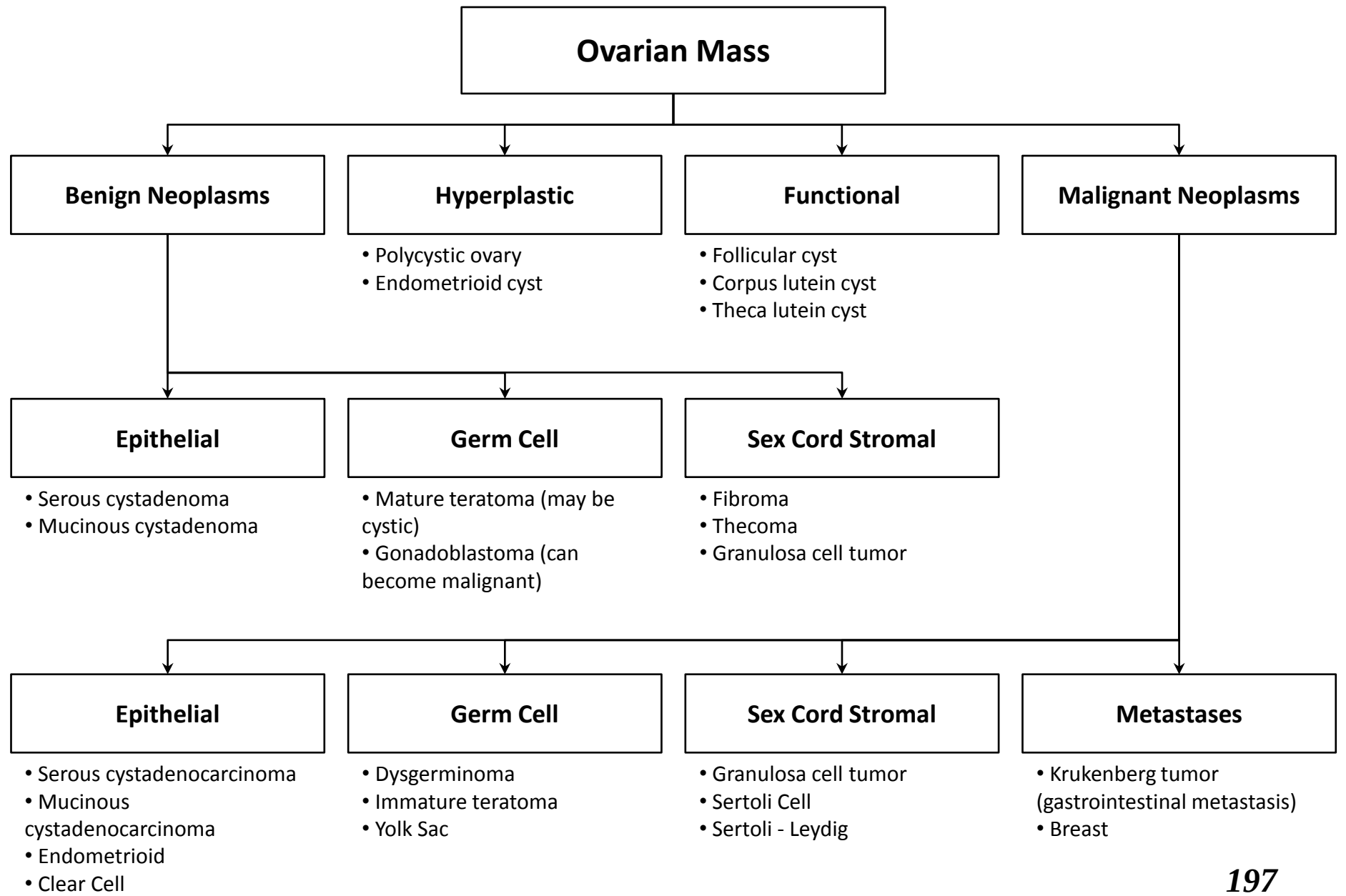
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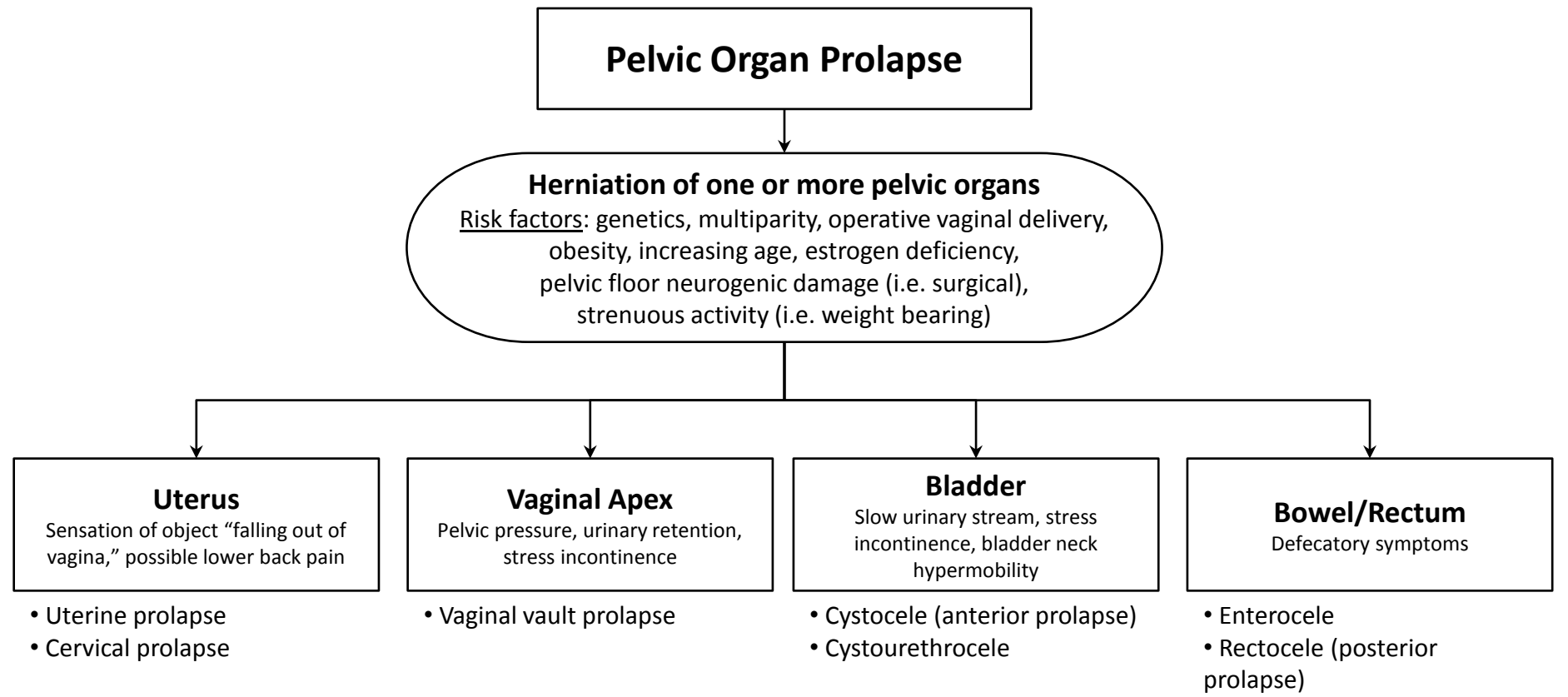
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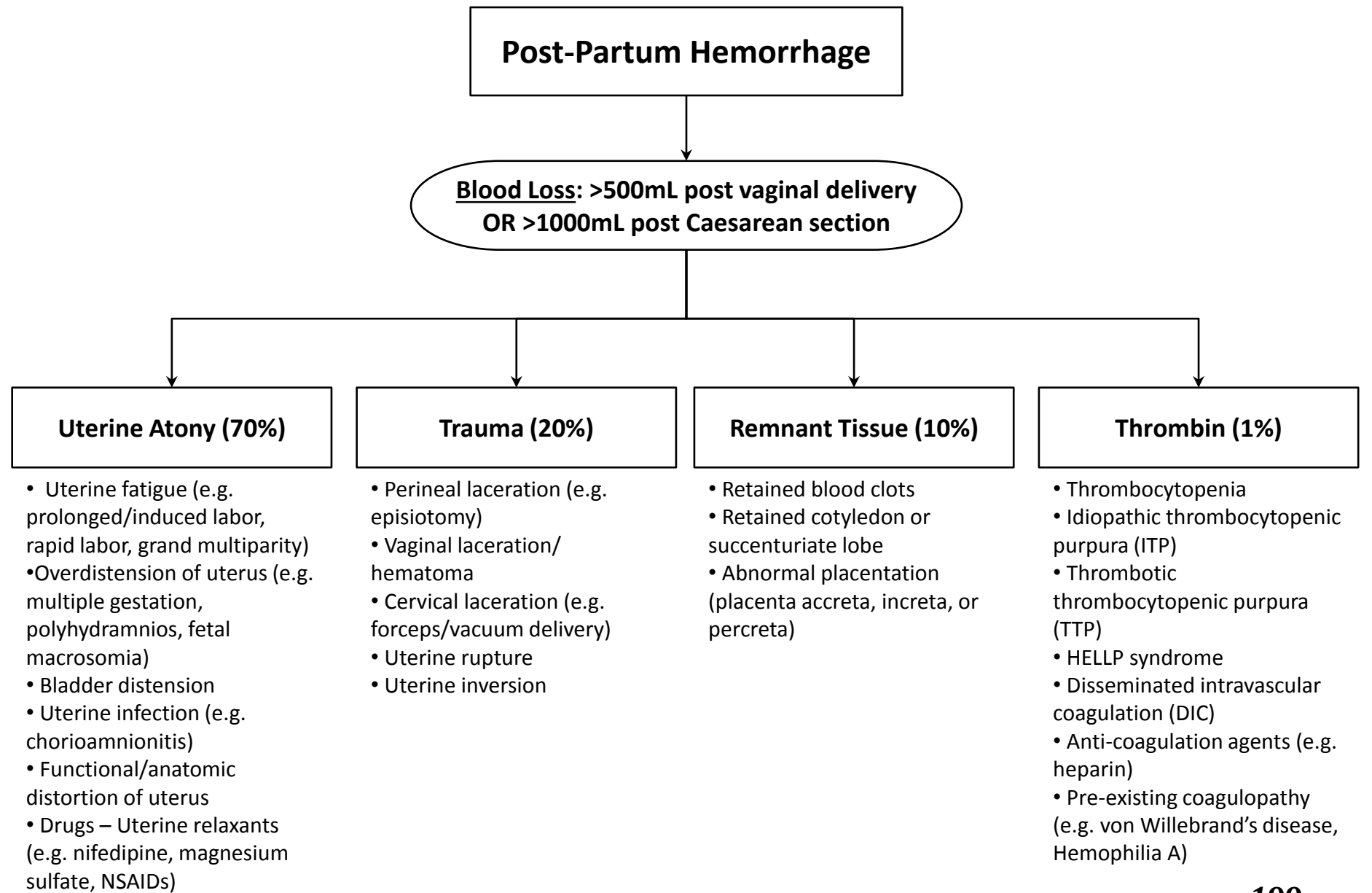
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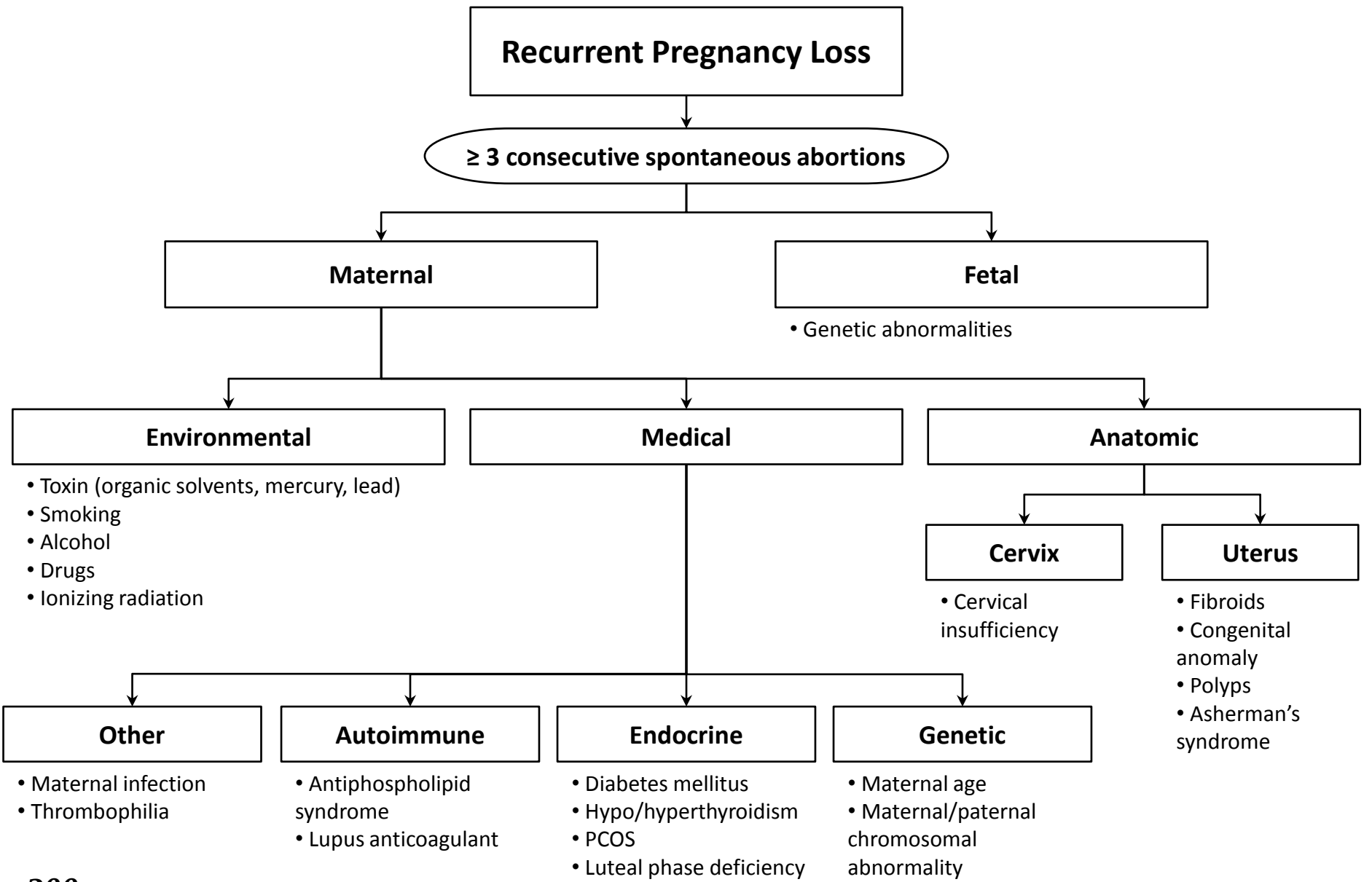
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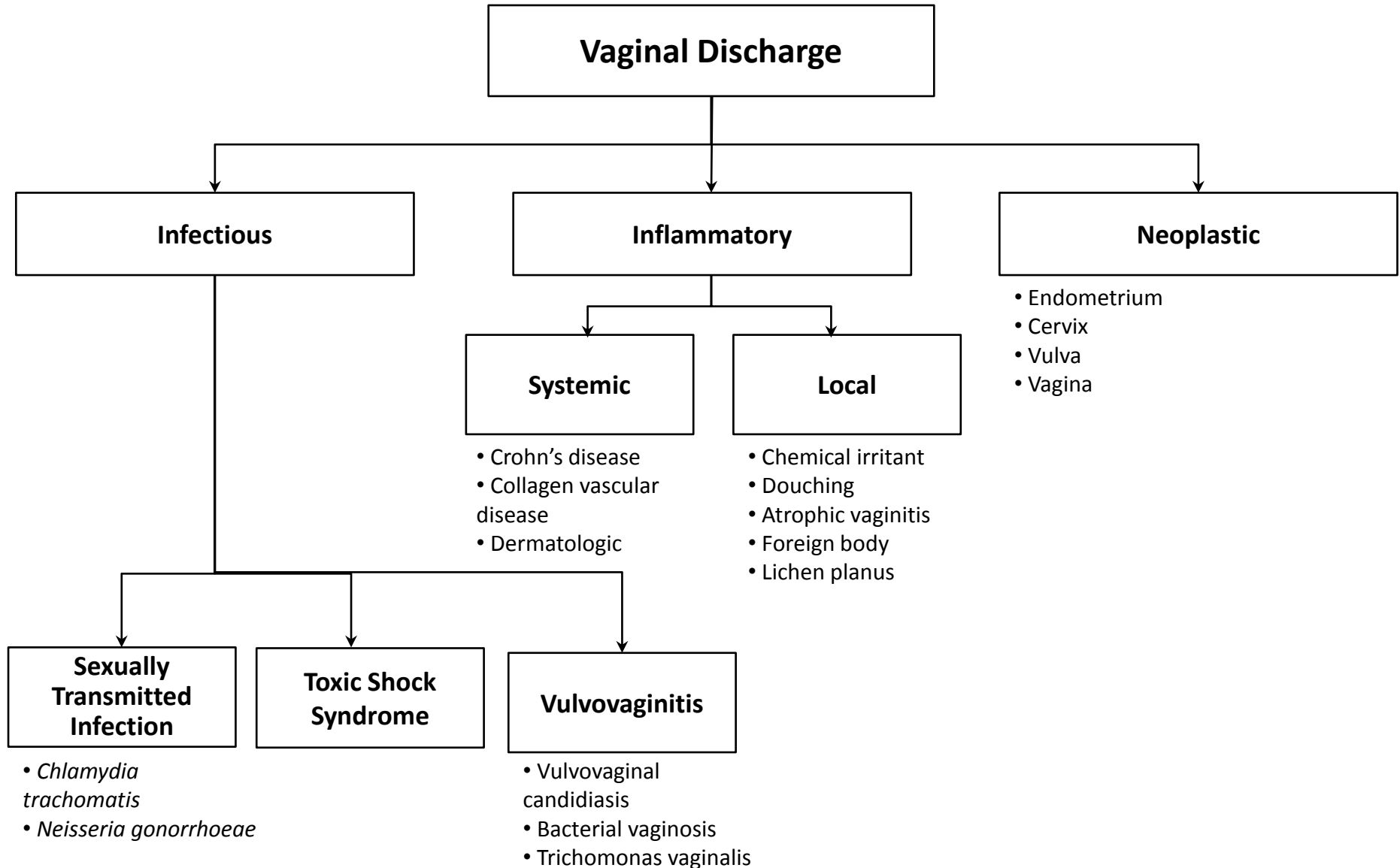
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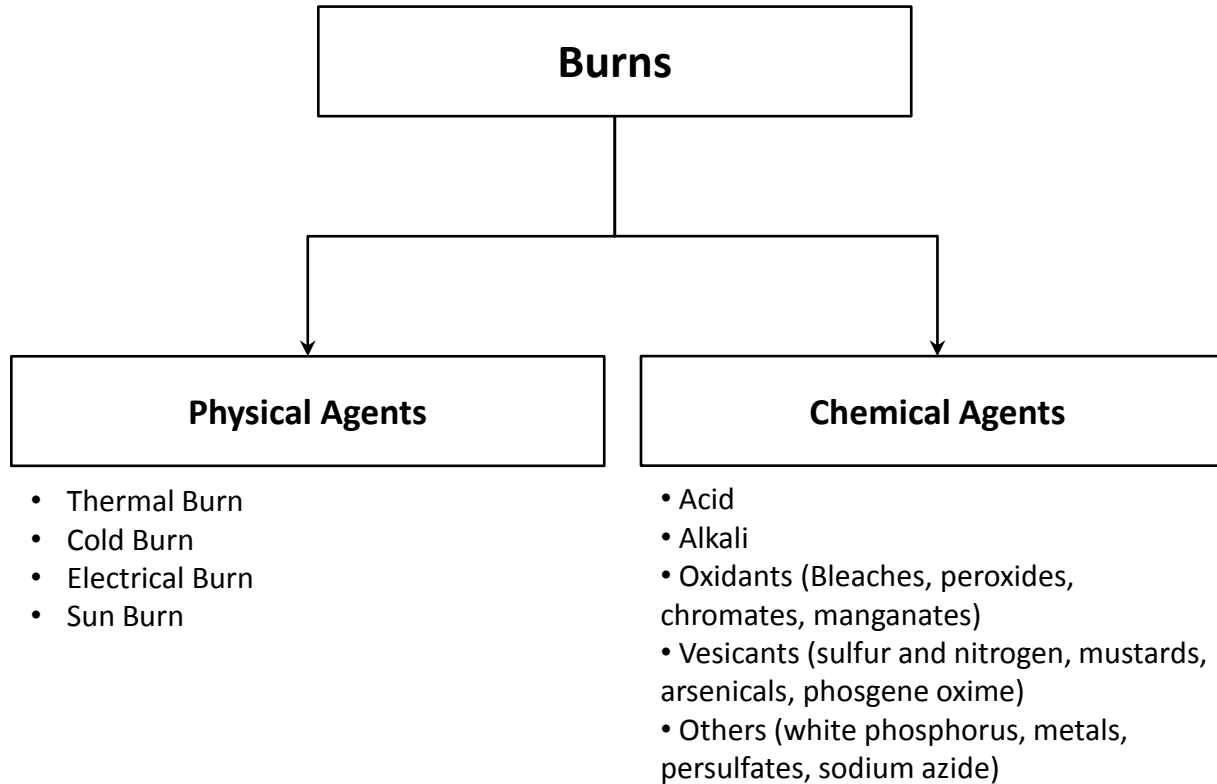
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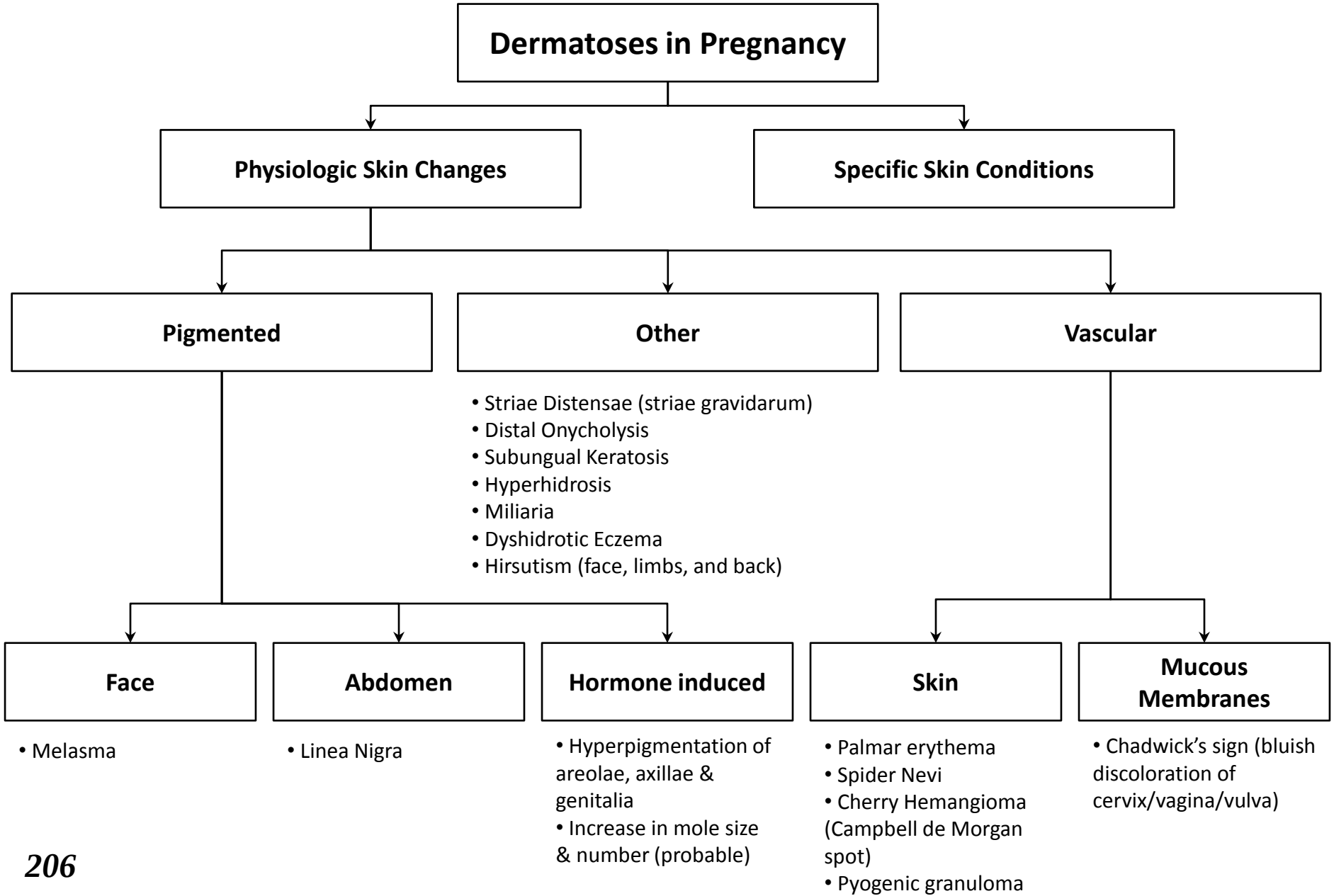
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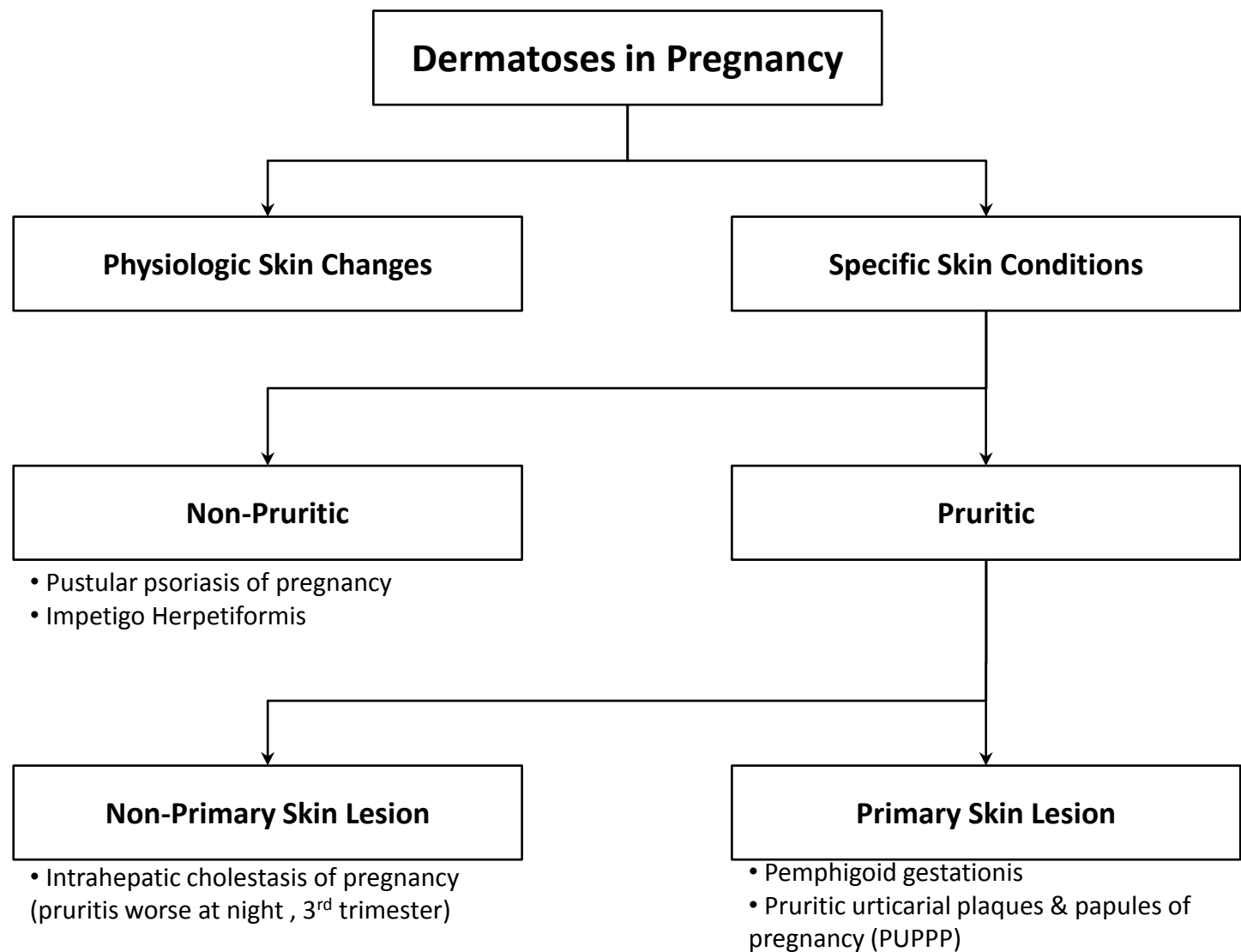
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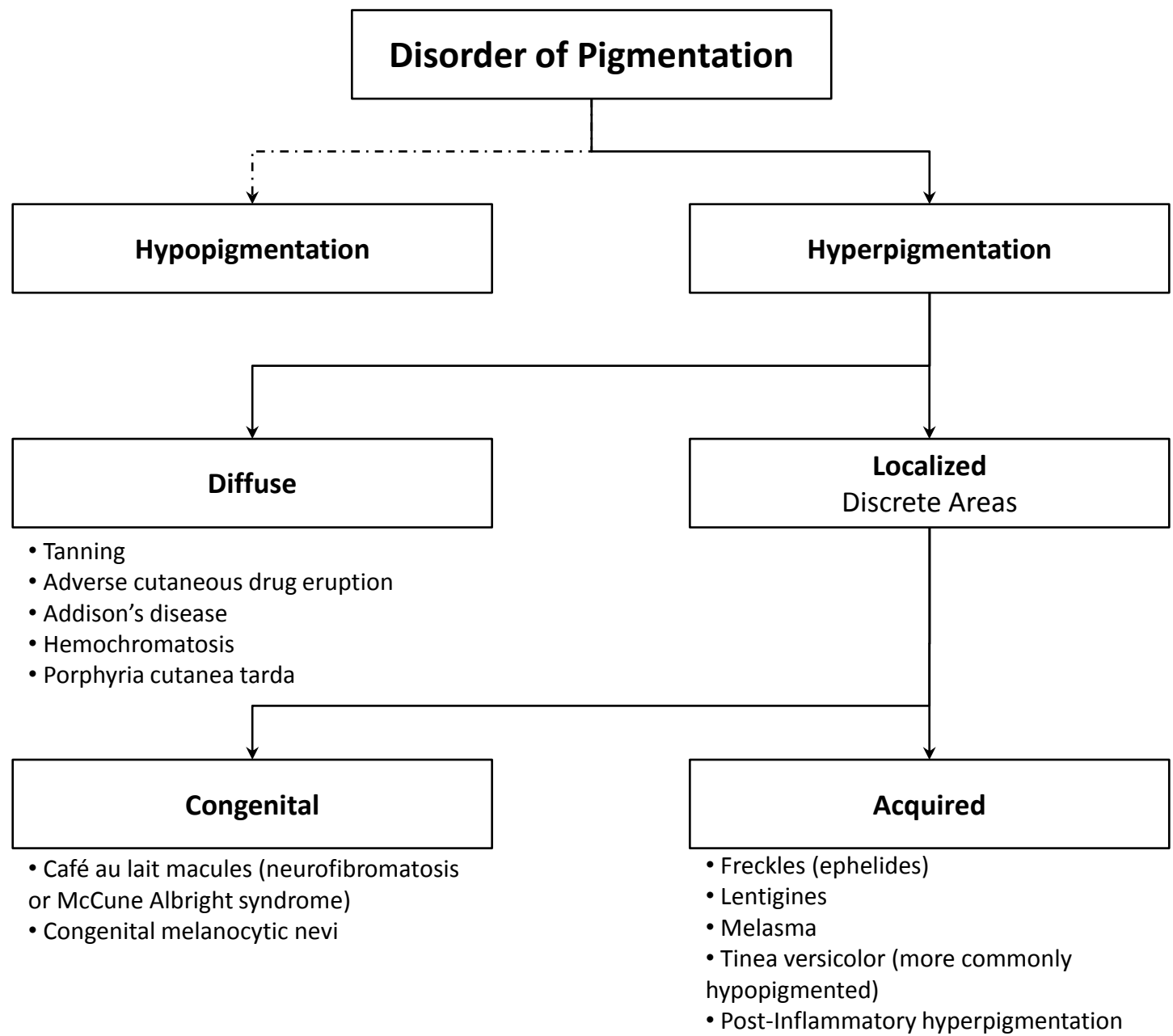
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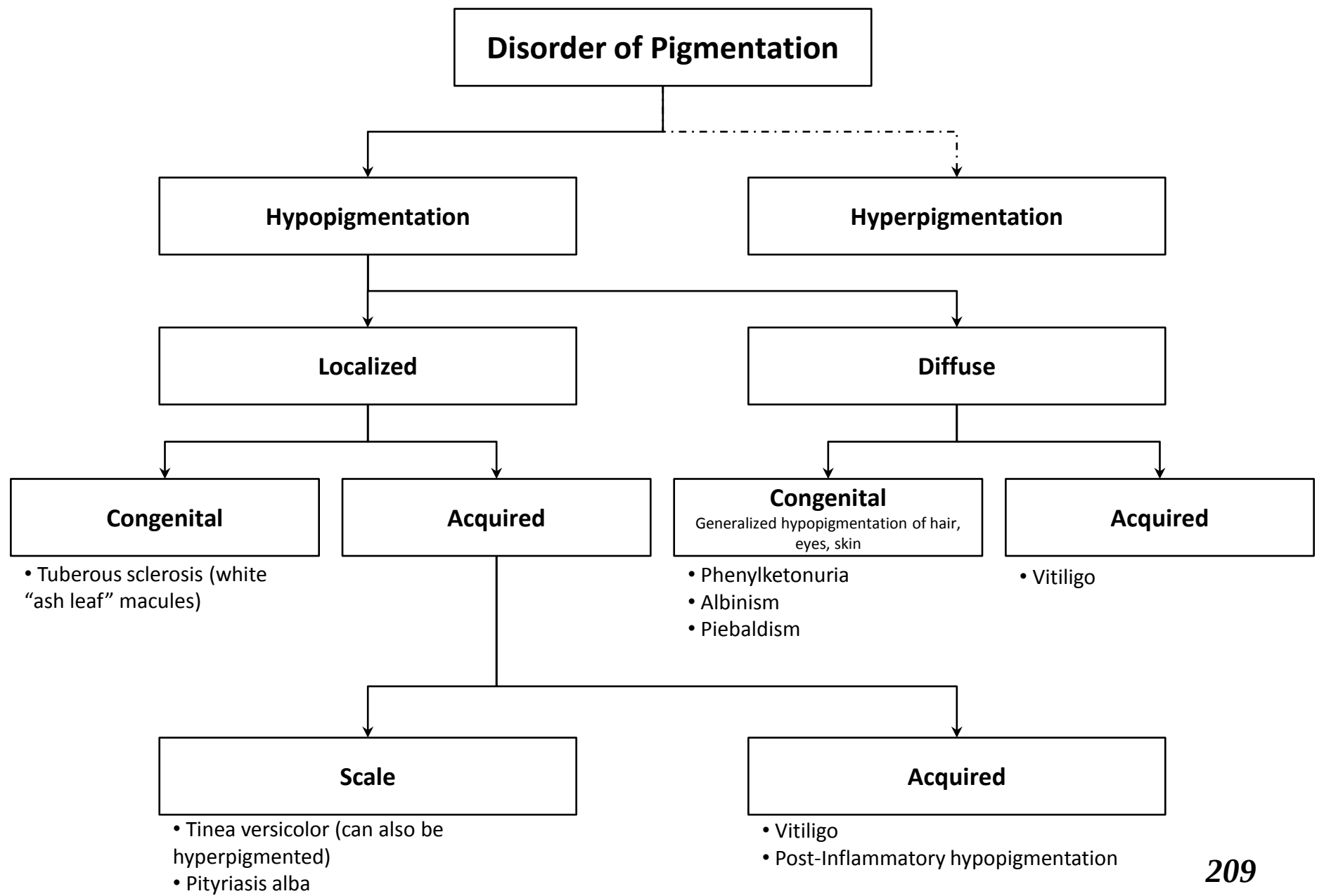
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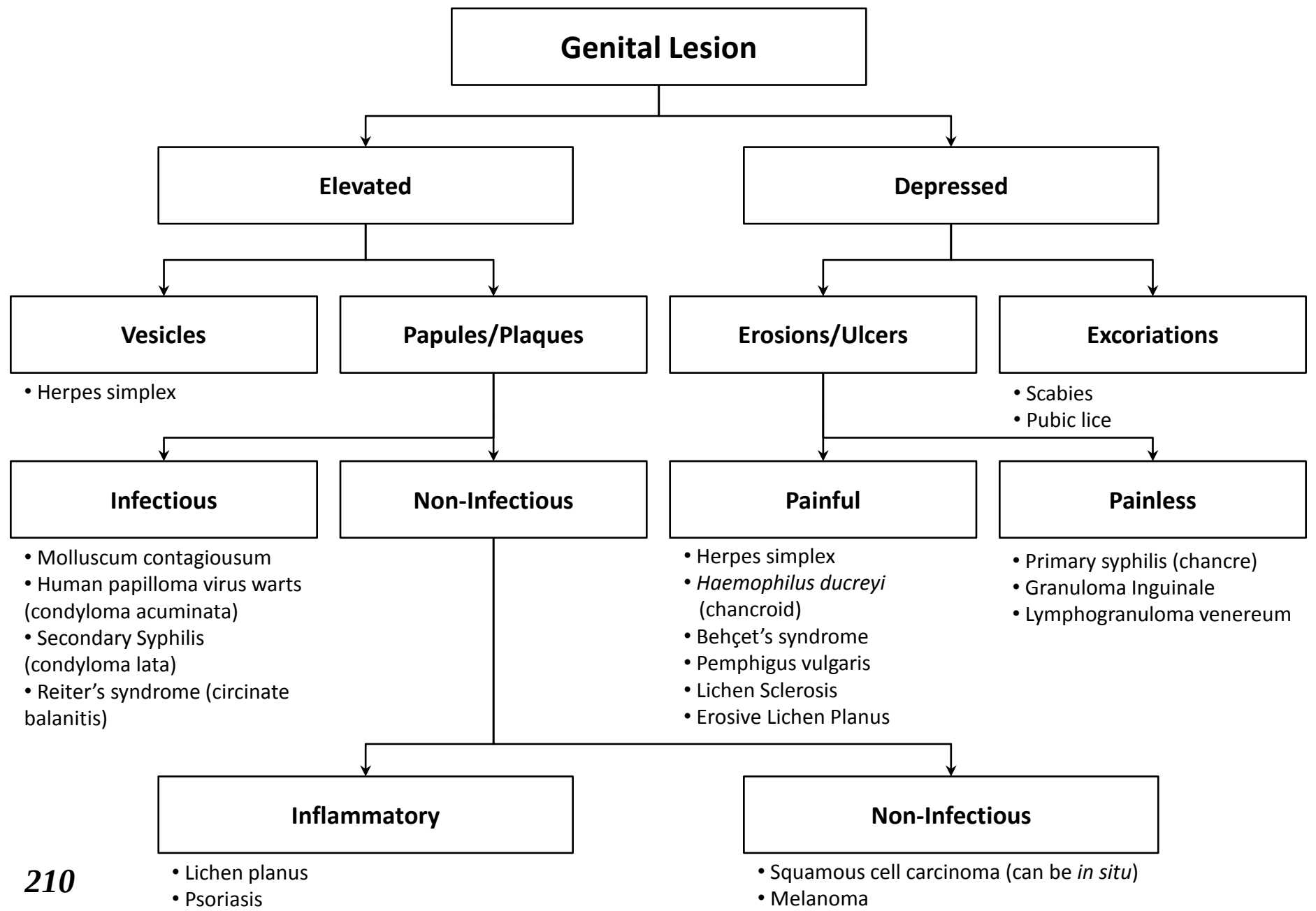
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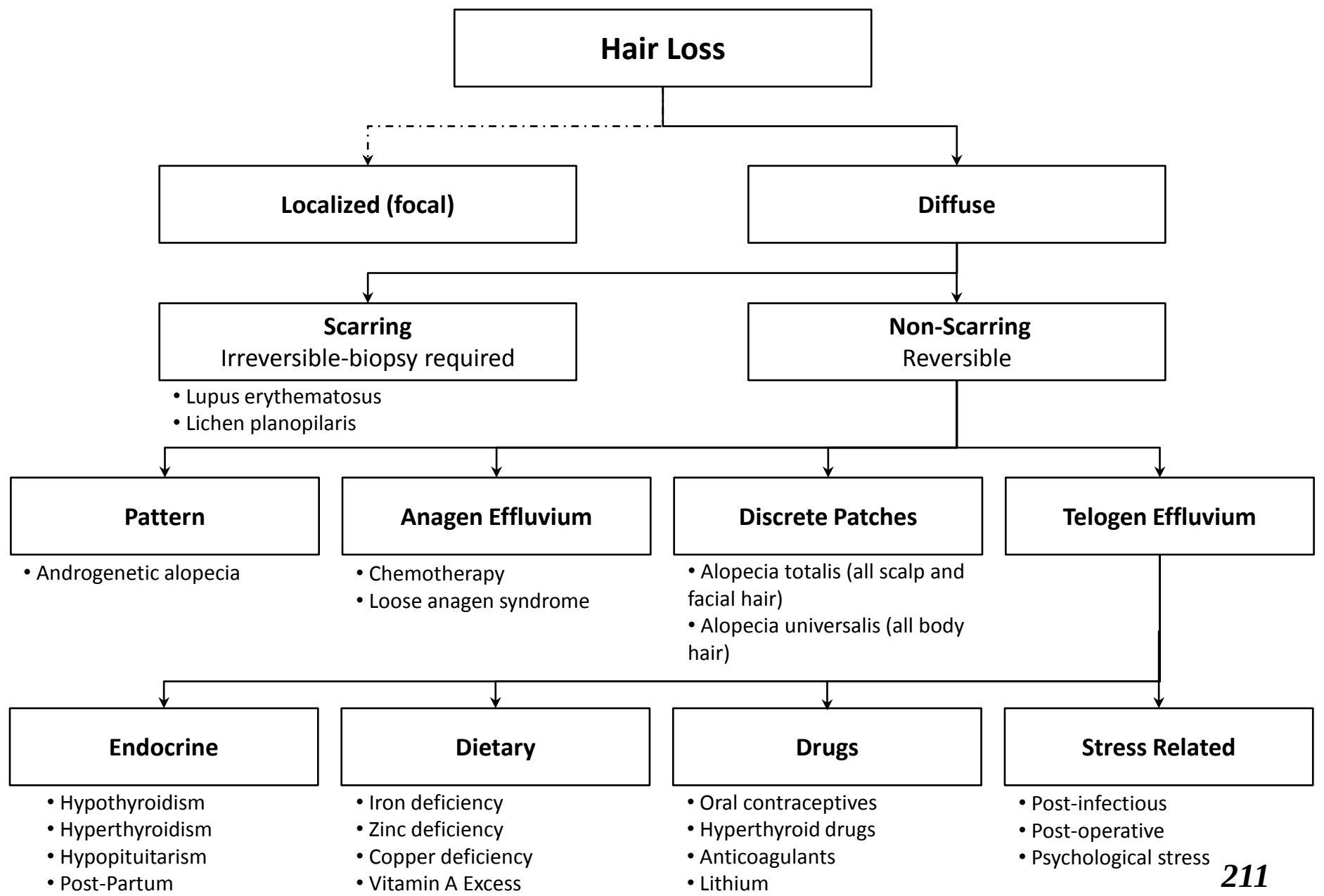
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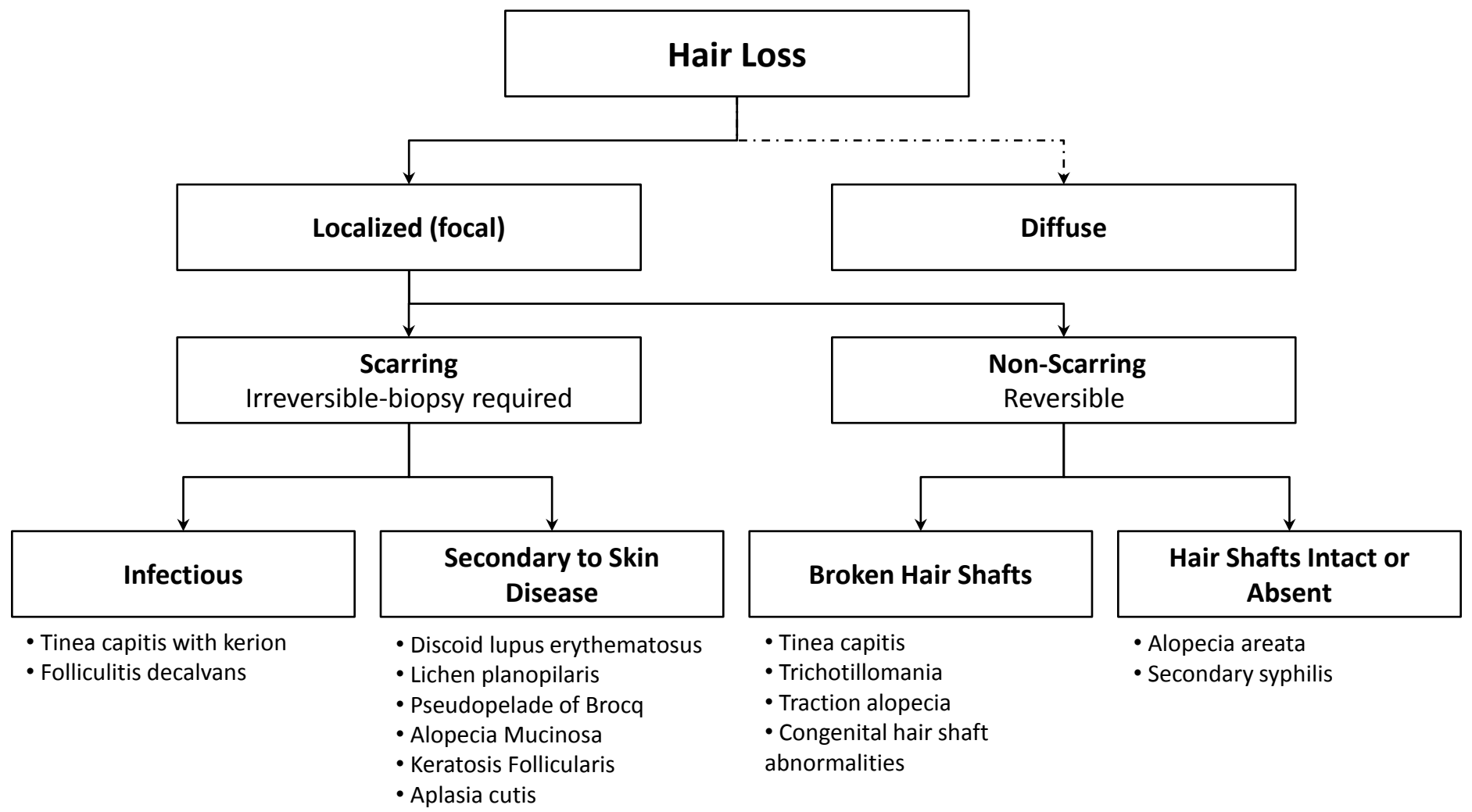
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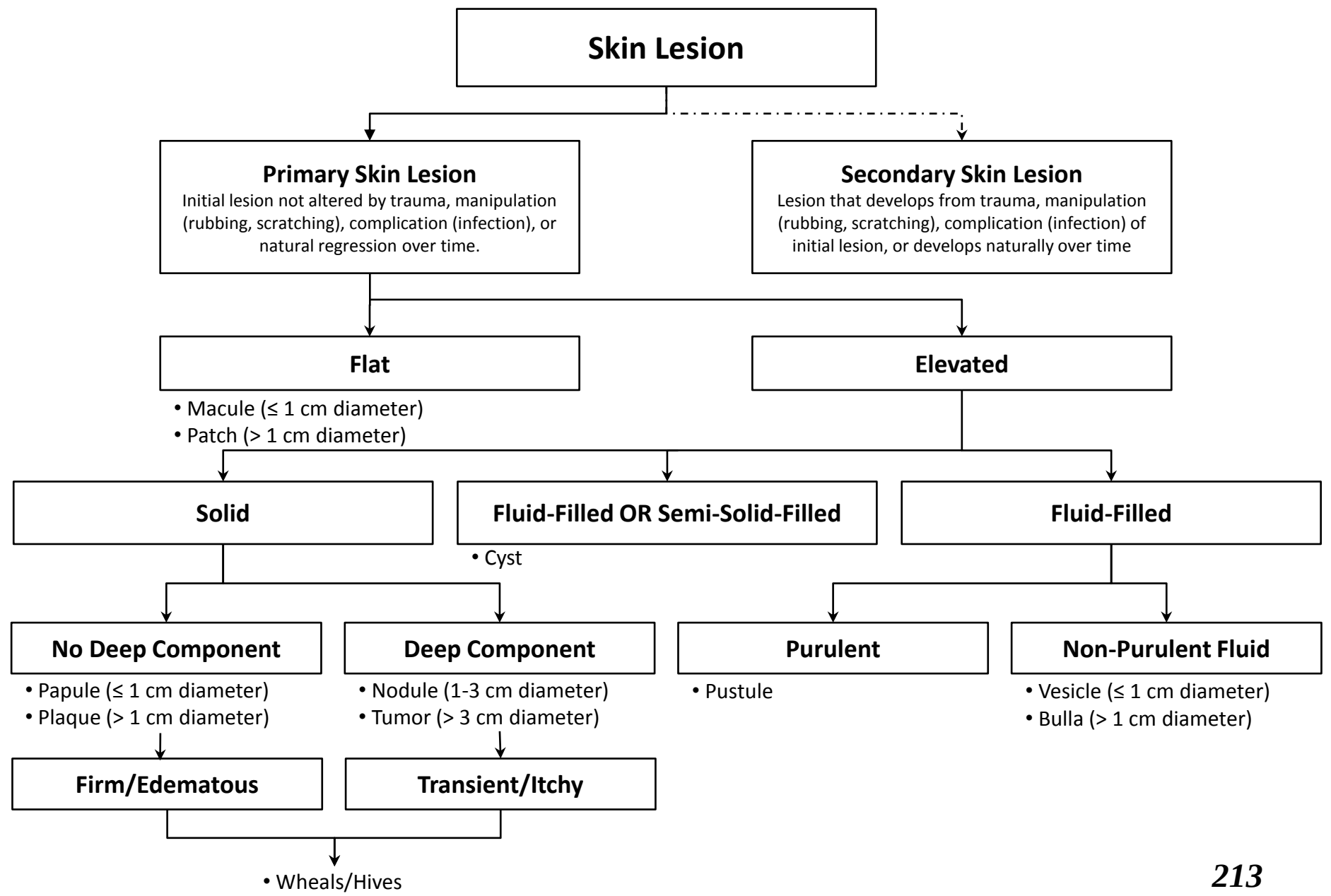
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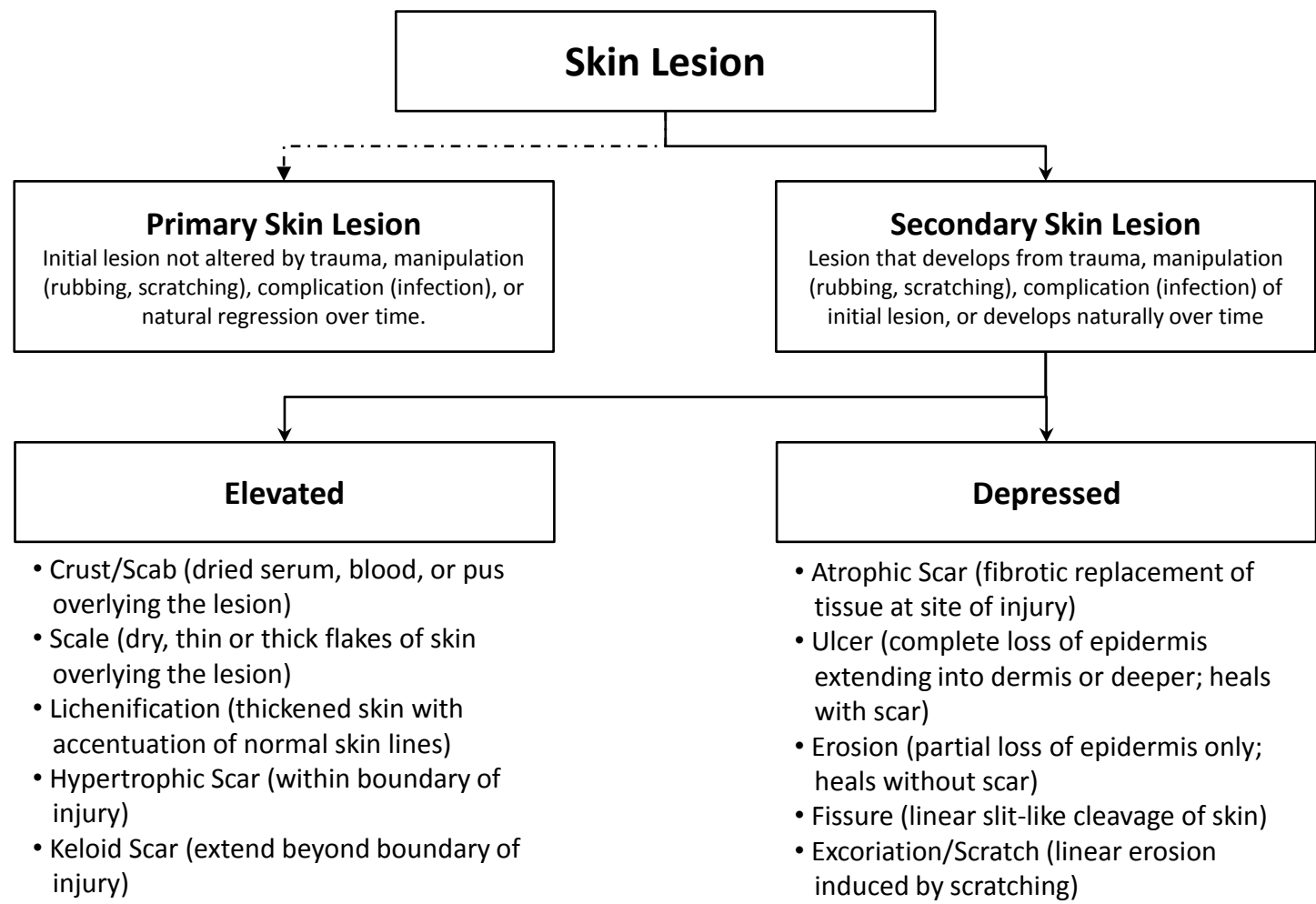
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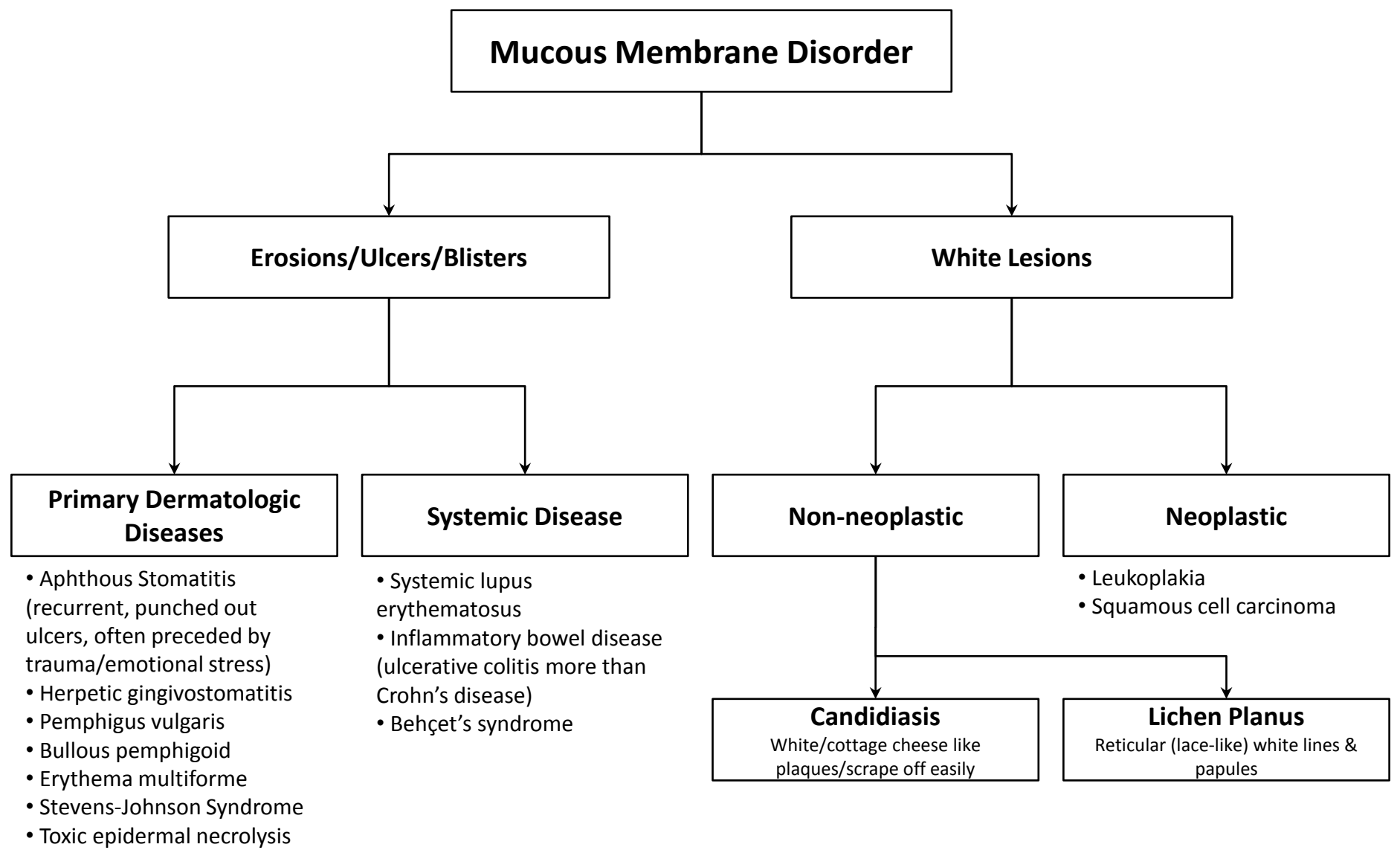
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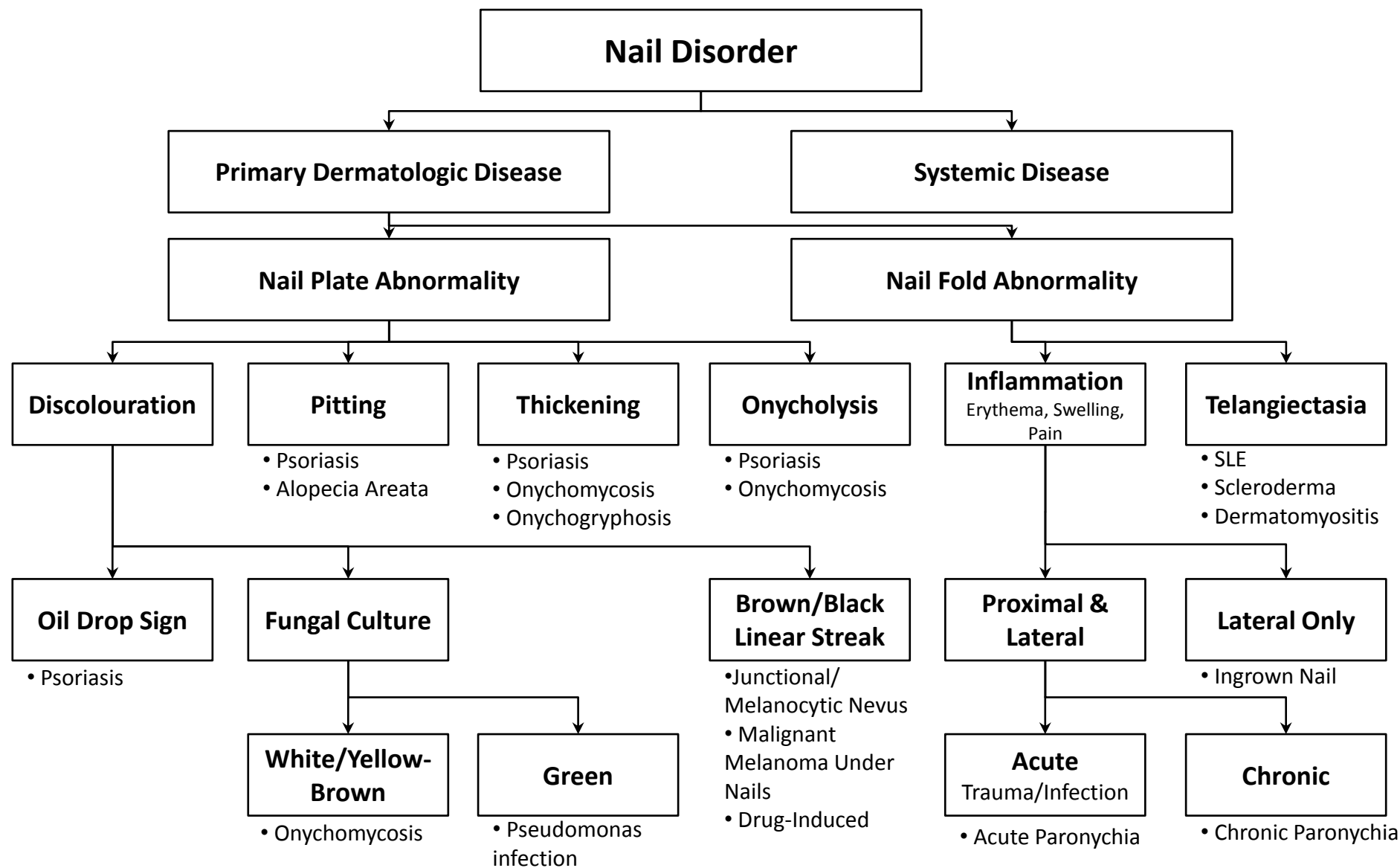
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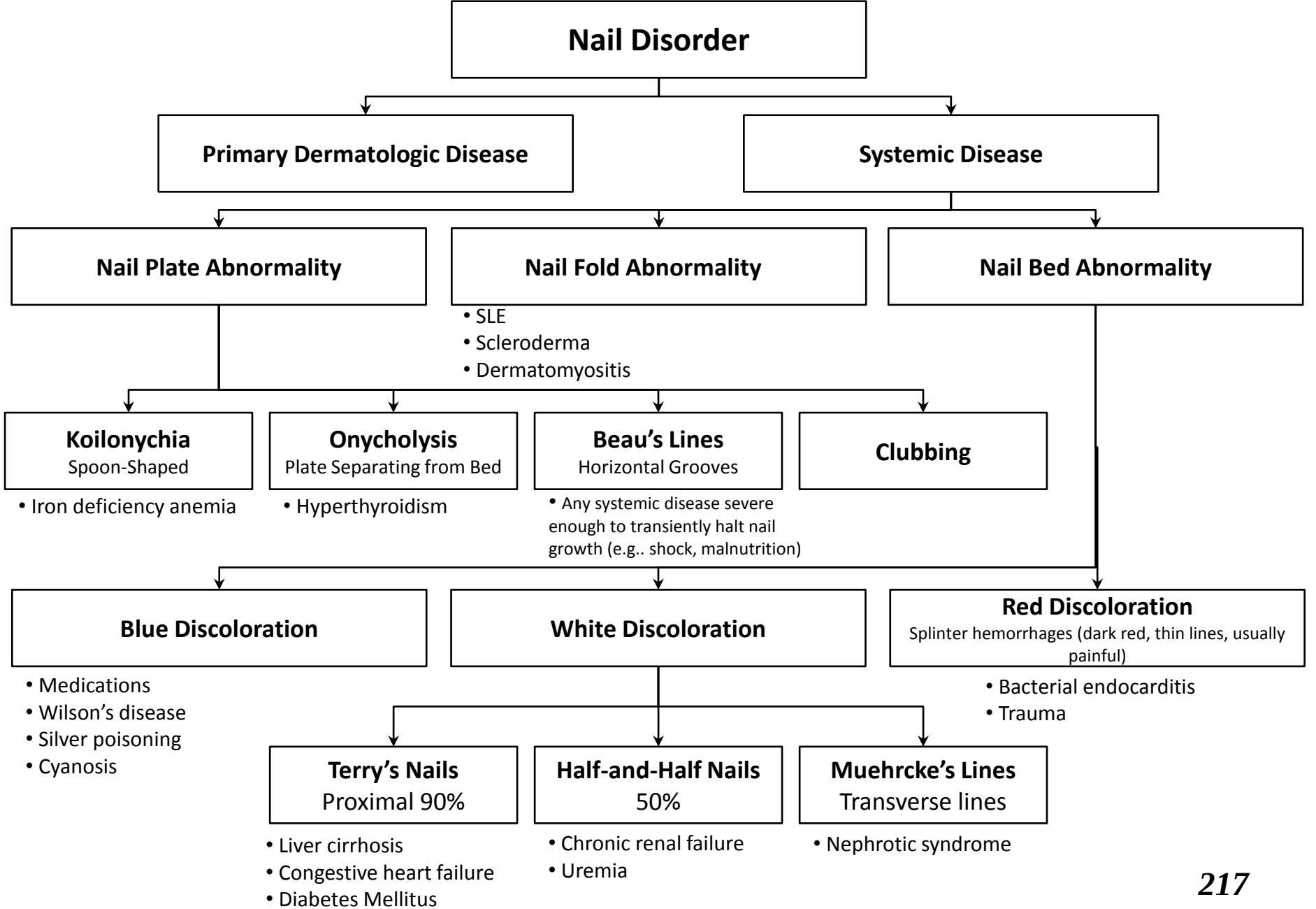
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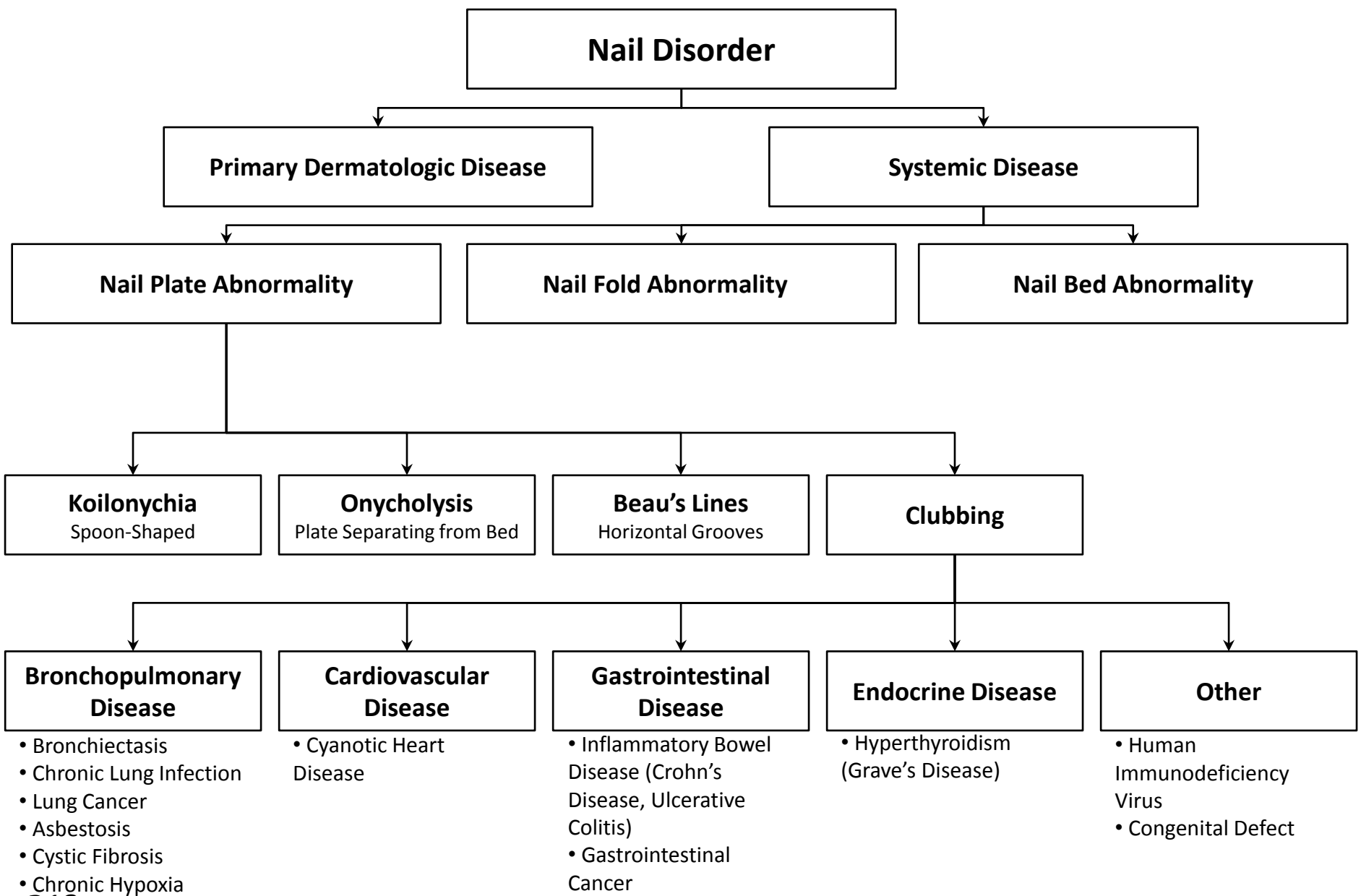
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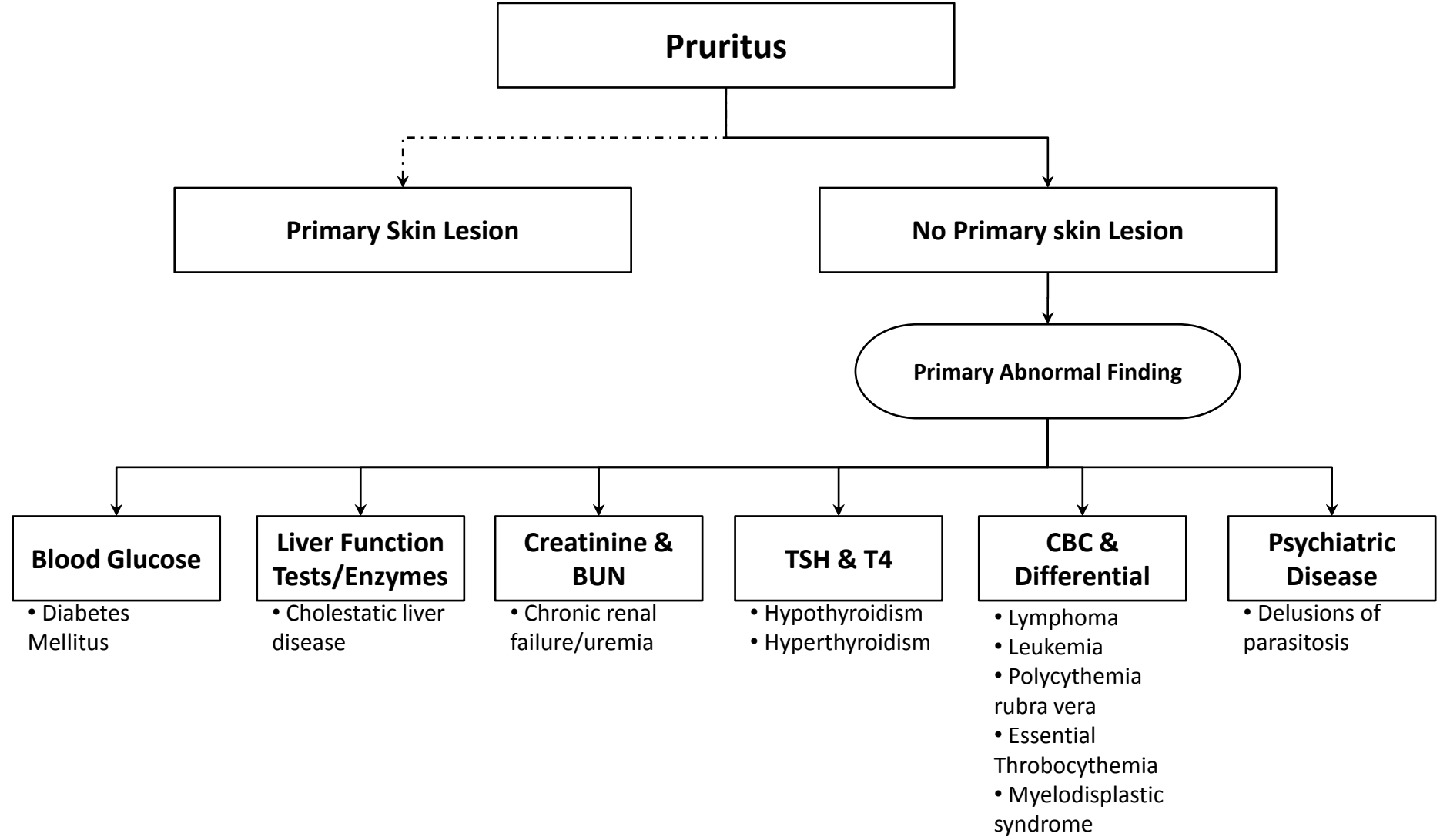
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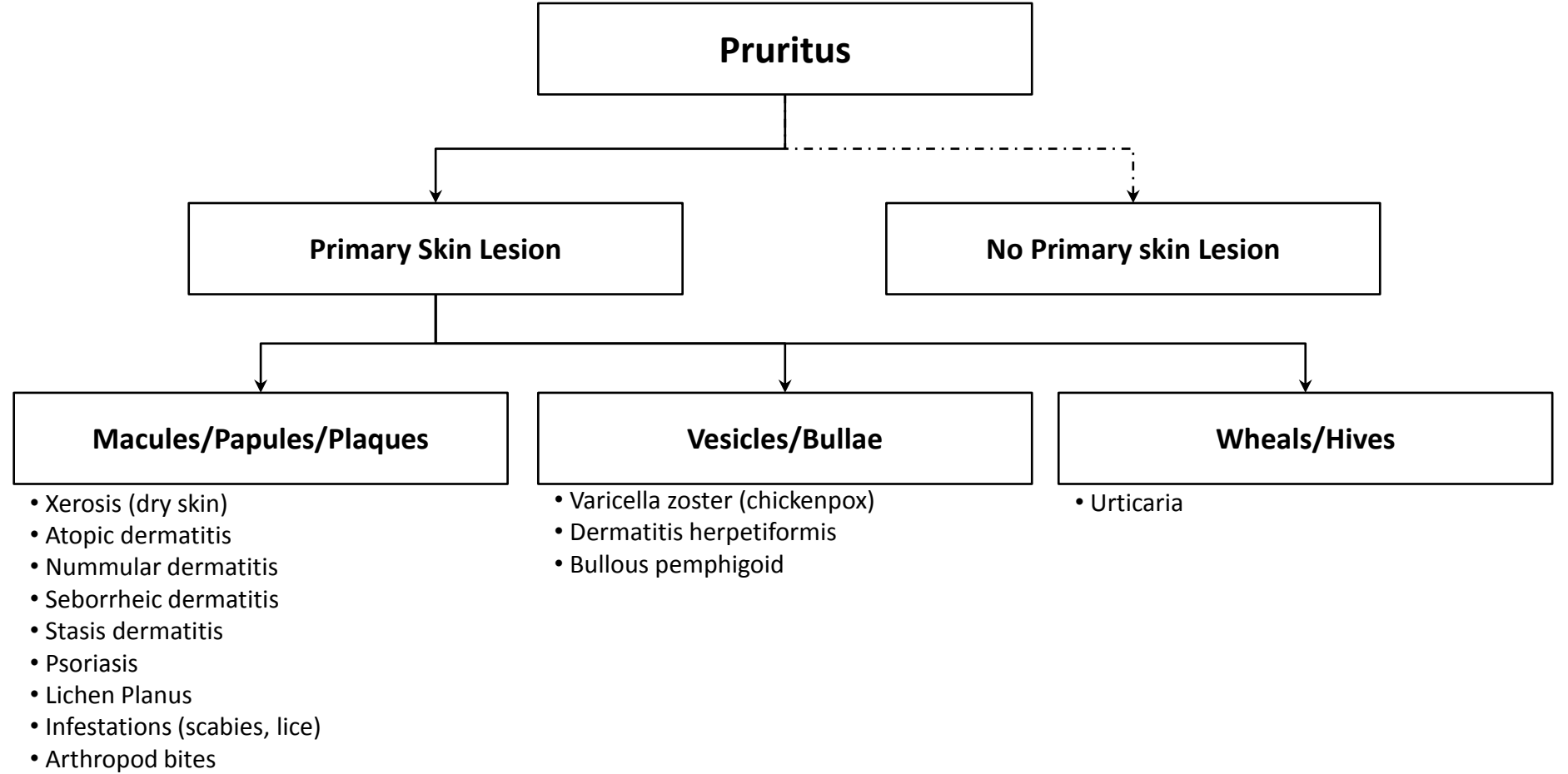
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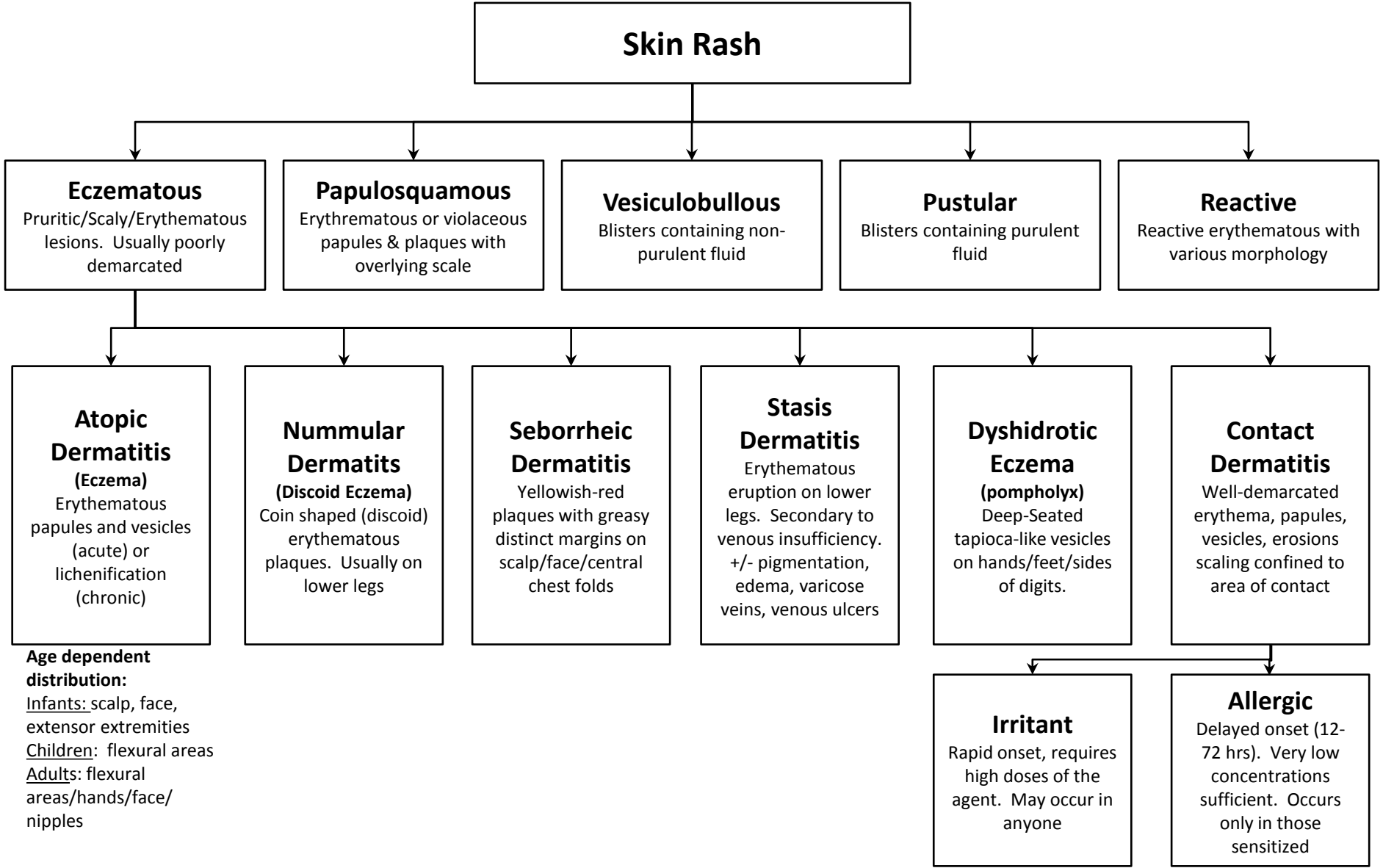
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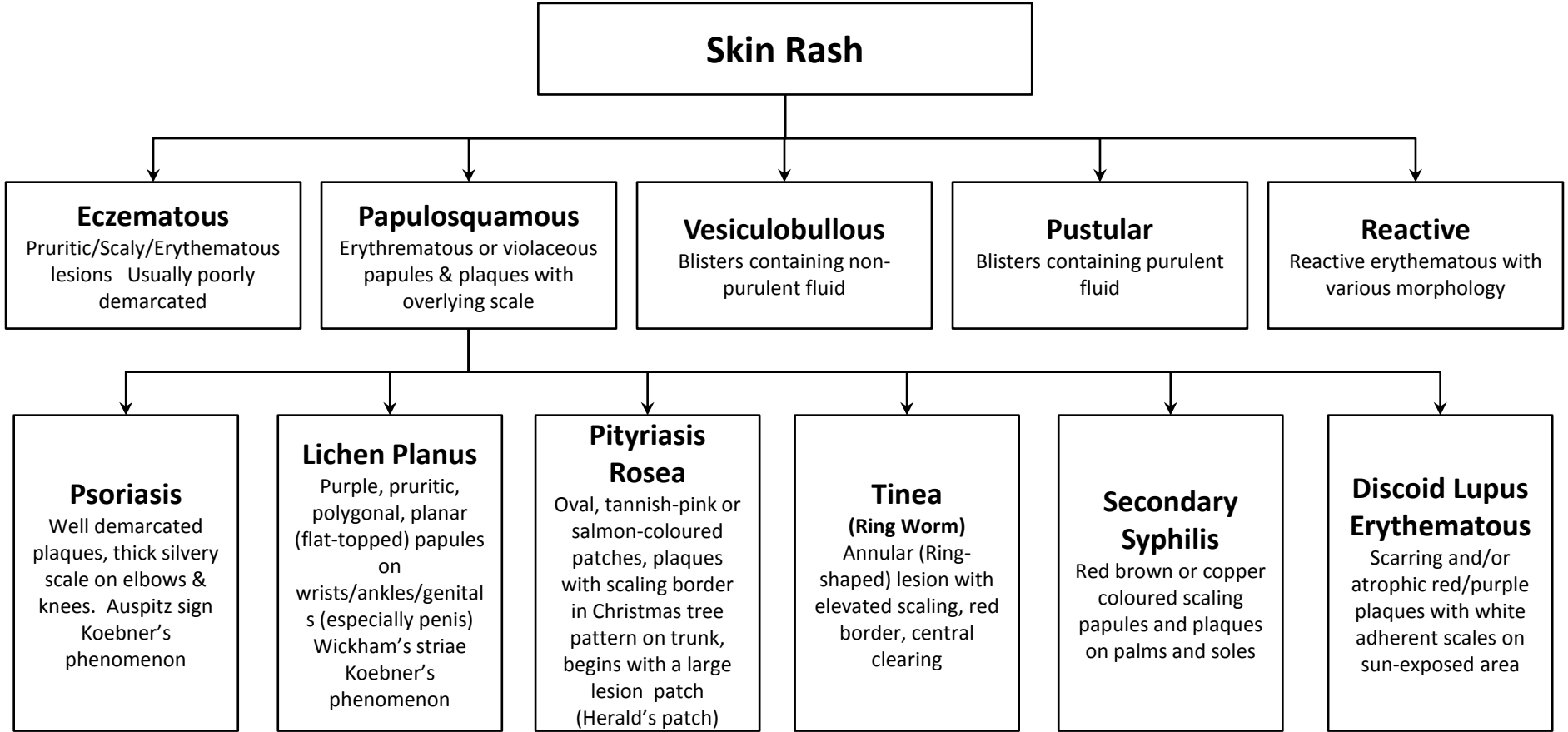
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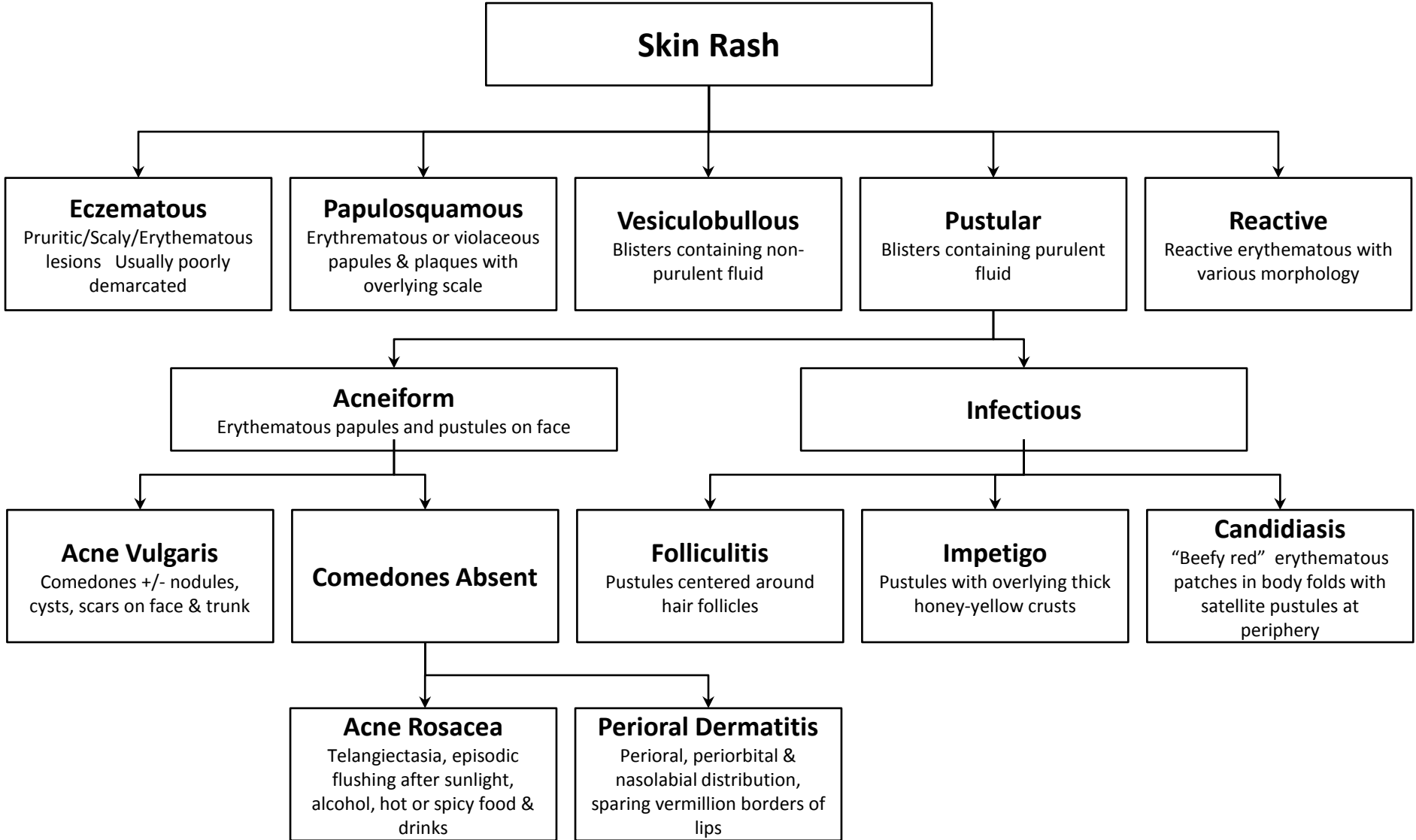
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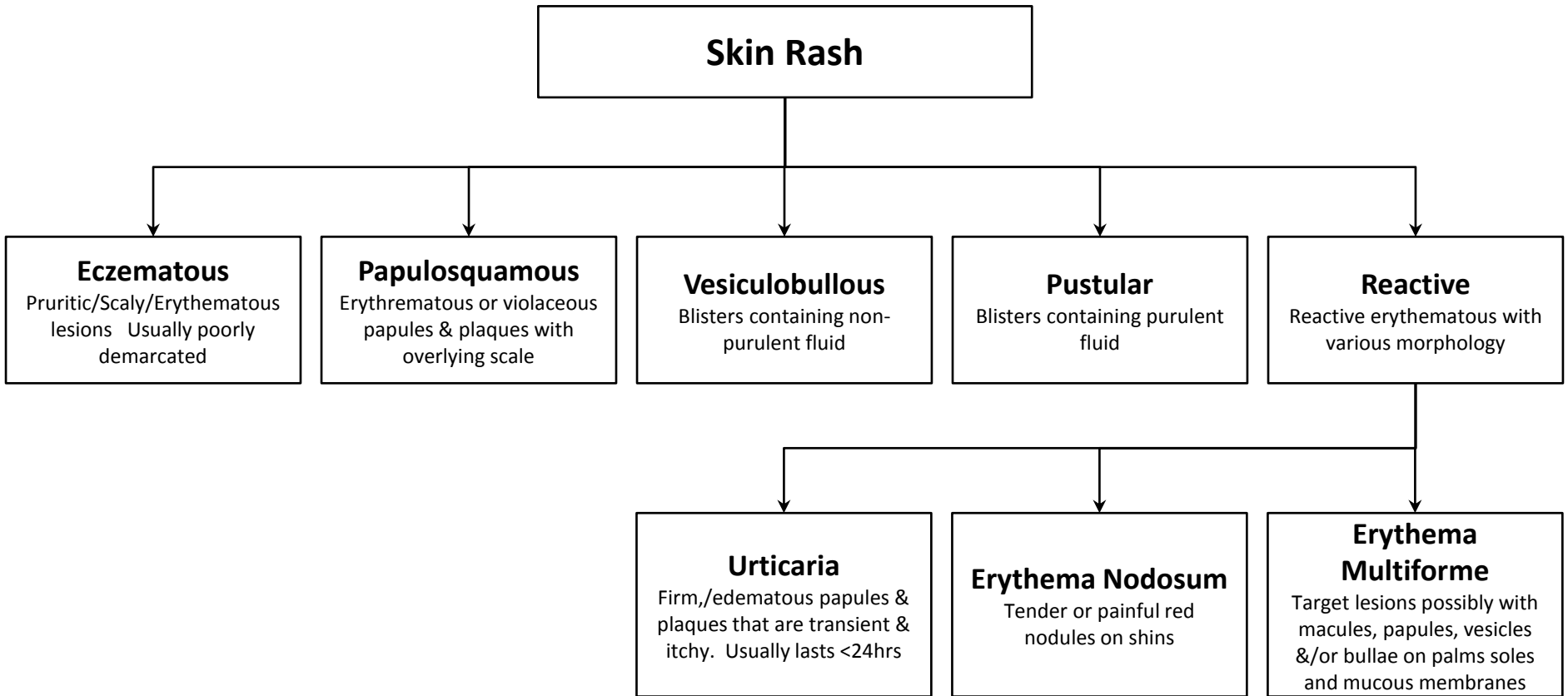
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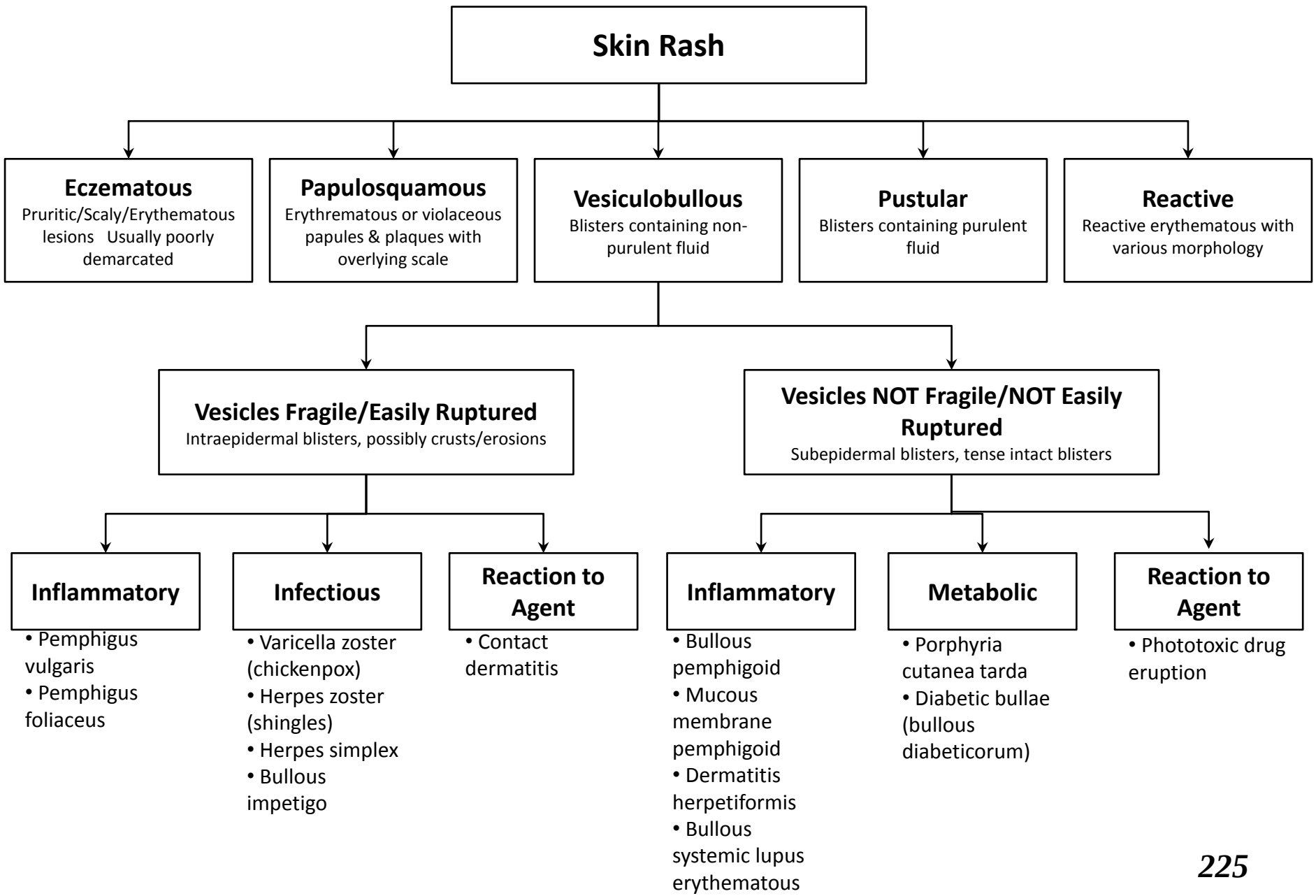
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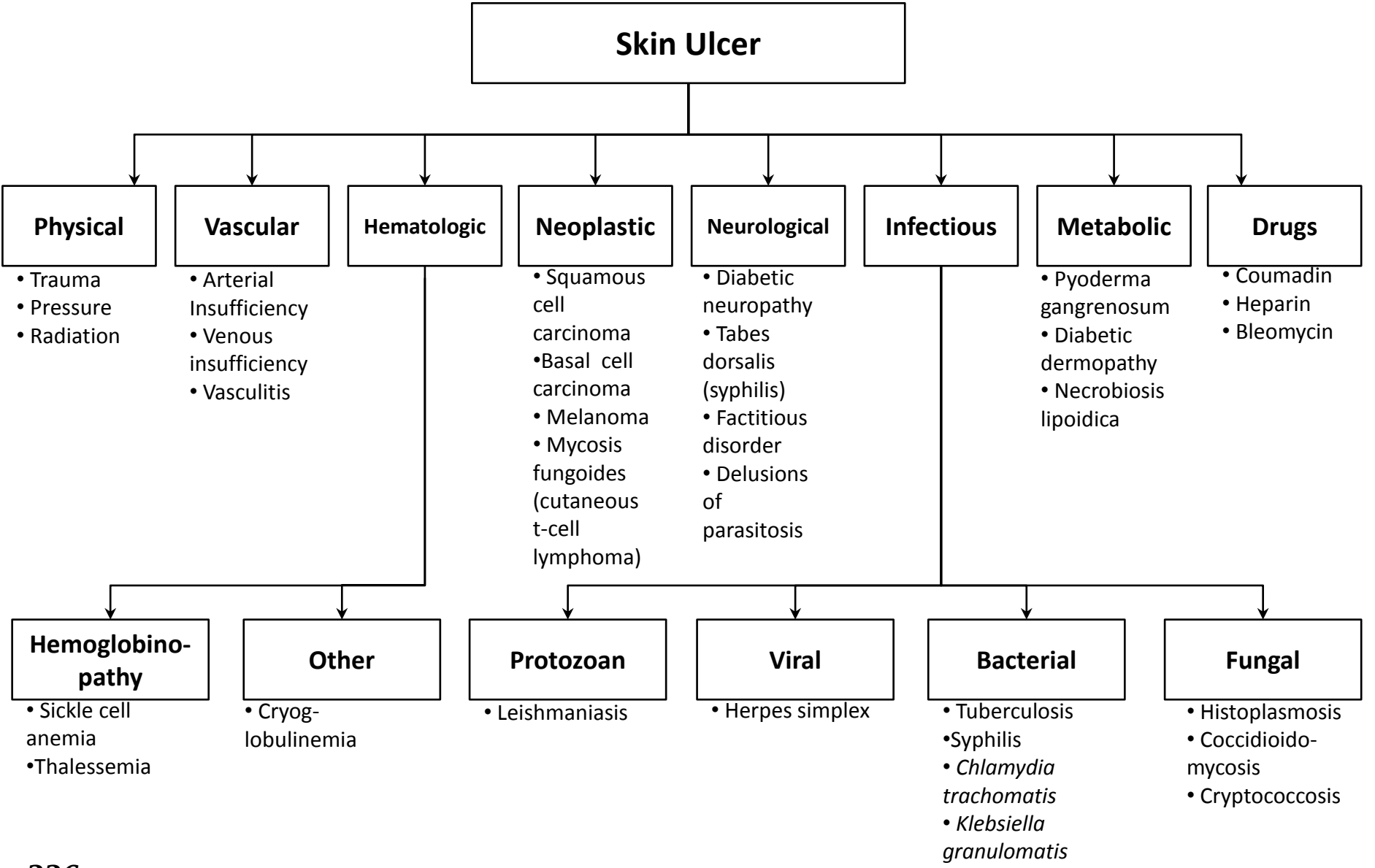
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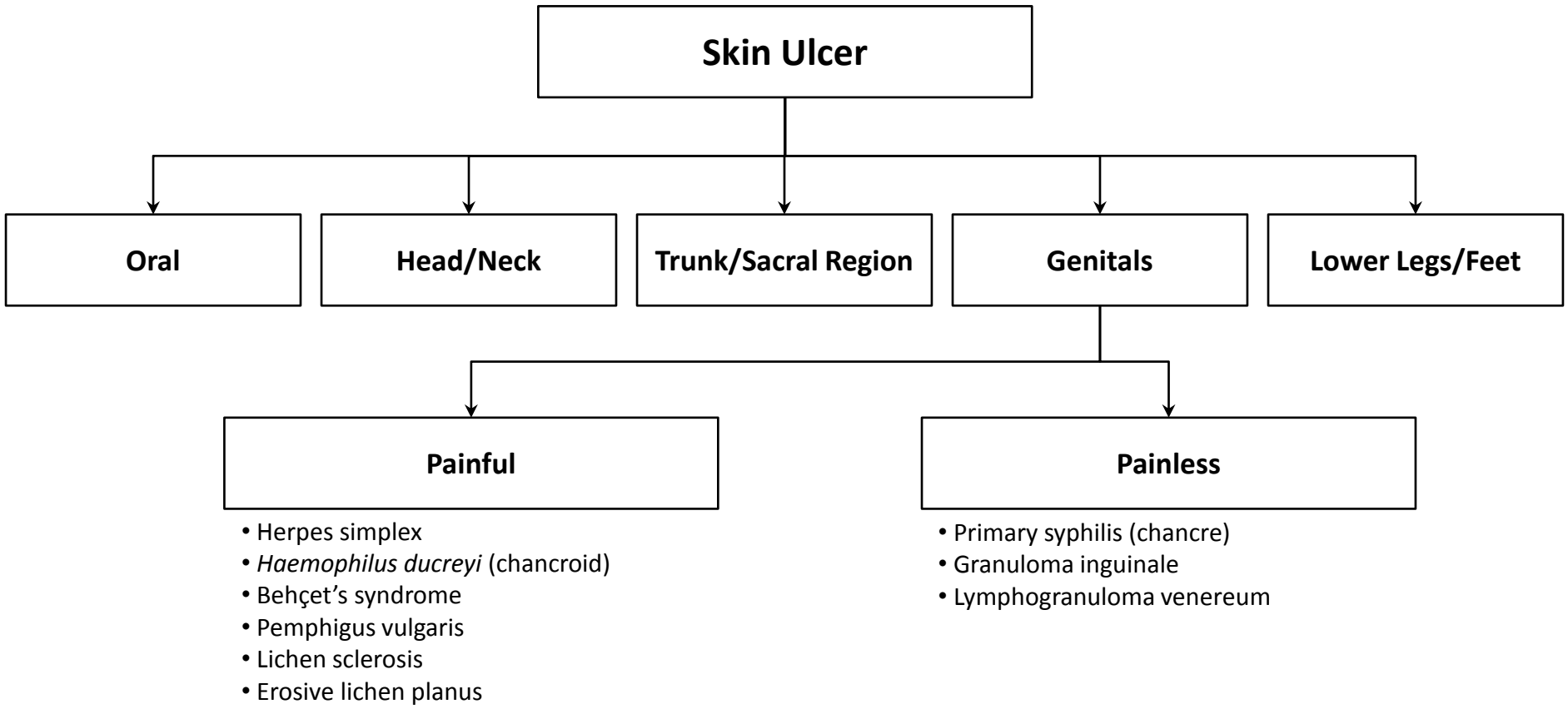
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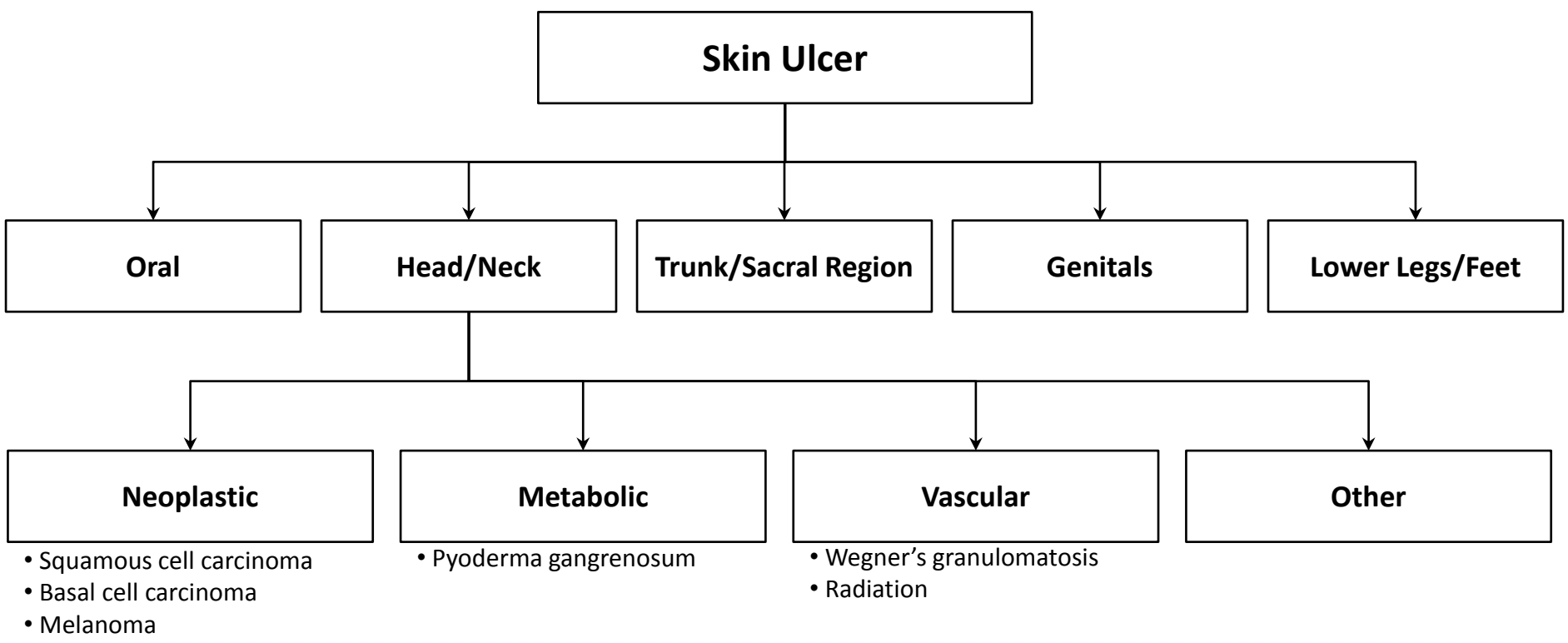
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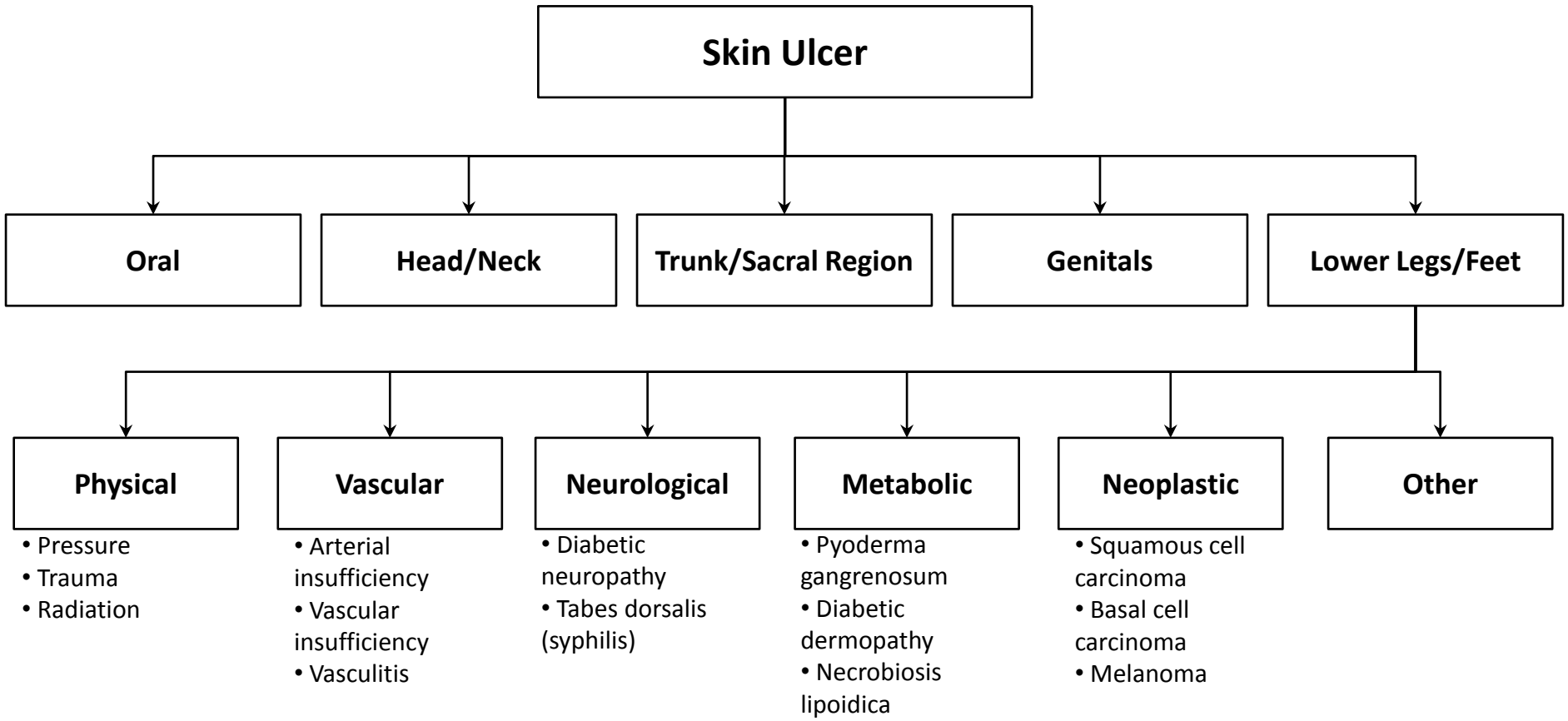
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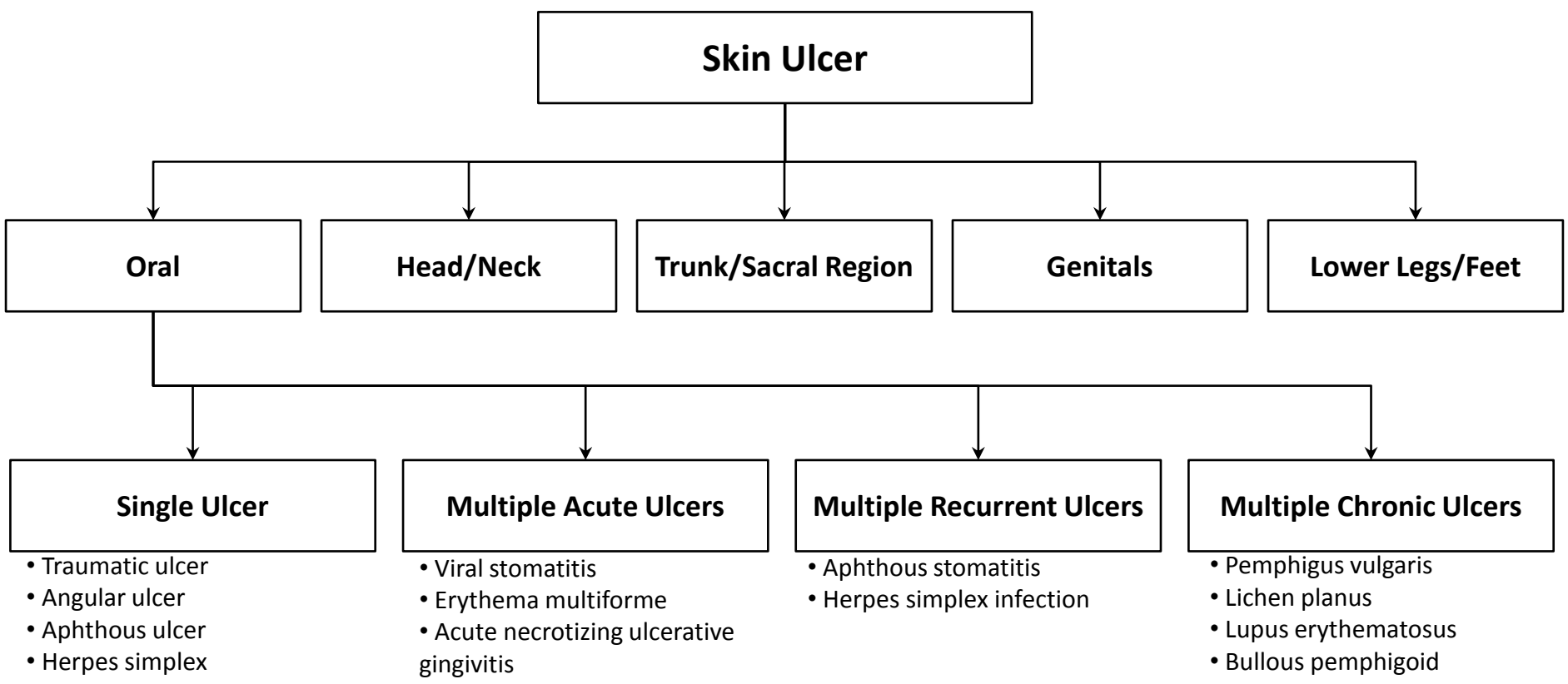
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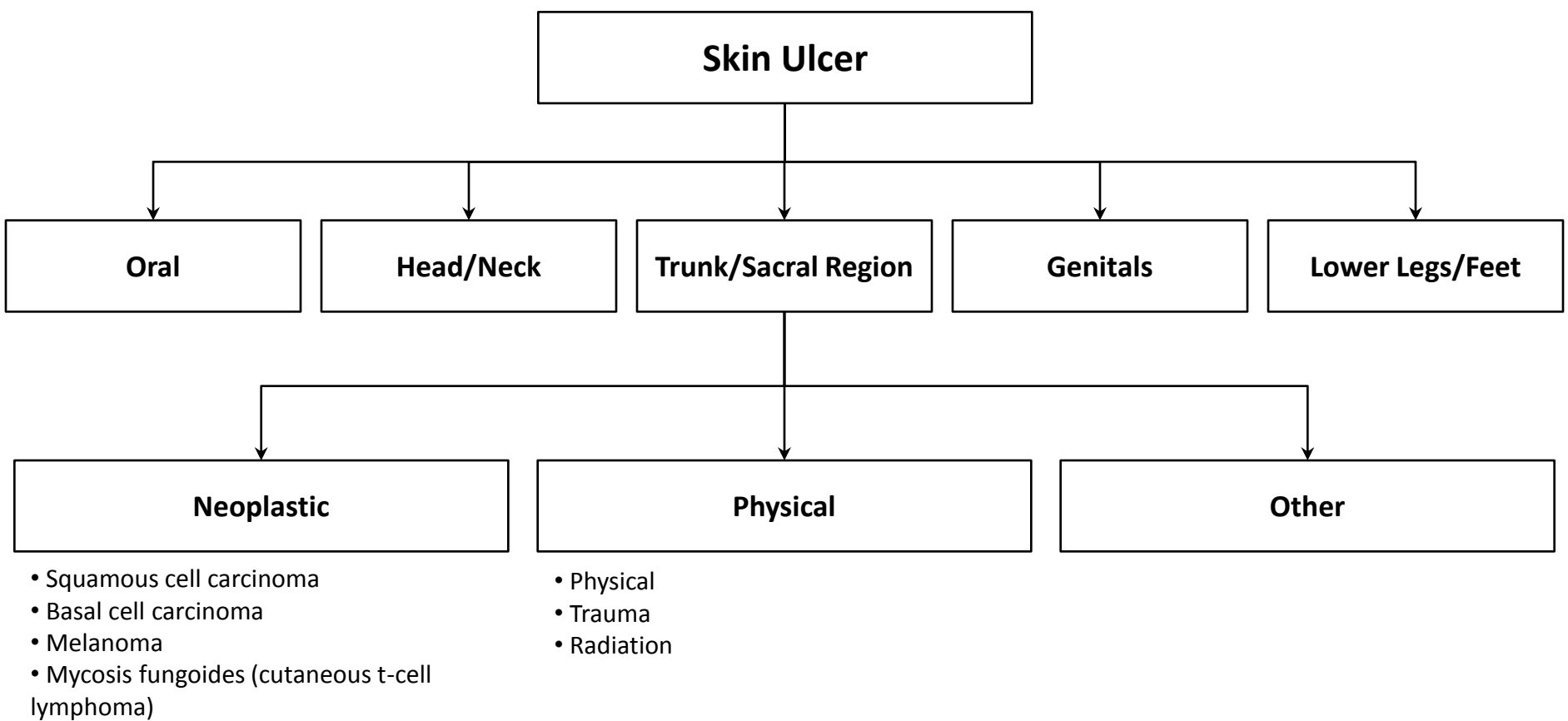
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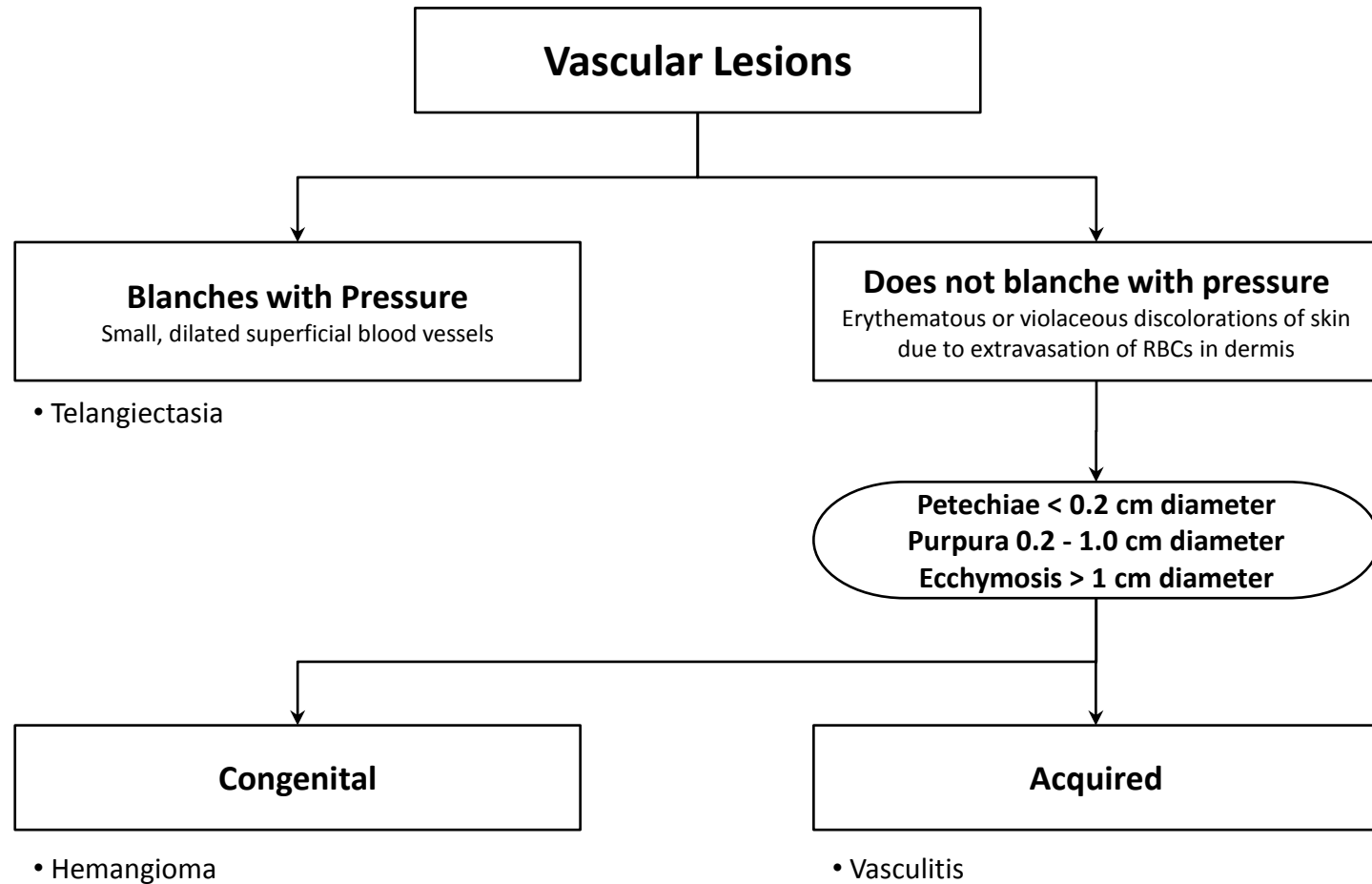
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Vascular

- *See vascular joint pain*

Infectious

- *See infectious joint pain*

Trauma

- Multiple injury sites, Open Fracture, Infectious joint pain

Autoimmune

- *See inflammatory joint pain*

Metabolic

- *See pathologic fractures*

Iatrogenic

- Hx of prior surgery

Neoplastic

- *See Tumour*

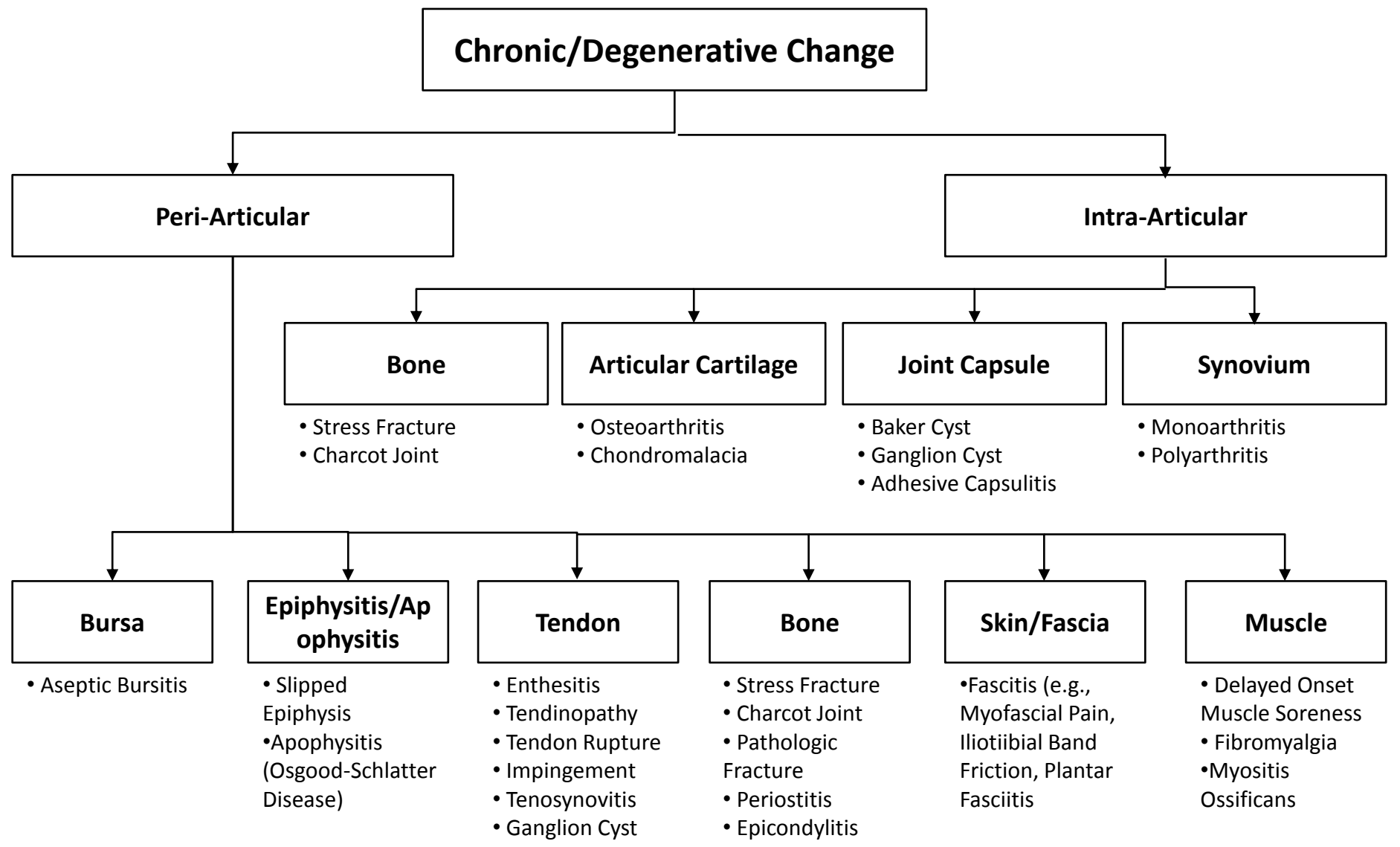
Congenital

- Scoliosis, Talipes Equinovarus, Meta tarsus adductus, Bow leg, Knock-Knee'd

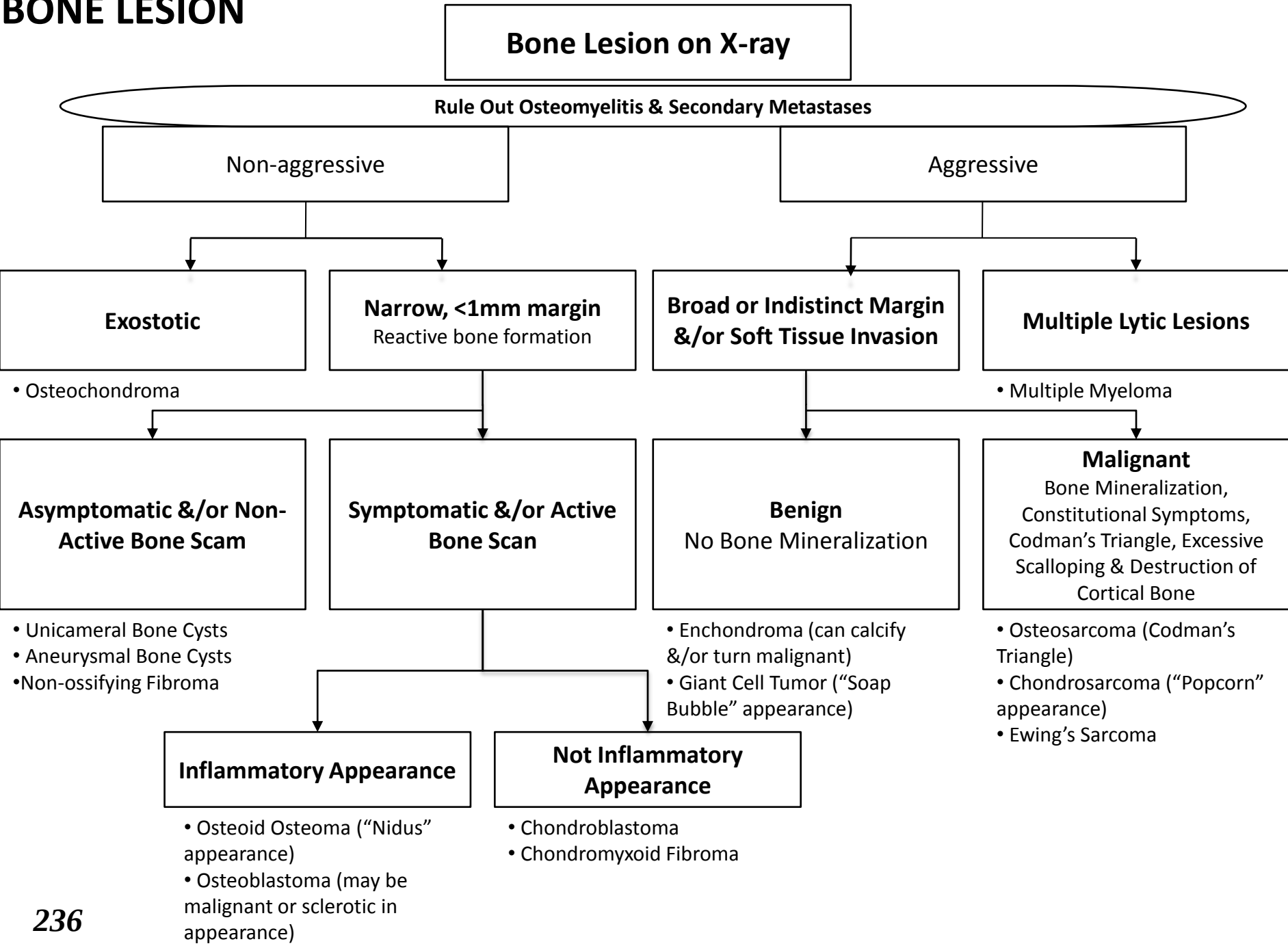
Degenerative

- Degenerative Disc Disease, Osteoarthritis, Osteoporosis

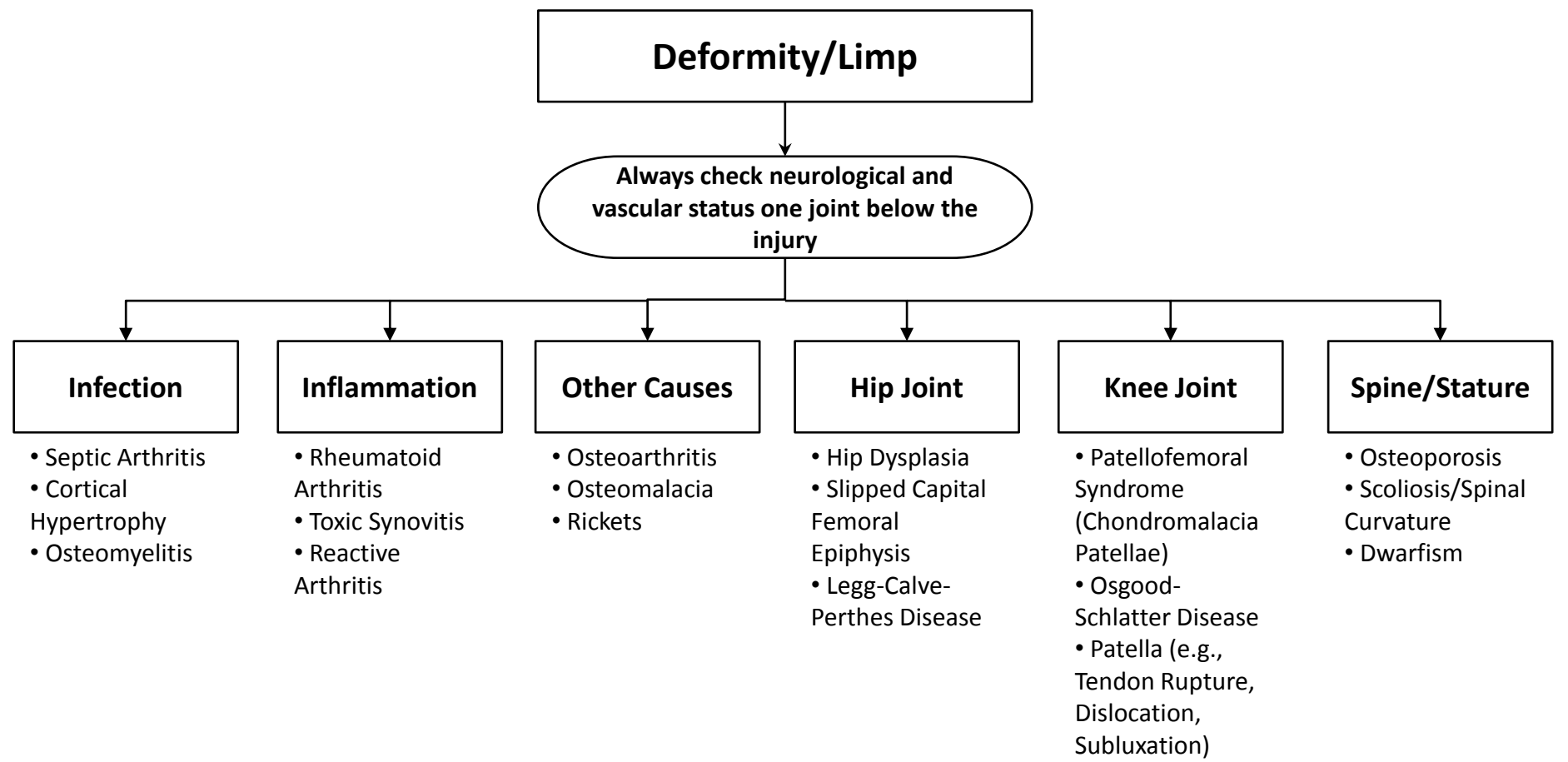
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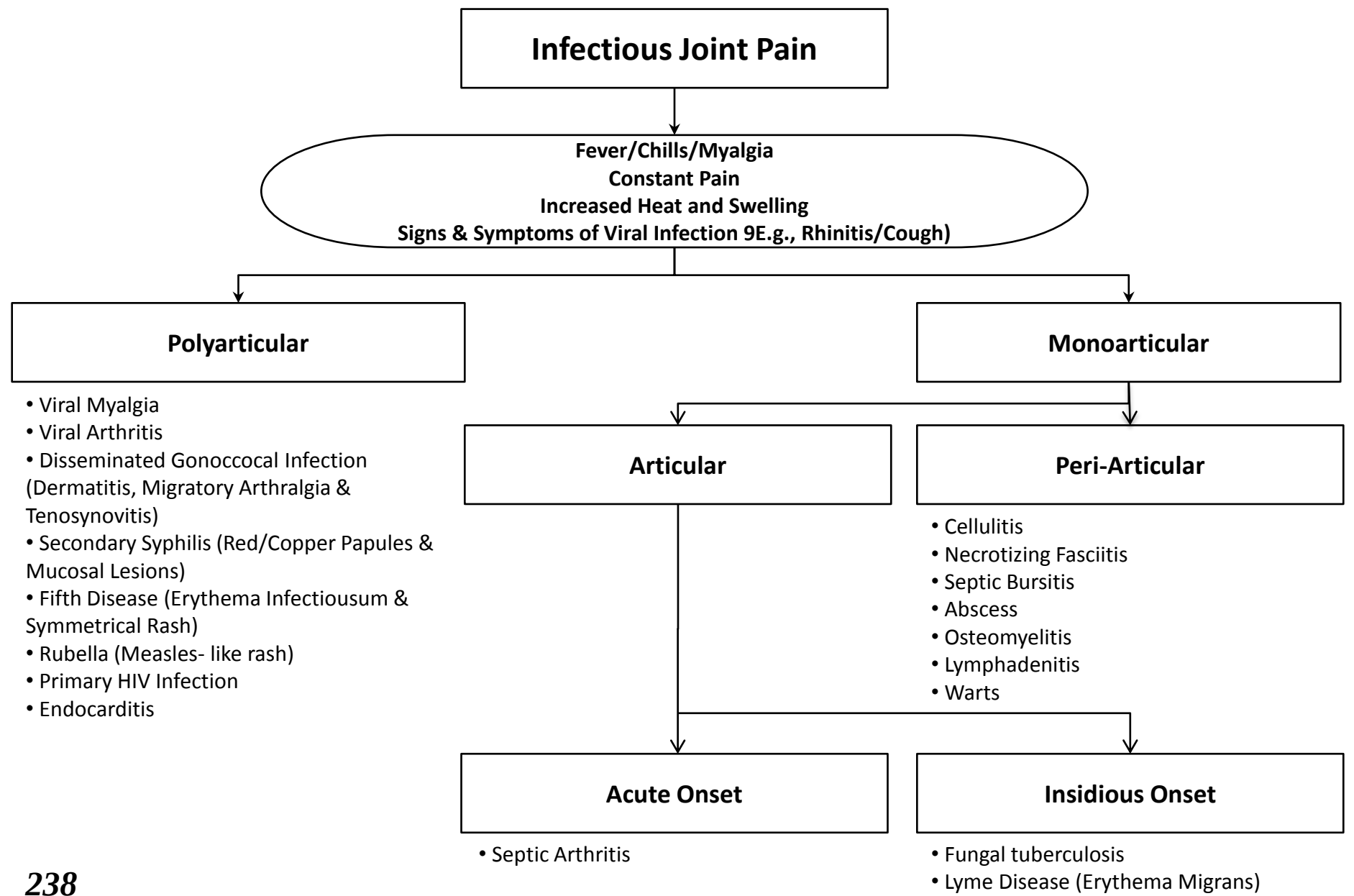
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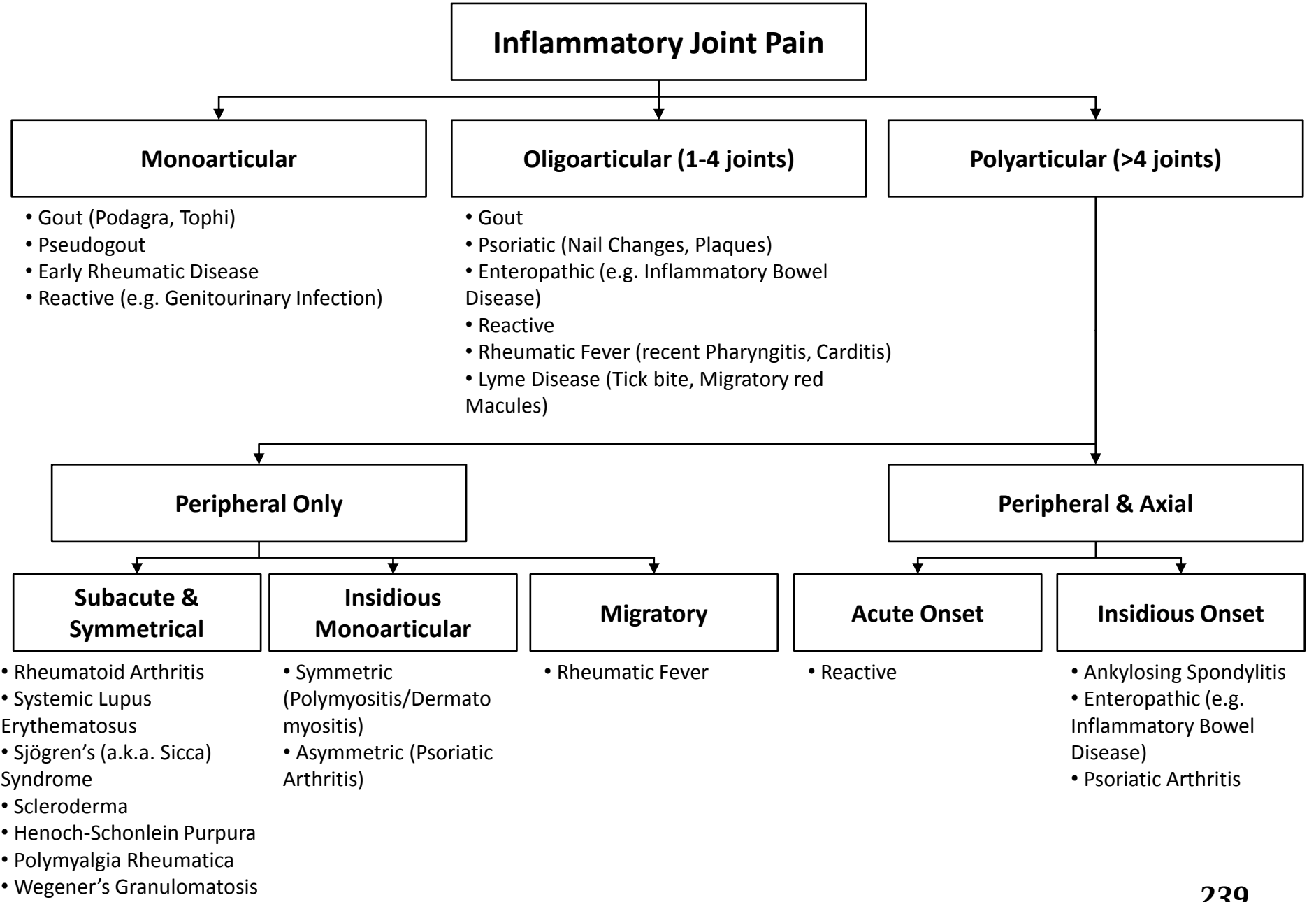
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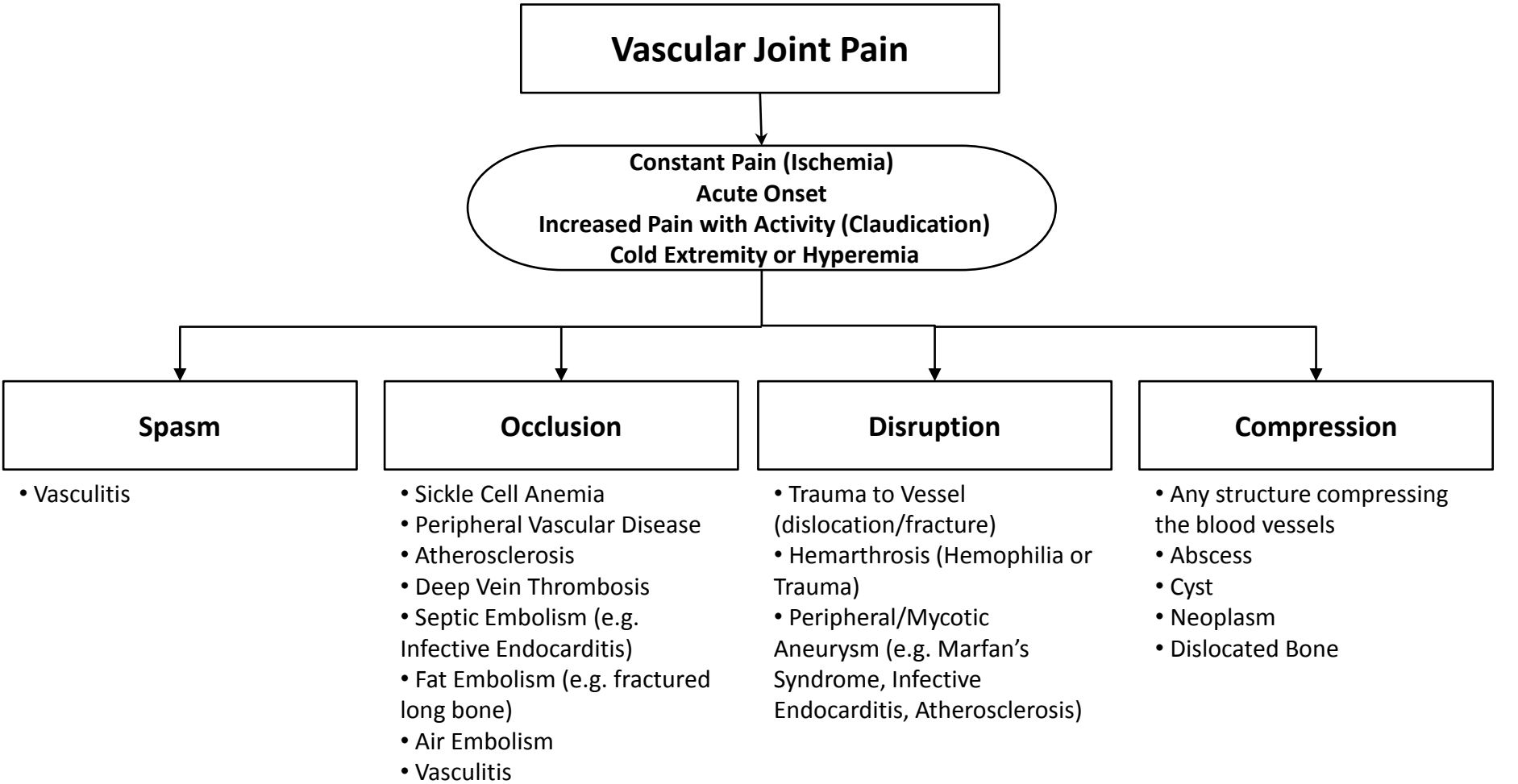
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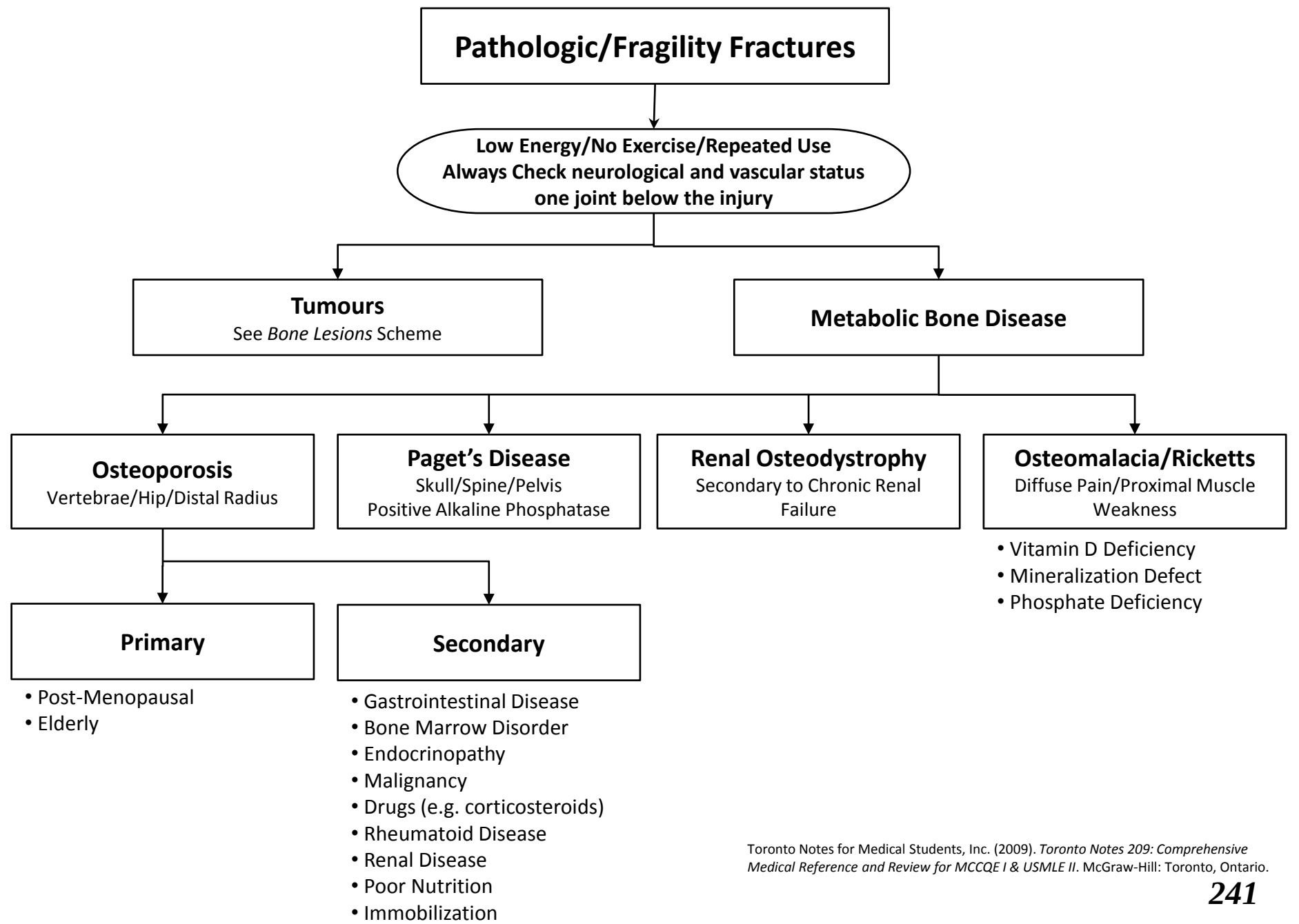
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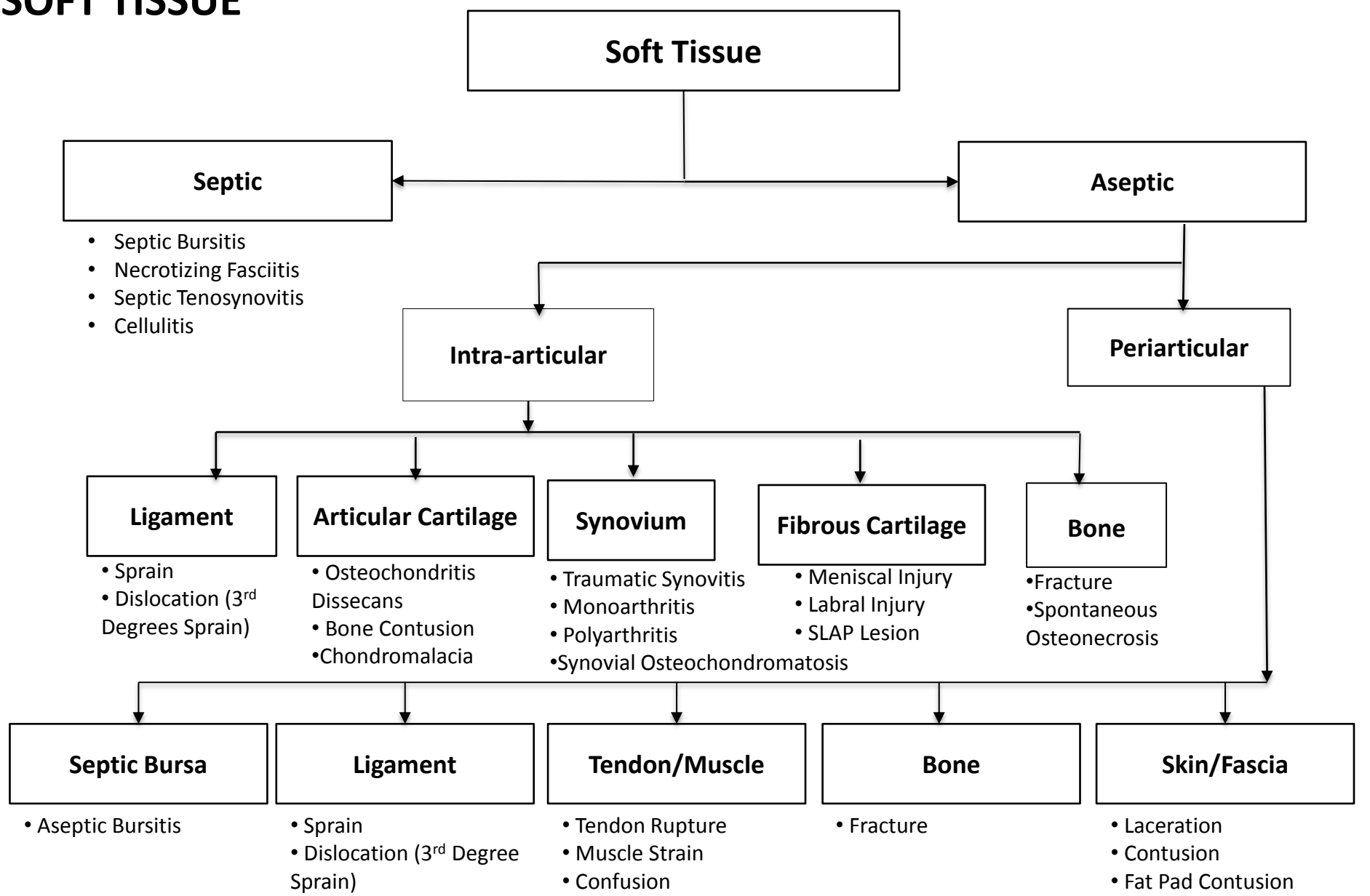
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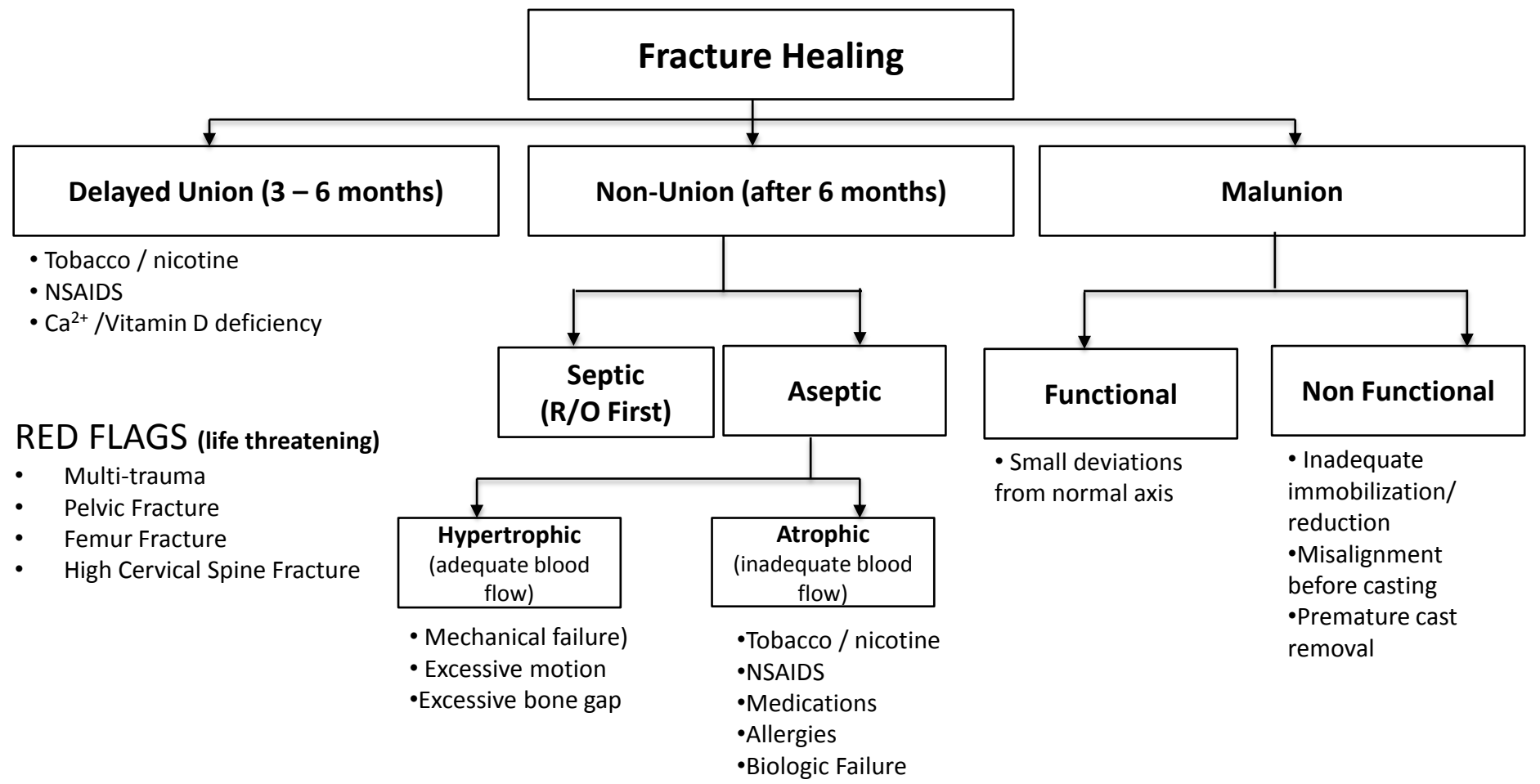
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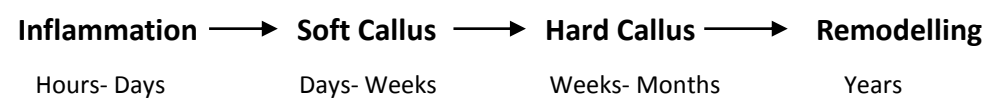
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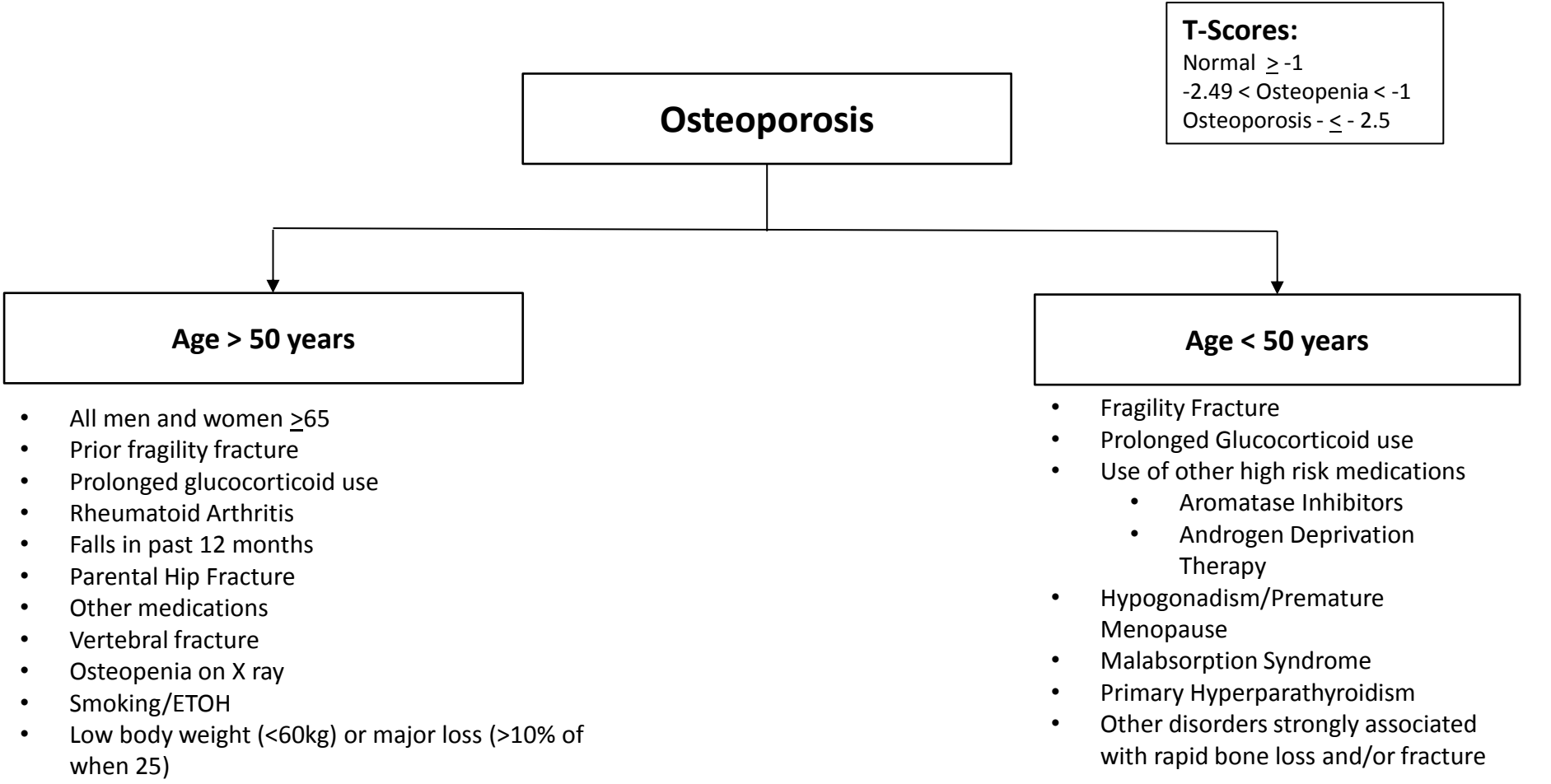
RED FLAGS (life threatening)

- Multi-trauma
- Pelvic Fracture
- Femur Fracture
- High Cervical Spine Fracture

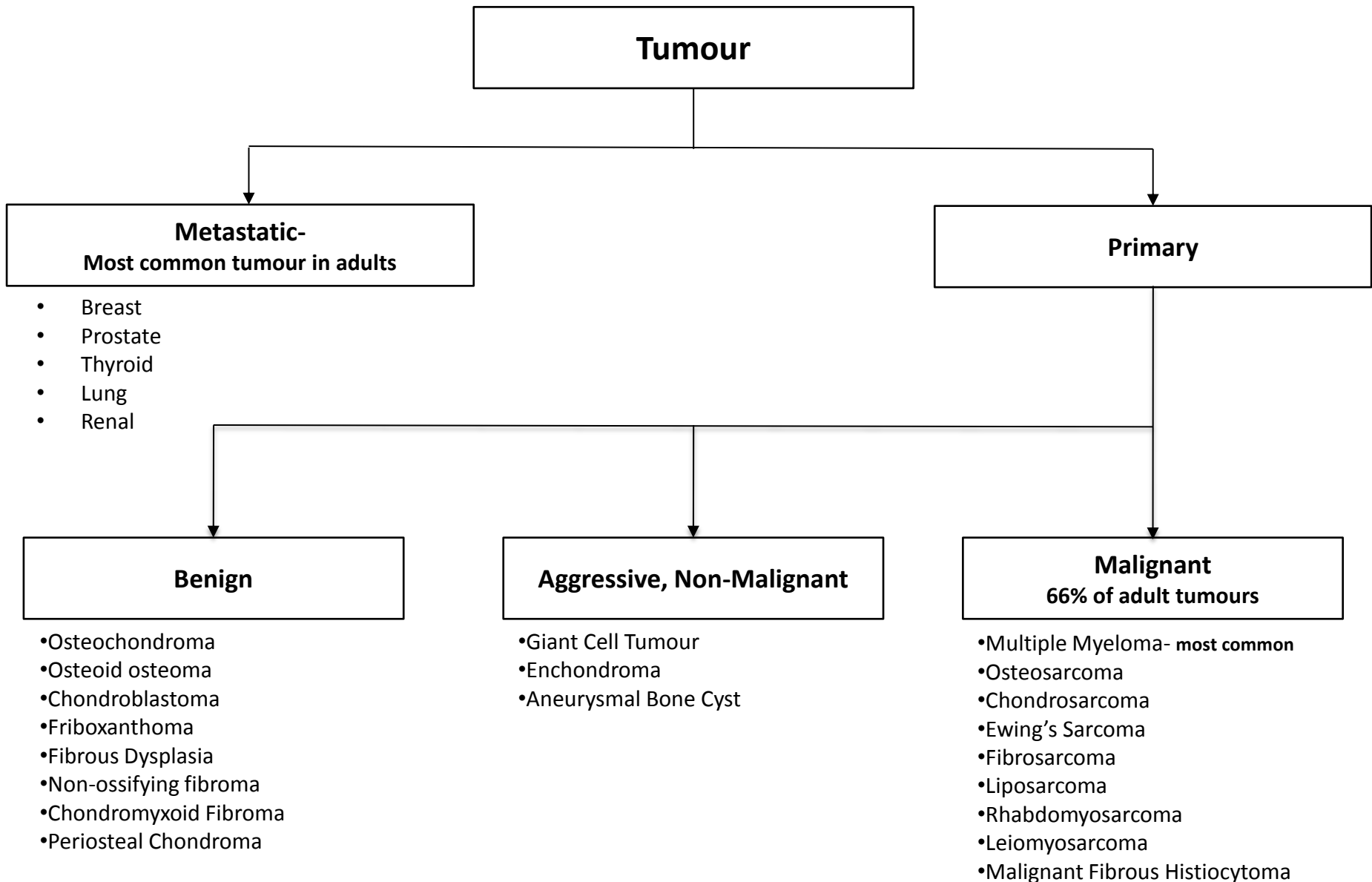
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• Open • Unstable • Displaced • Intra-articular	• Closed • Stable • Undisplaced • Extra-articular



OSTEOPOROSIS- BMD testing



TUMOUR



MYOTOMES: Segmental Innervation of Muscles

<u>Muscle Group</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Myotome</u>	<u>Peripheral Nerve</u>
Shoulder	Abduction	C5	Axillary Nerve
	Adduction	C6-C8	Thoracodorsal Nerve
Elbow	Flexion	C5	Musculocutaneous Nerve
	Extension	C7	Radial Nerve
Wrist	Extension	C6	Radial Nerve
Fingers	Flexion	C8	Median Nerve
	Abduction	T1	Ulnar Nerve
Hip	Flexion	L2	Nerve to Psoas
	Extension	S1	Inferior Gluteal Nerve
	Abduction	L5	Superior Gluteal Nerve
Knee	Flexion	L5	Tibial Nerve
	Extension	L3	Femoral Nerve
Ankle	Dorsiflexion	L4	Deep Peroneal Nerve
	Plantarflexion	S1	Tibial Nerve

N.B. There is considerable overlap between myotomes for some actions. The myotomes listed are the dominant segments involved.

GUIDE TO SPINAL CORD INJURY

<u>Spinal Root</u>	<u>Sensory</u>	<u>Motor</u>	<u>Reflex</u>
C4	Acromioclavicular Joint	Respiration	None
C5	Radial Antecubital Fossa	Elbow Flexion	Biceps Reflex
C6	Dorsal Thumb	Wrist Extension	Brachioradialis Reflex
C7	Dorsal Middle Finger	Elbow Extension	Triceps Reflex
C8	Dorsal Little Finger	Finger Flexion	None
T1	Ulnar Antecubital Fossa	Finger Abduction	None
T7-12	See Dermatomes	Abdominal Muscles	Abdominal Reflex
L2	Anterior Medial Thigh	Hip Flexion	Cremasteric Reflex
L3	Medial Femoral Condyle	Knee Extension	None
L4	Medial Malleolus	Ankle Dorsiflexion	Knee Jerk Reflex
L5	First Web Space (1 st /2 nd MTP)	Big Toe Extension	Hamstring Reflex
S1	Lateral Calcaneus	Ankle Plantarflexion	Ankle Jerk Reflex
S2	Popliteal Fossa	Anal Sphincter	Bulbocavernosus
S3/S4	Perianal Region	Anal Sphincter	None

N.B. There is considerable variability in spinal cord levels for motor and reflex testing. Always test the level above and below the suspected injury

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ANXIETY DISORDERS: Associated with Panic

Excessive Anxiety, Fear, Avoidance,
and/or Increased Arousal

Rule out Anxiety Disorder due to General Medical Condition (e.g.
hyperthyroidism, anemia, CHF), Another Mental Disorder, or
Substance/Medication-Induced Anxiety Disorder

Associated with Panic and/or Physical
(Autonomic) Symptoms

Associated with Recurrent Anxious
Thoughts

Associated with Specific
Situation/Avoidance of the Specific
Situation

*NB: If the symptoms are clinically significant but
do not meet the criteria for a specific anxiety
disorder, consider **Other Specified Anxiety
Disorder** or **Unspecified Anxiety Disorder***

Recurrent, Unexpected Panic Attacks
Panic Disorder

Specific Trigger (e.g. water,
heights, animals, etc.)

Specific Phobia

Separation From
Attachment Figure

Separation Anxiety Disorder

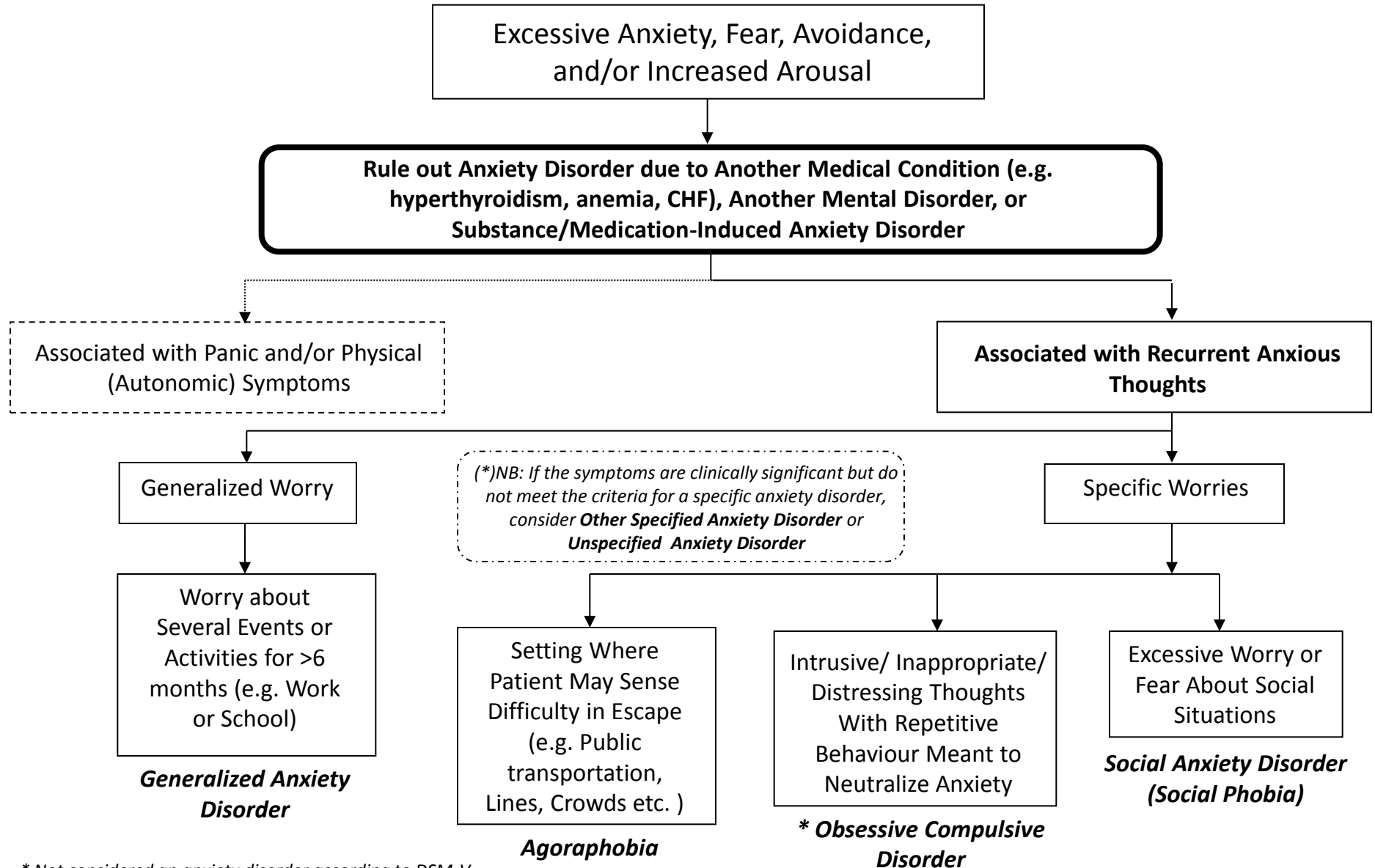
Using Public Transportation, Open
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Line, Crowd, or Outside the Home

Agoraphobia

Public Setting Where a
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May Occur

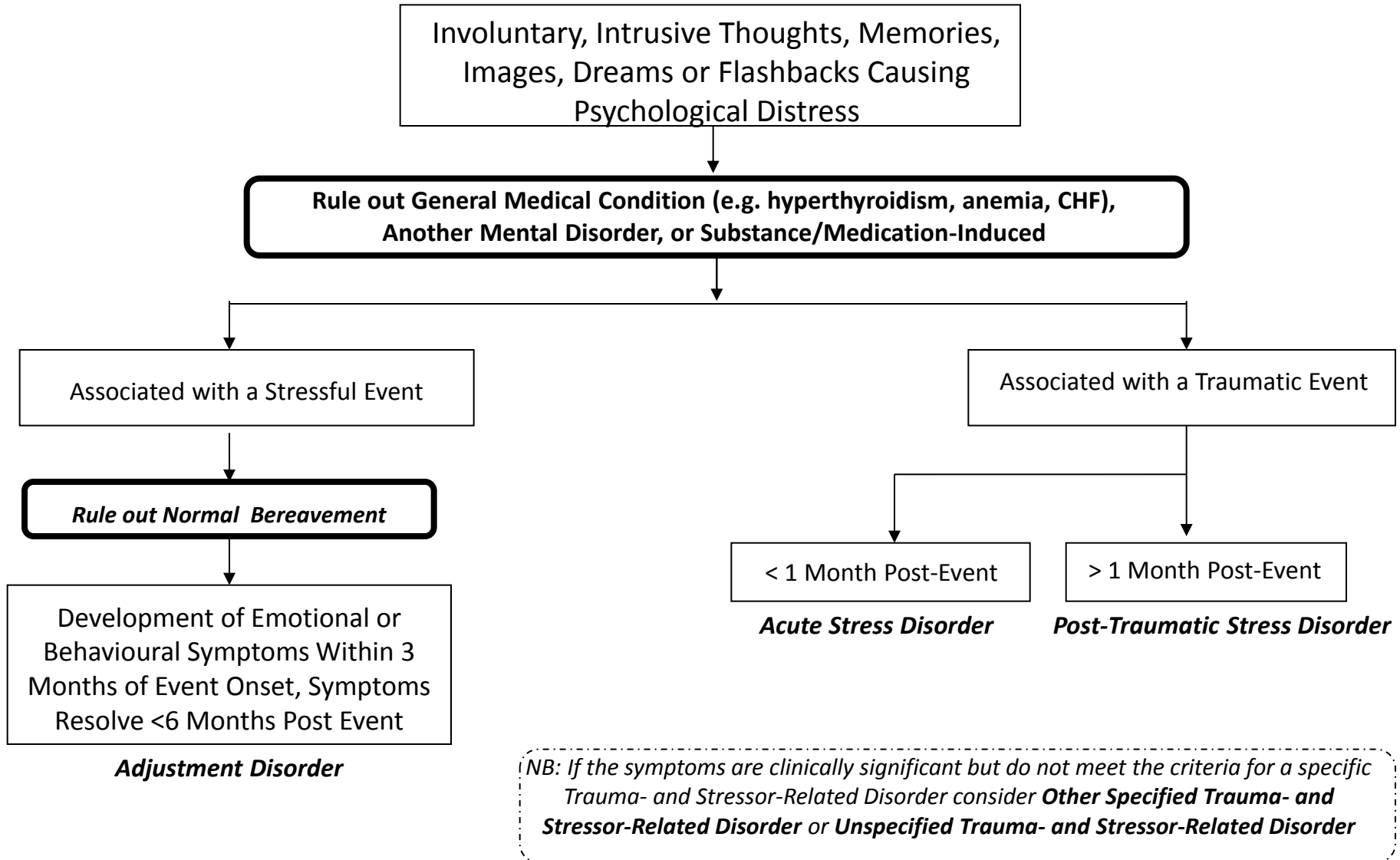
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ANXIETY DISORDERS: Recurrent Anxious Thoughts

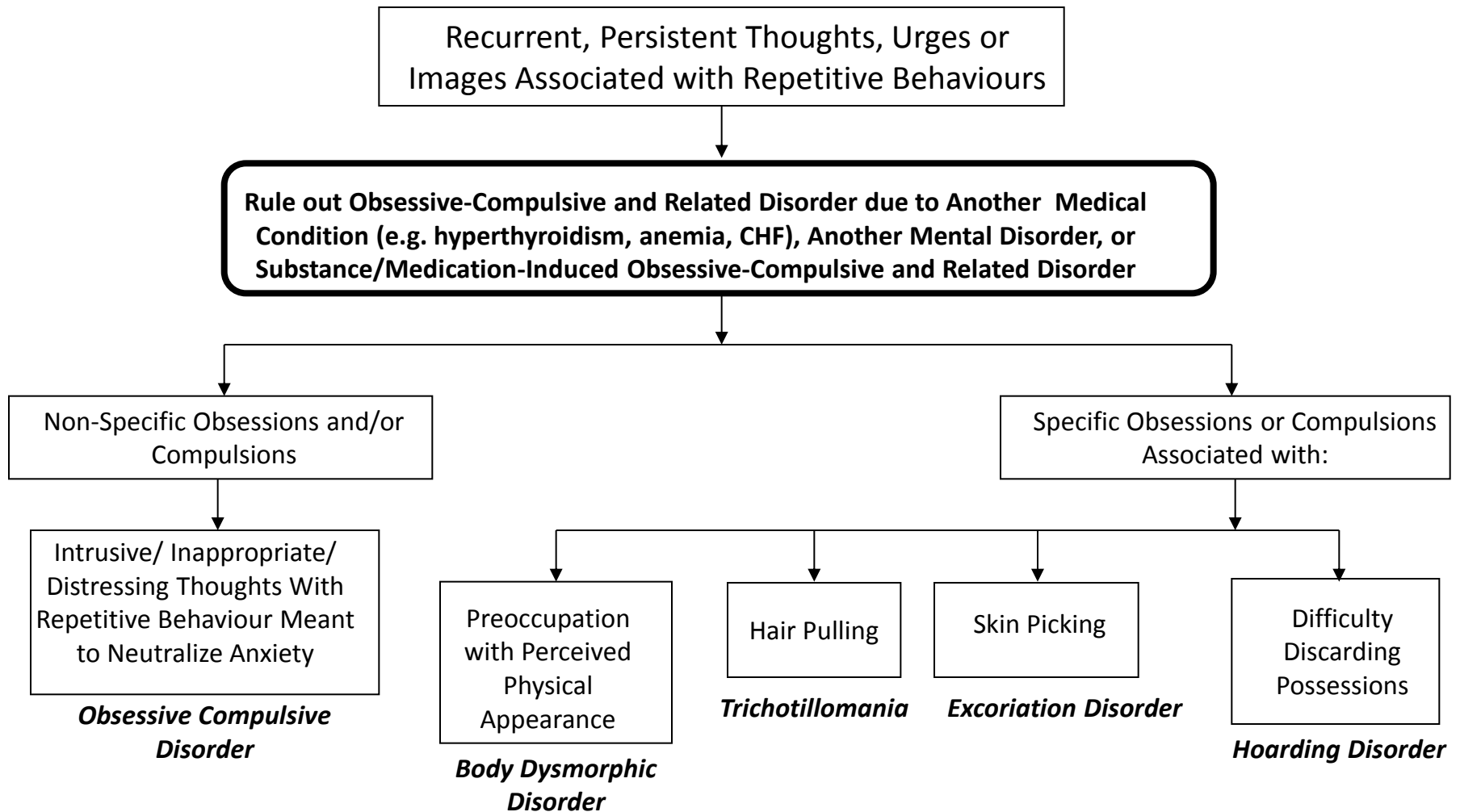


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Trauma- and Stressor- Related Disorders

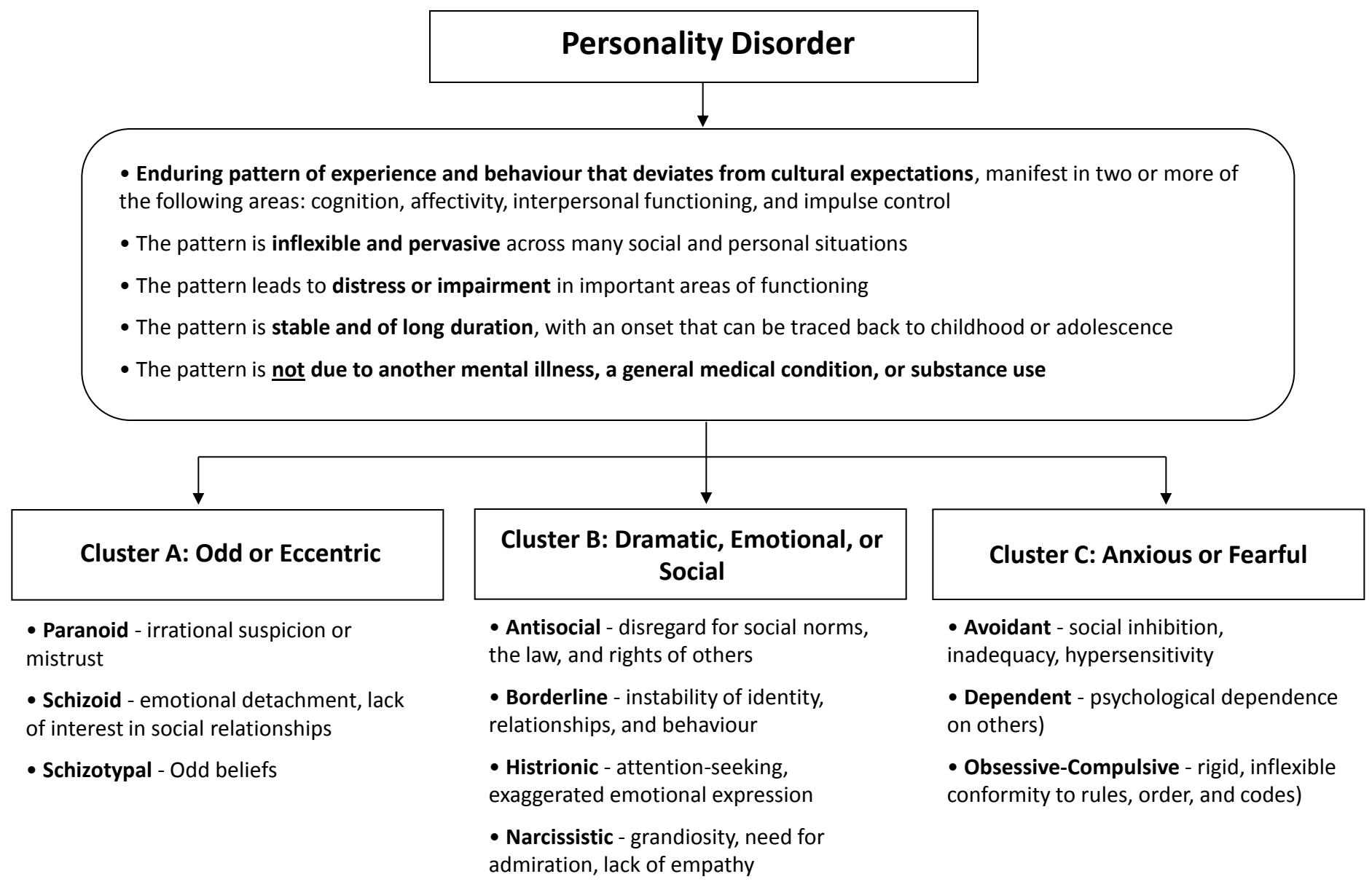


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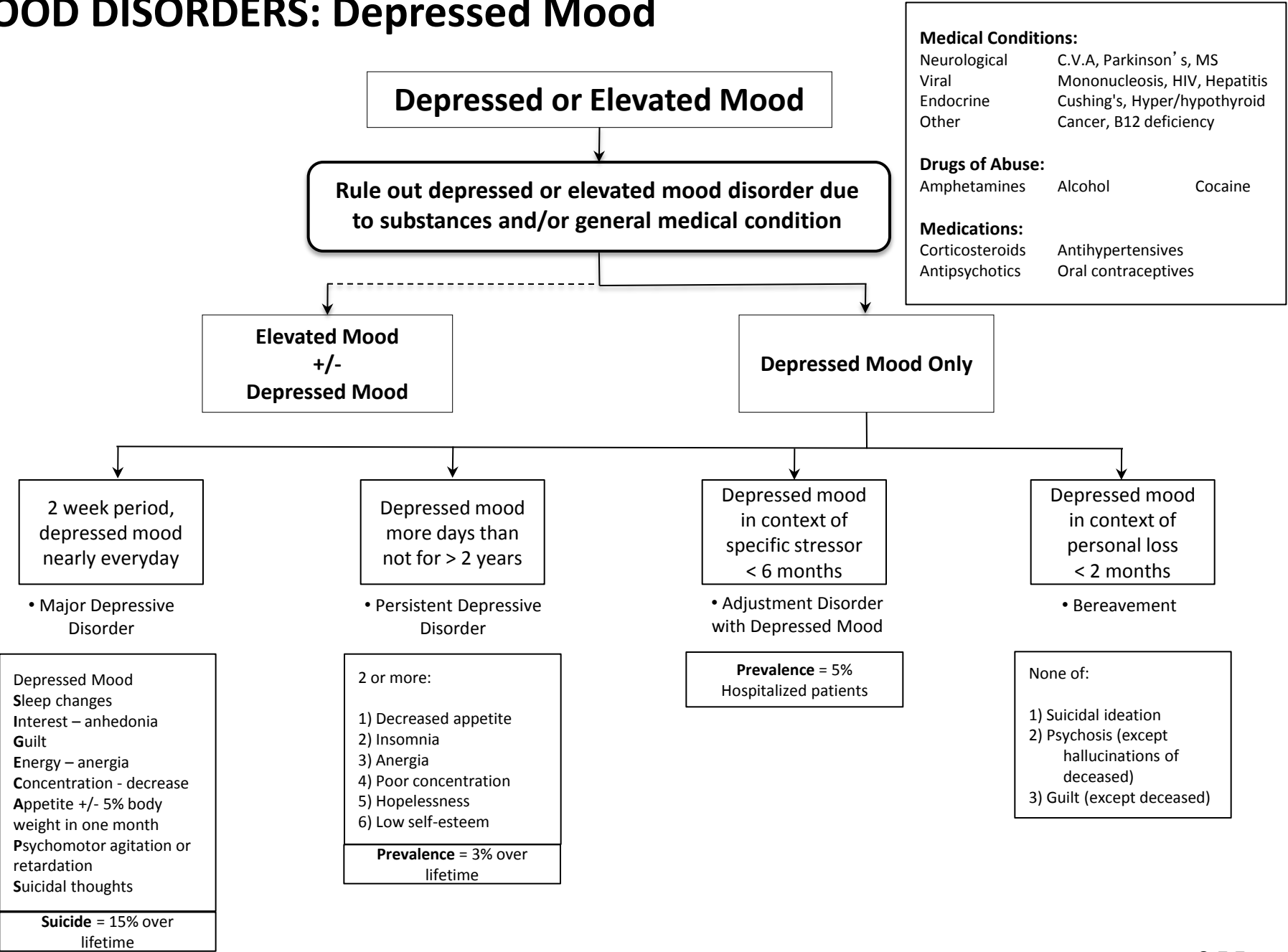


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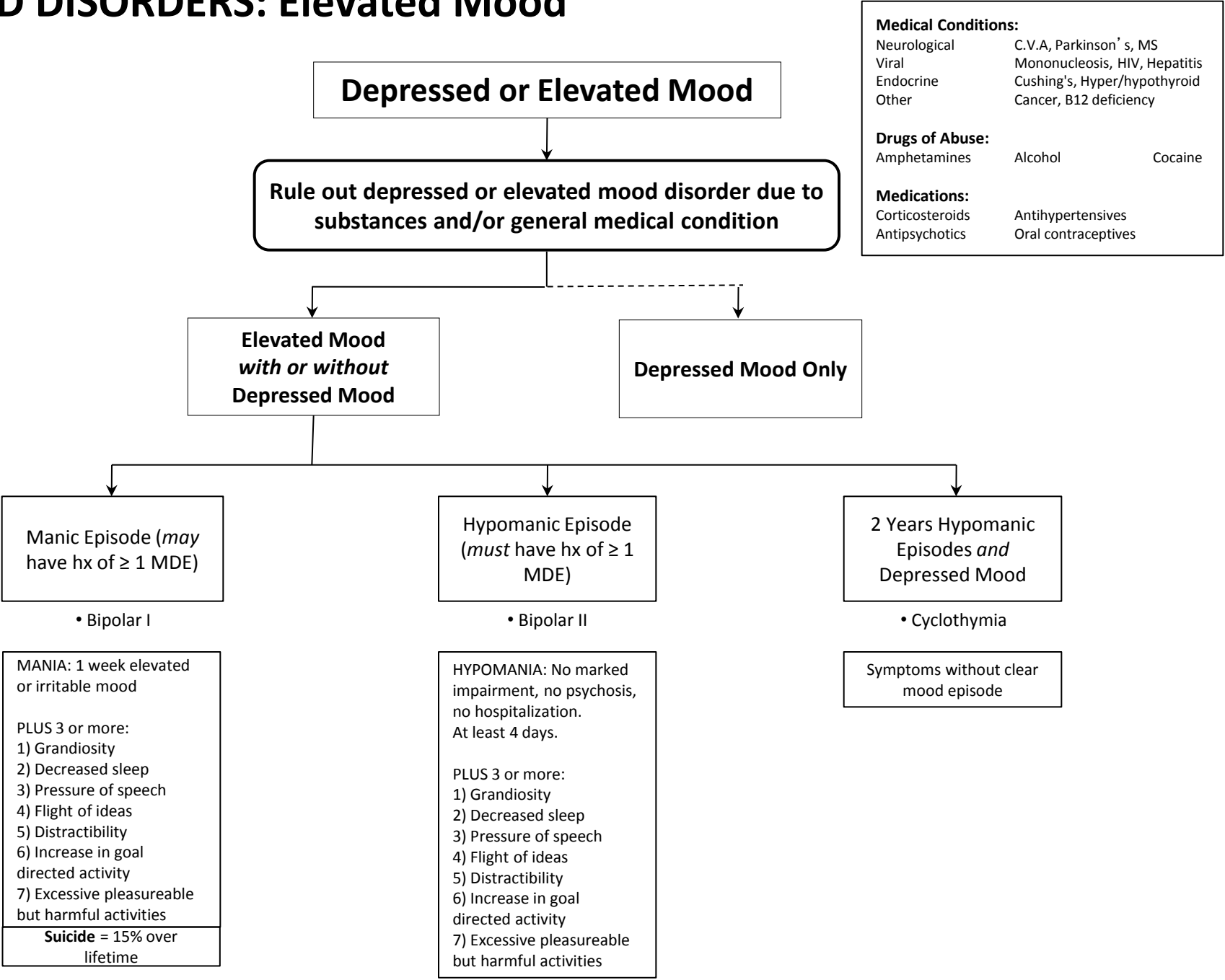
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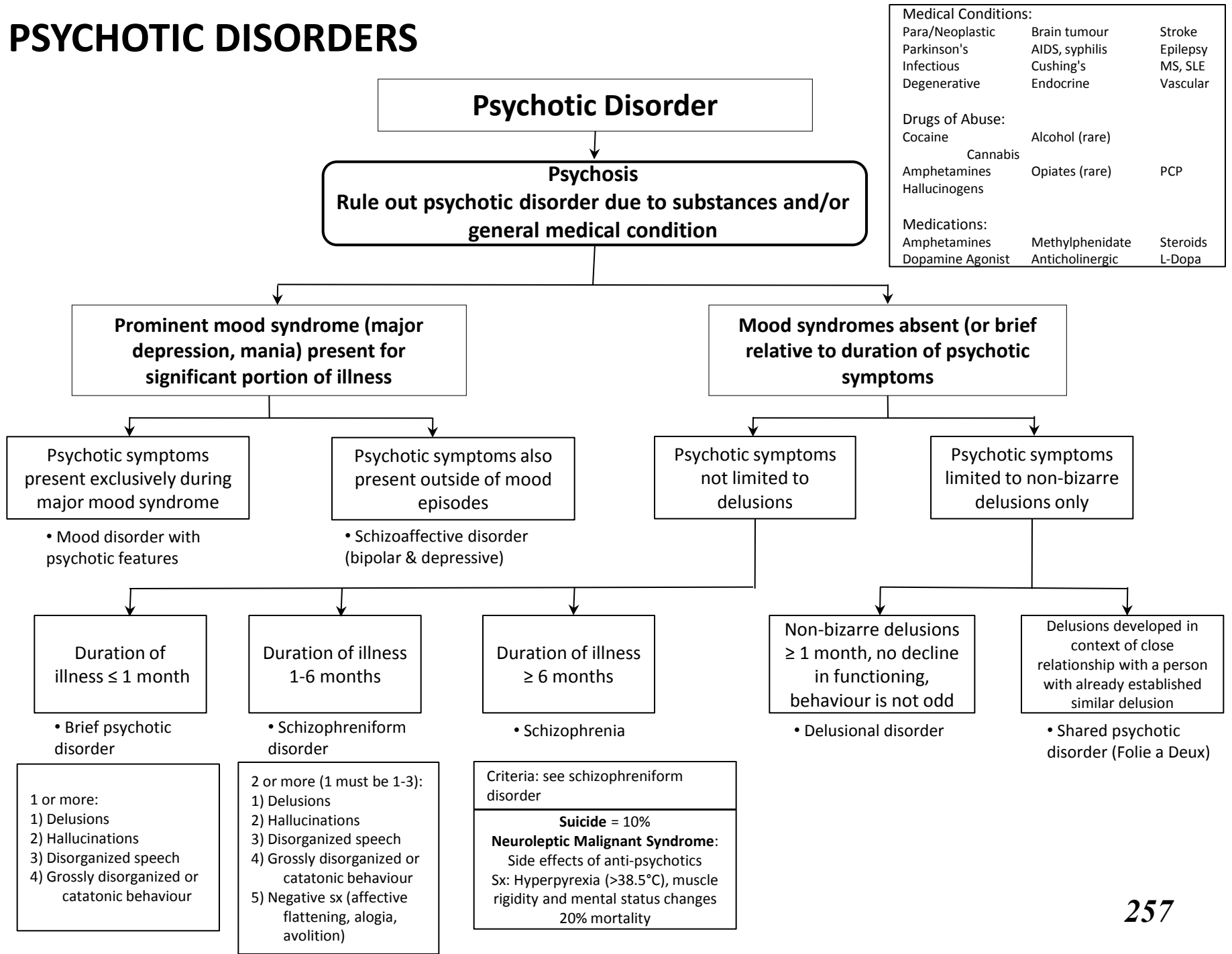
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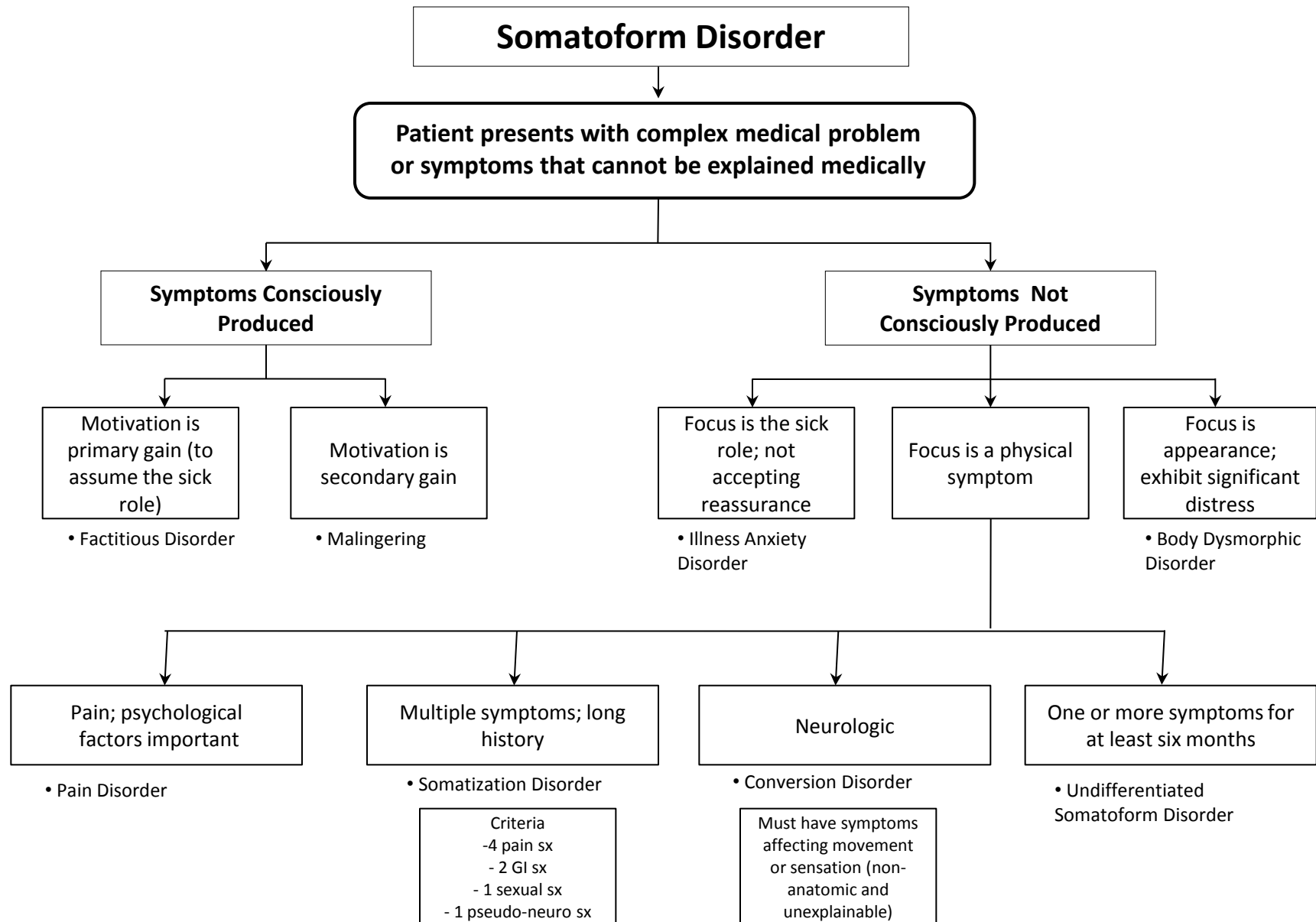
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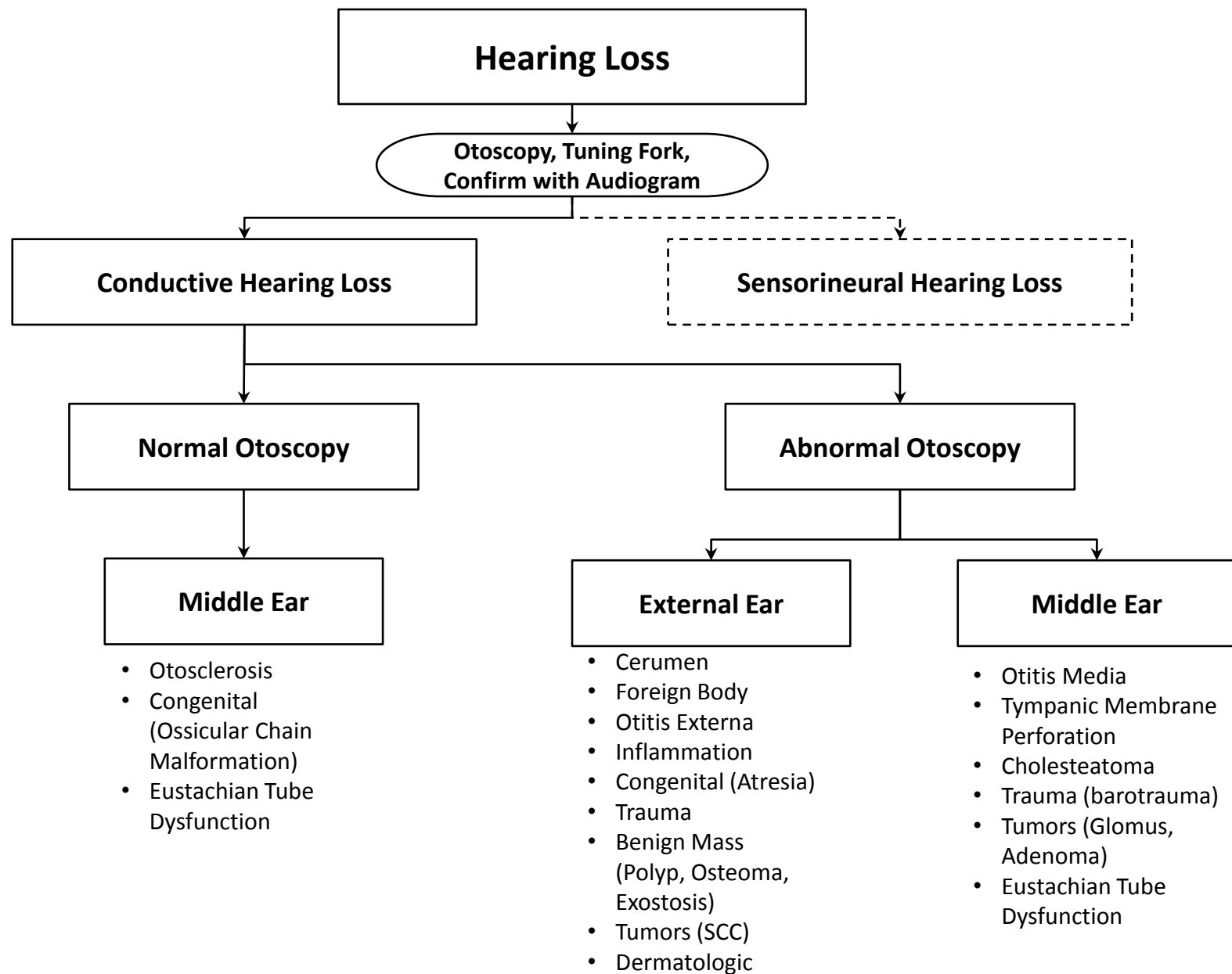
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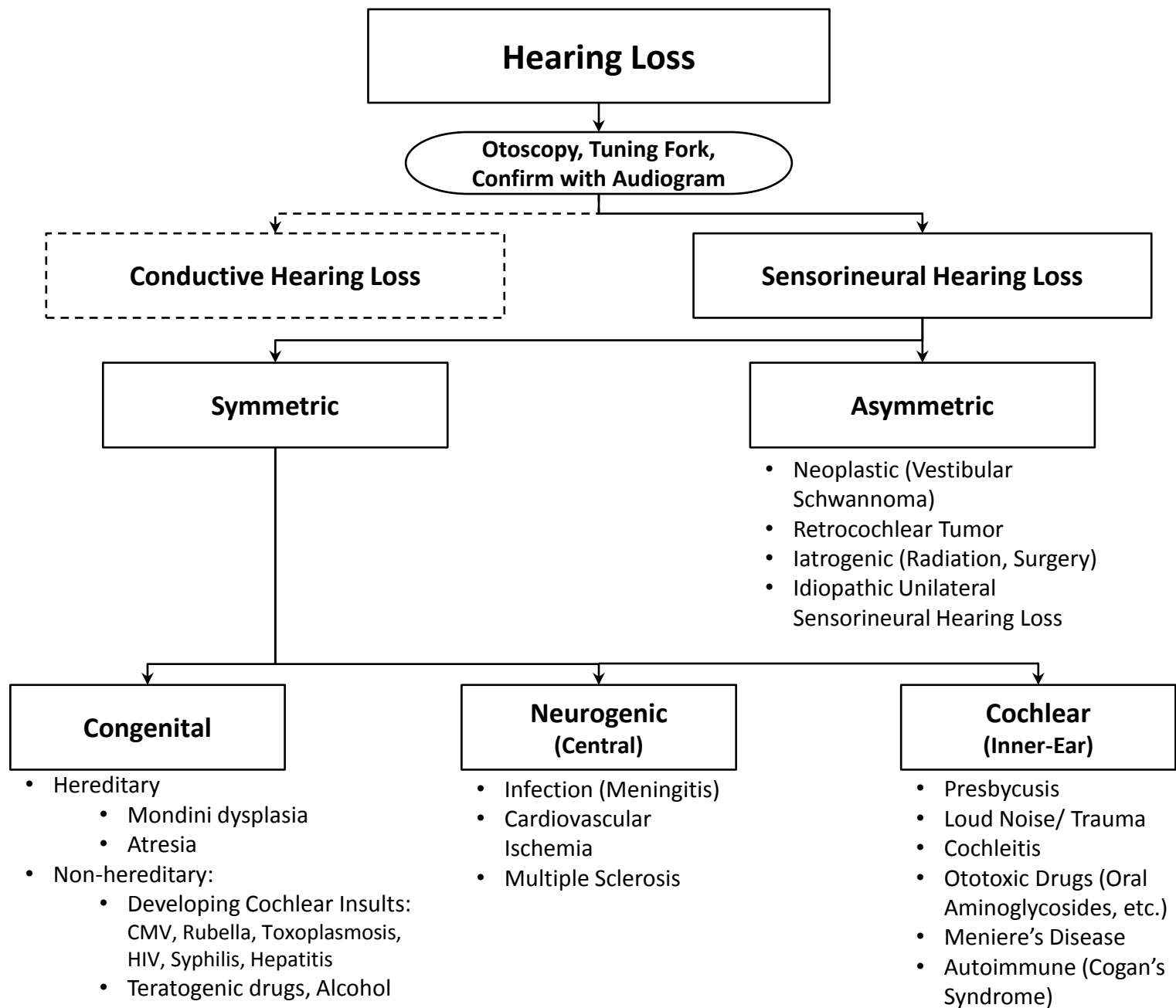
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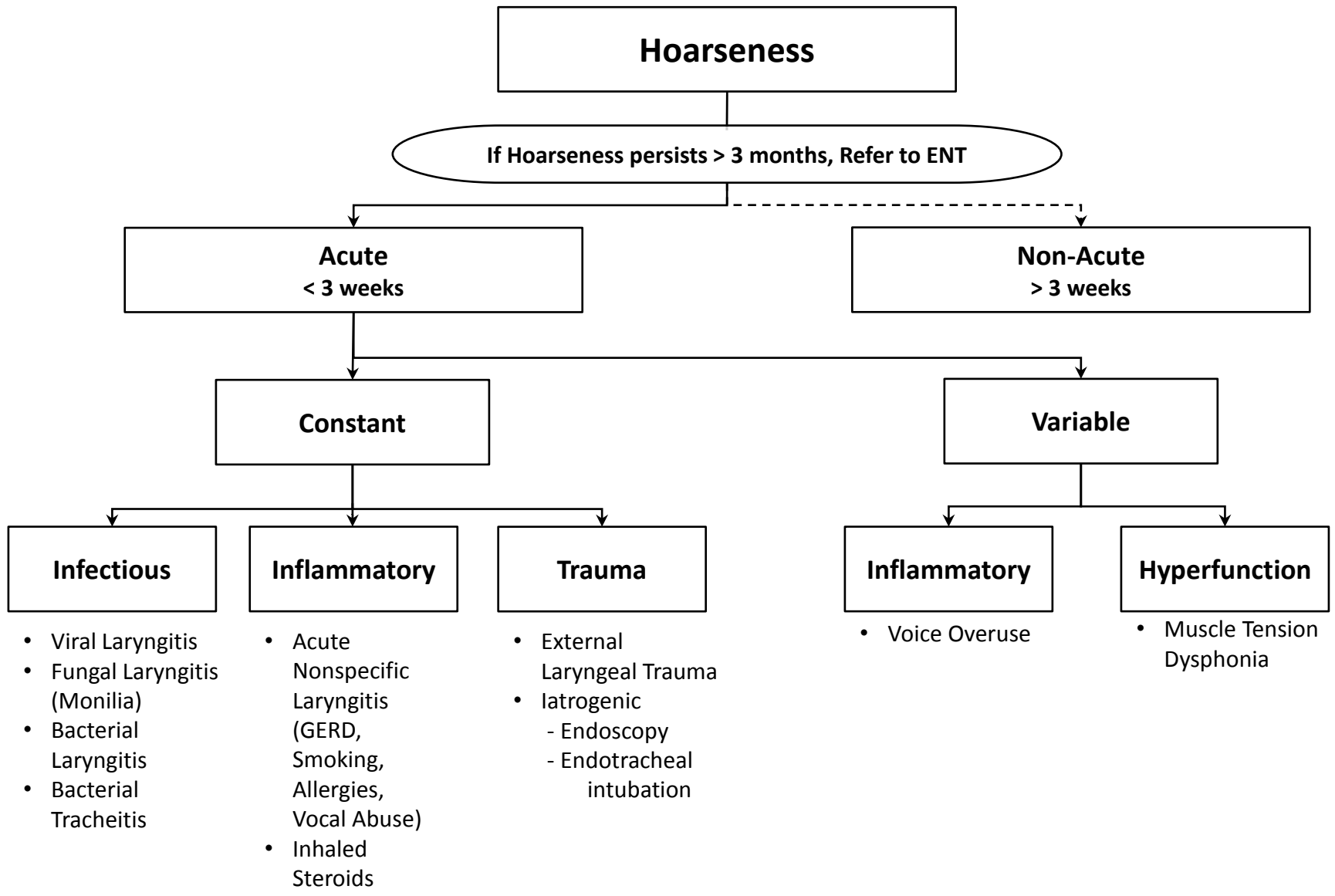
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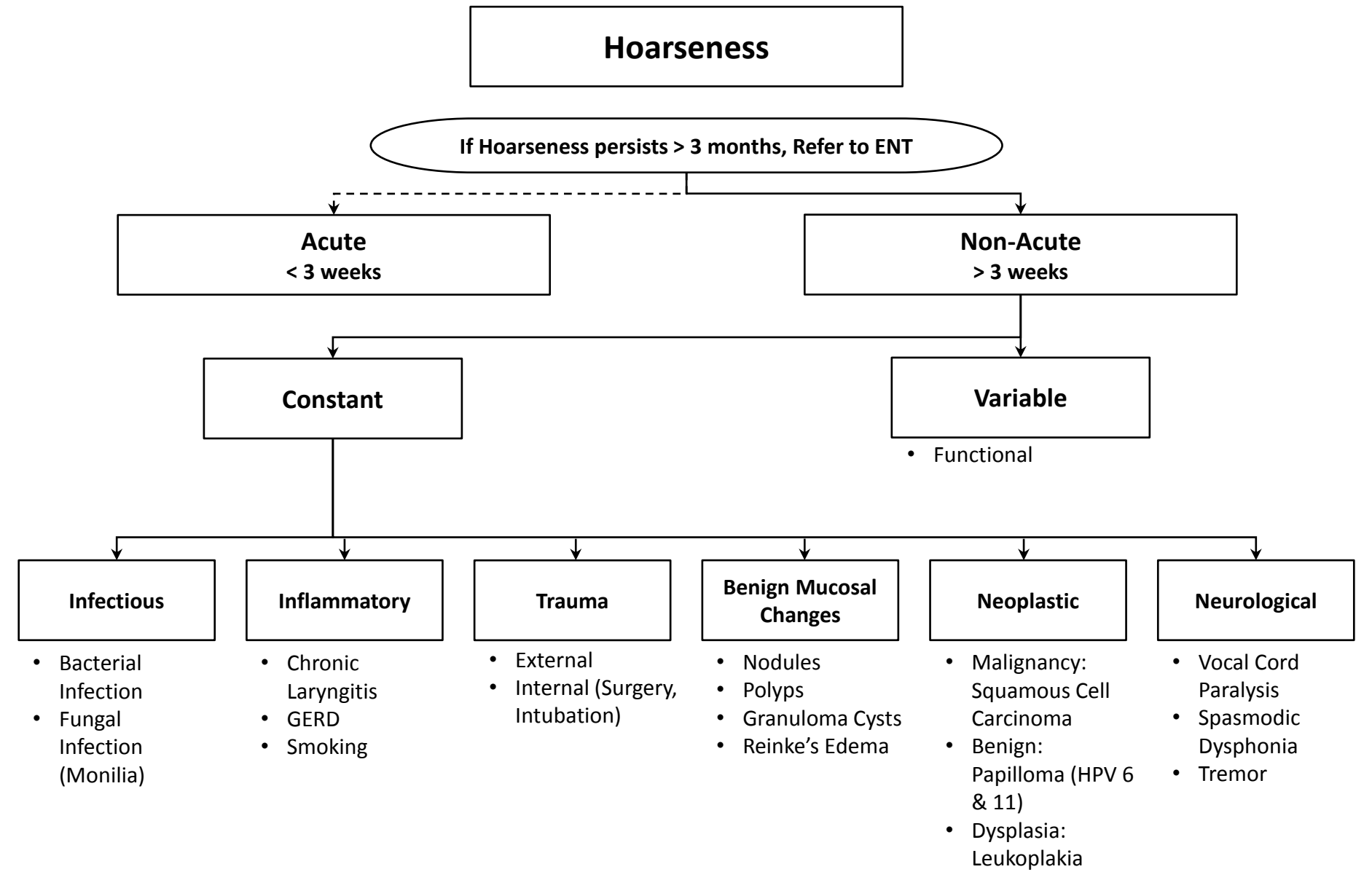
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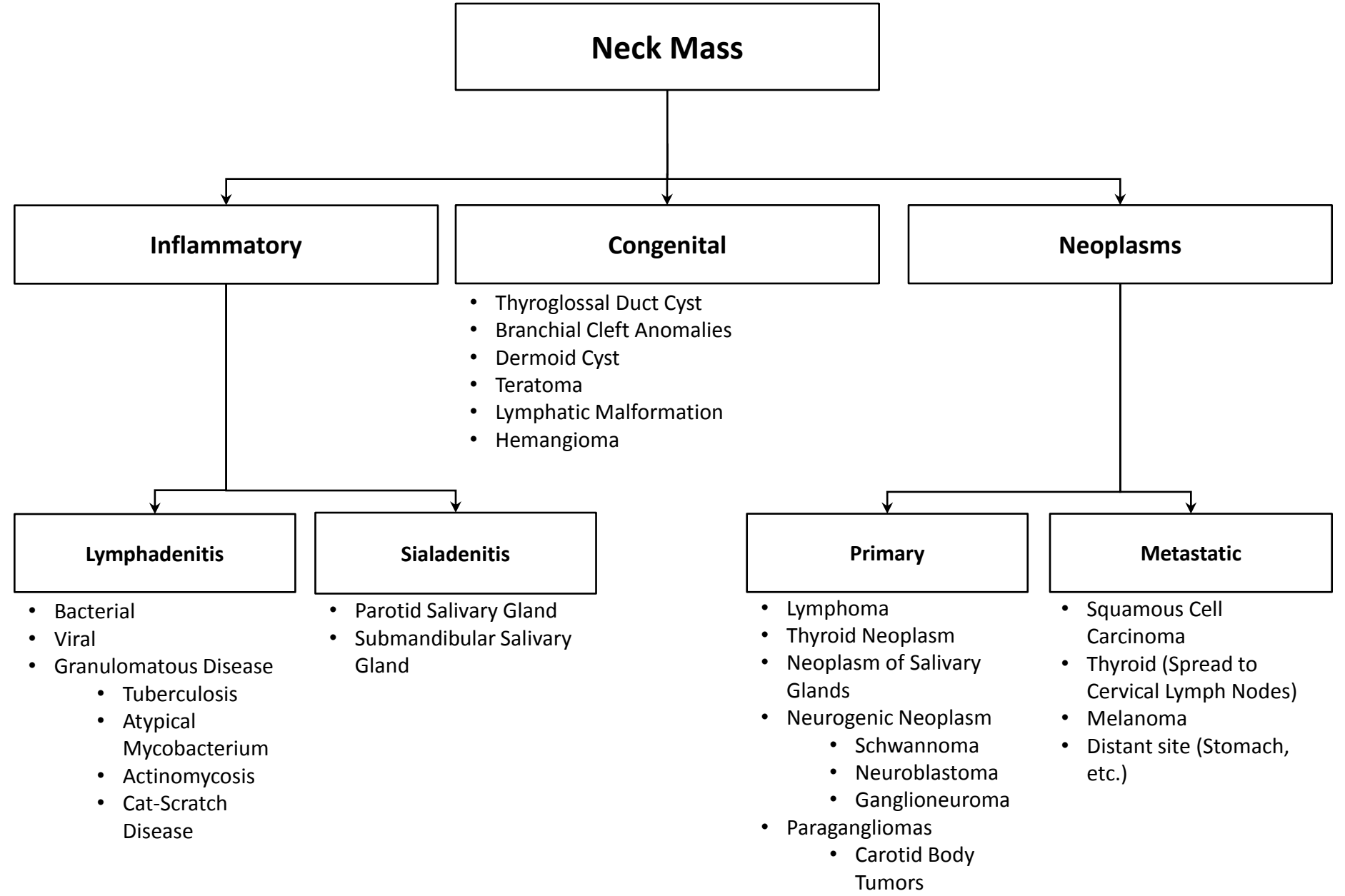
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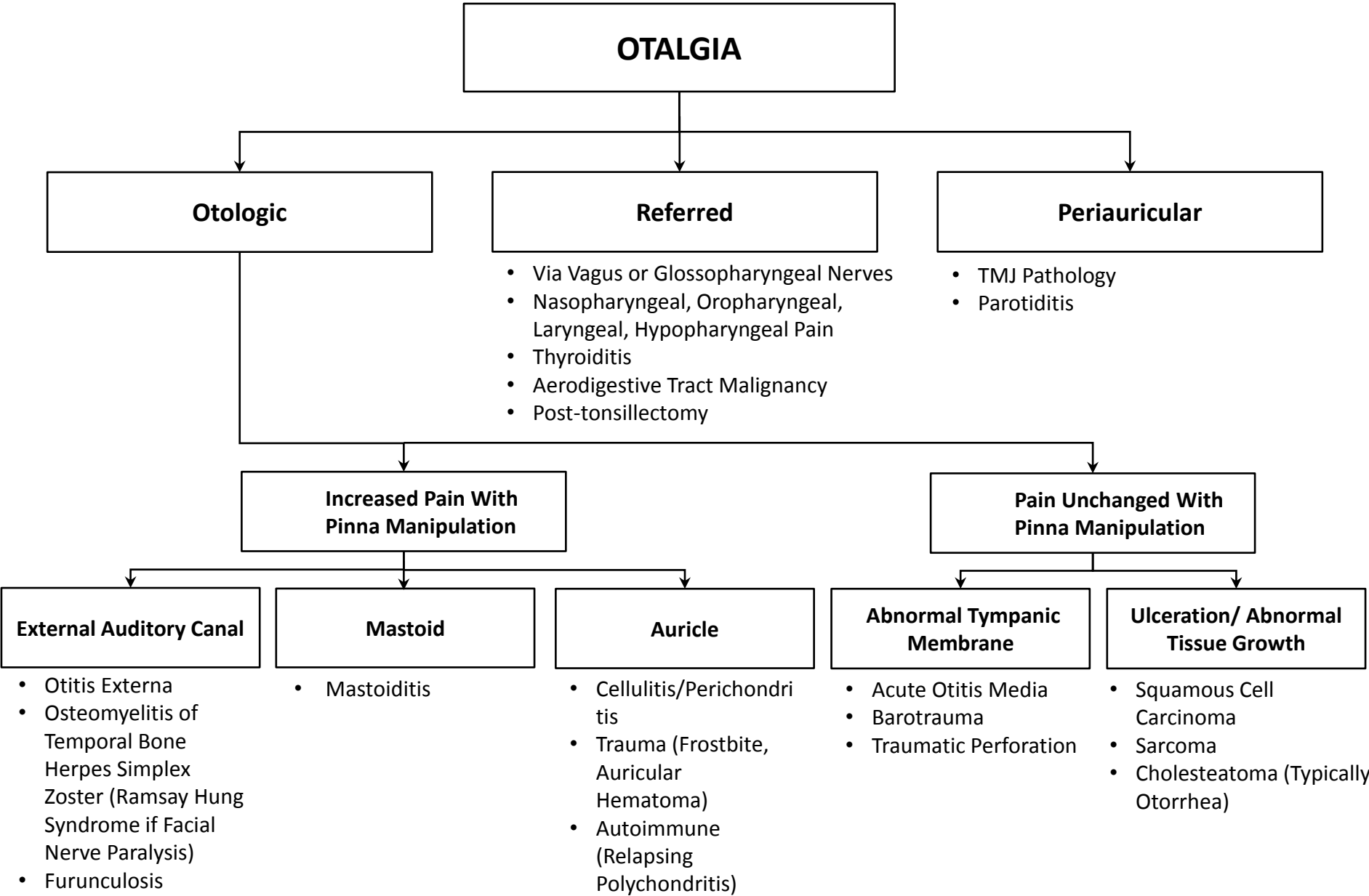
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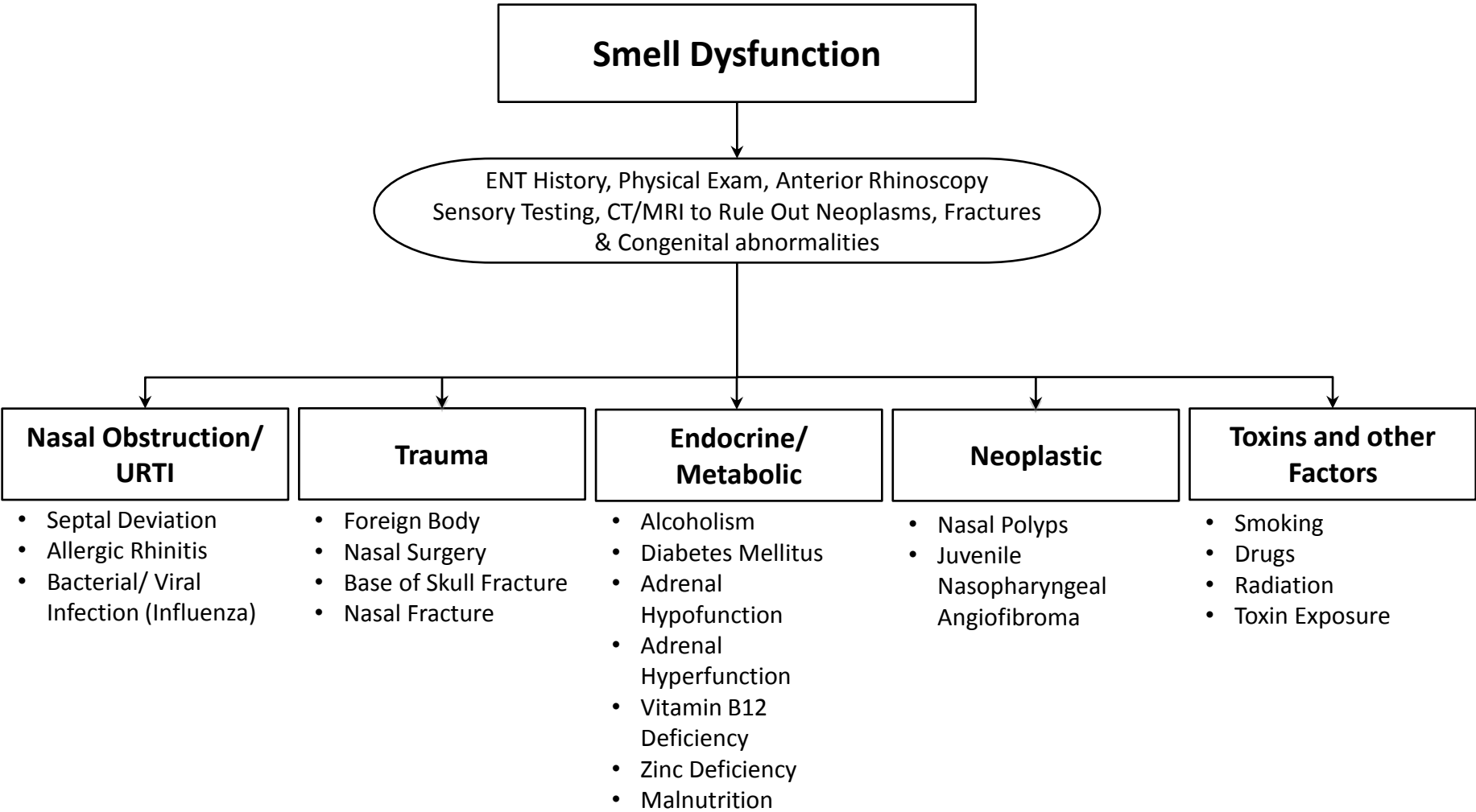
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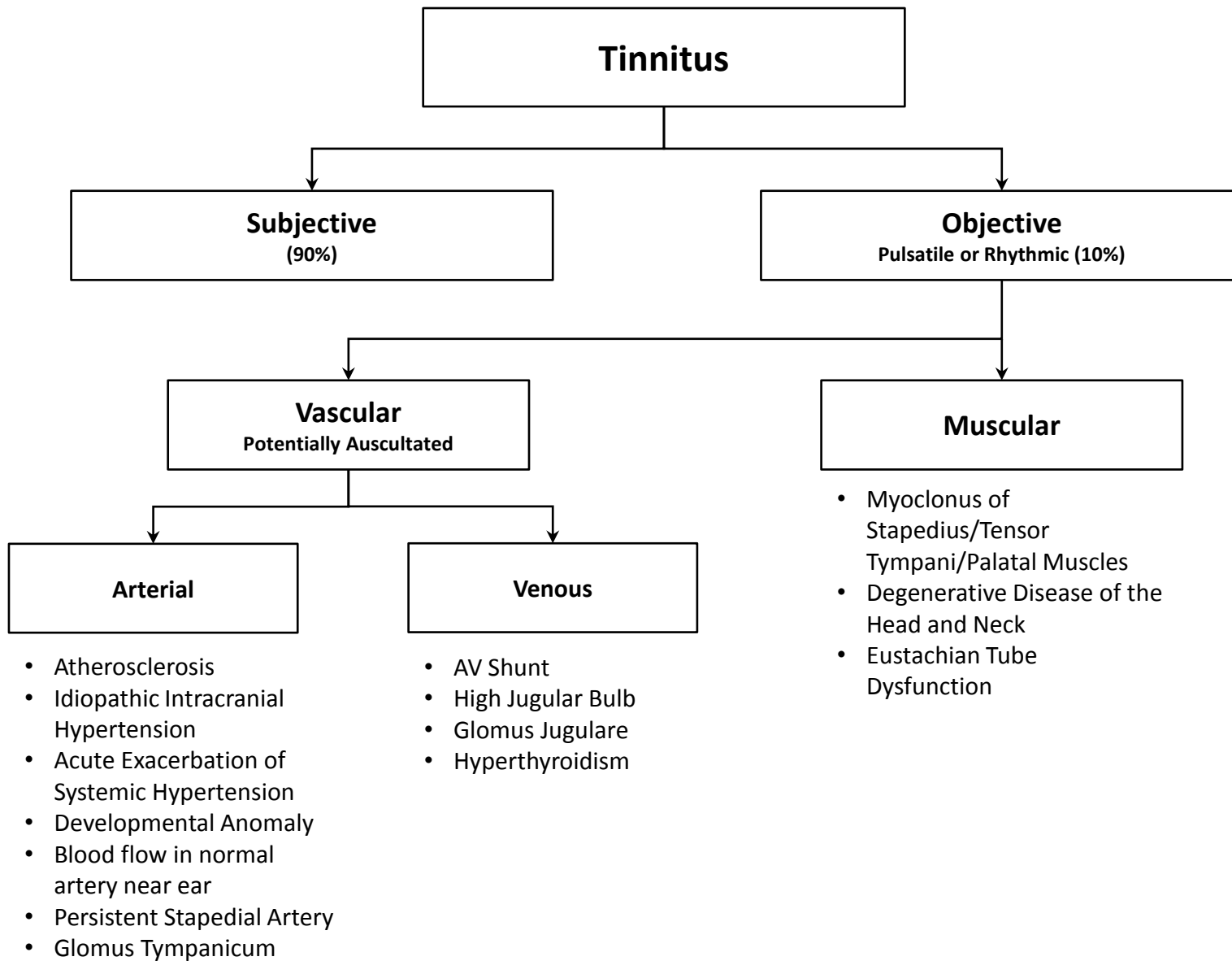
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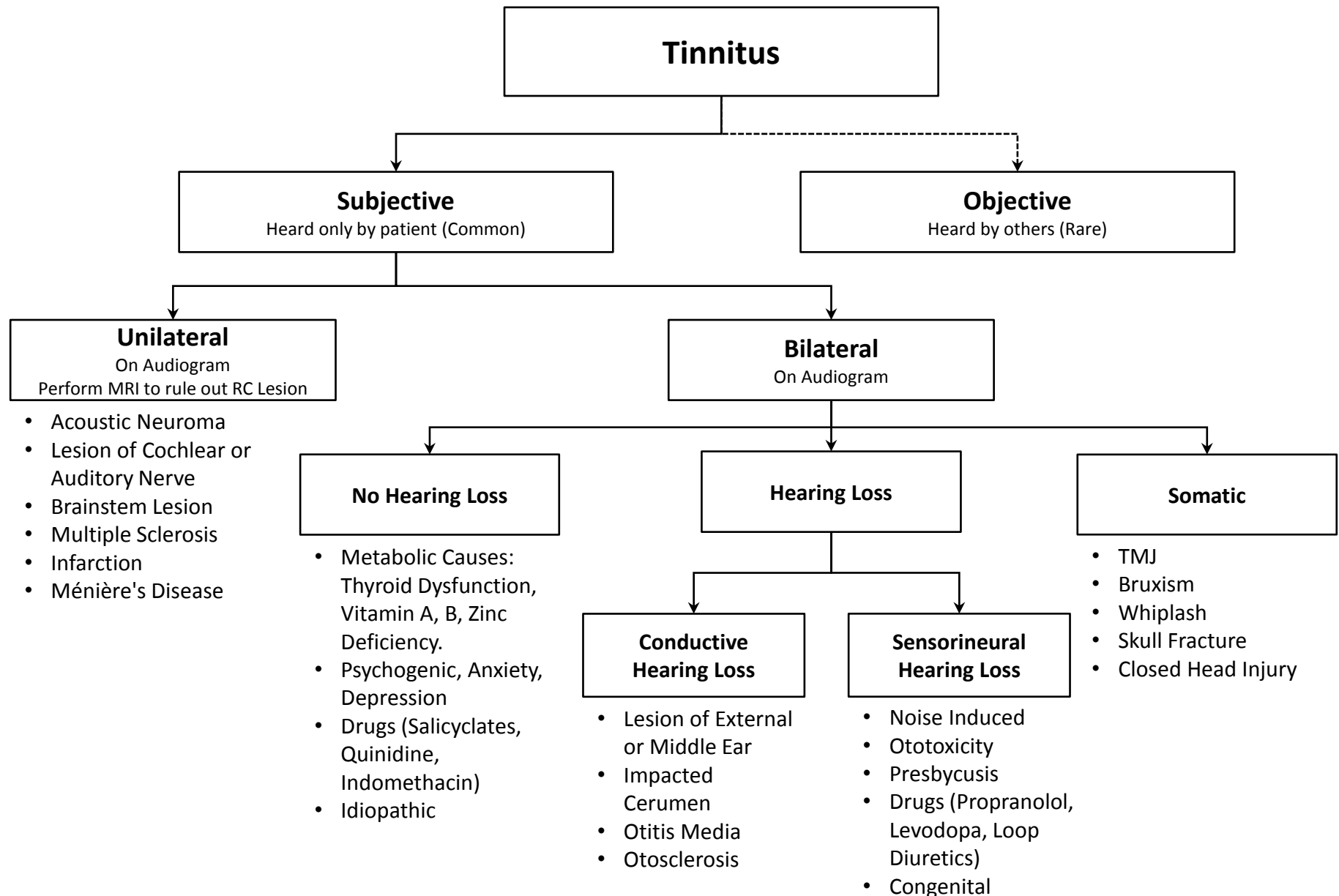
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TINNITUS: Subjective



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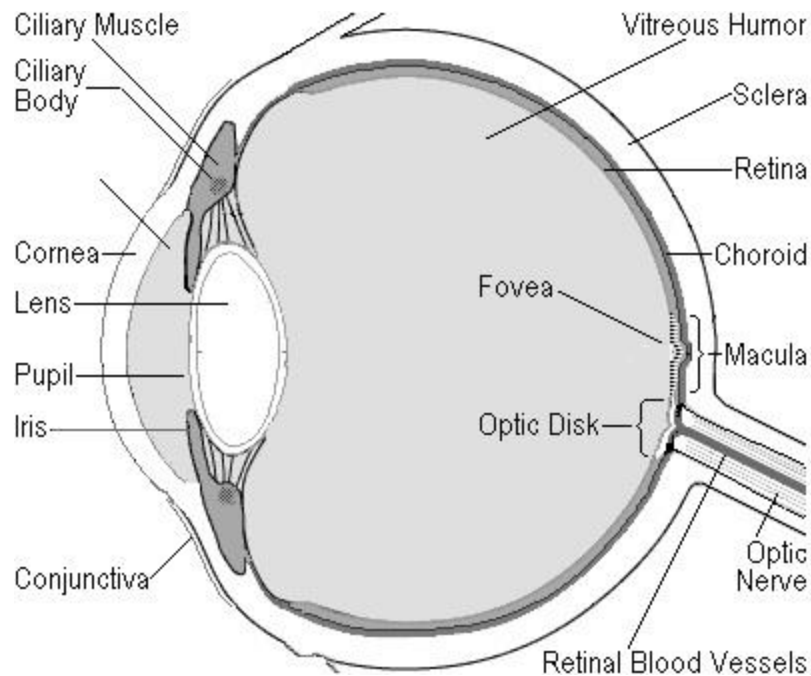
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CROSS SECTION OF THE EYE and ABBREVIATIONS



Ophthalmology Acronyms

EOM - Extra ocular movements

IOL - Intraocular Lens

IOP - Intraocular Pressure

OD - Oculus Dexter (right eye)

OS - Oculus Sinister (left eye)

OU - Oculus Uterque (both eyes)

PERRLA - Pupils Equal, Round, Reactive to Light and Accommodation

RAPD - Relative Afferent pupillary defect

SLE - Slit Lamp Exam

VA - Visual Acuity

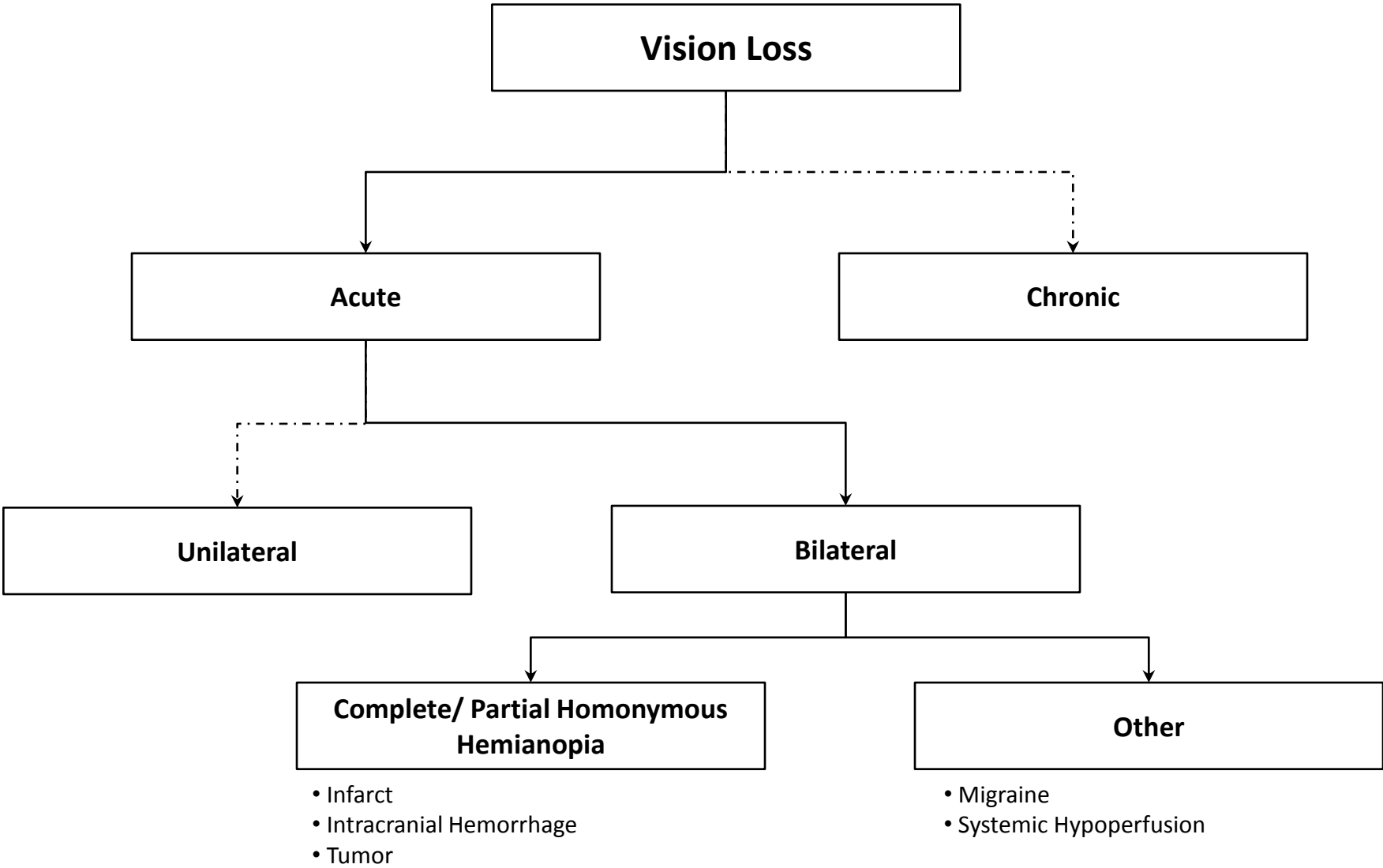
APPROACH TO AN EYE EXAM

1. History
2. Obvious Physical Trauma
3. Initial Assessment
 - A. Visual Acuity
 - B. Pupils
 - a. Light Reflex, Accommodation, RAPD
 - C. Ocular Movements (CN 3, 4, 6)
 - D. Visual Fields by Confrontation
4. Slit Lamp Exam
 - A. Lids / Lashes/ Lacrimal
 - B. Sclera/ Conjunctiva
 - C. Cornea
 - D. Anterior Chamber
 - E. Iris
 - F. Lens
 - G. Vitreous Humor
5. Fundoscopy
 - A. Retina
 - B. Optic Nerve/ Disc/ Cup: Disc Ratio
 - C. Macula
 - D. Fovea
 - E. Blood Vessels

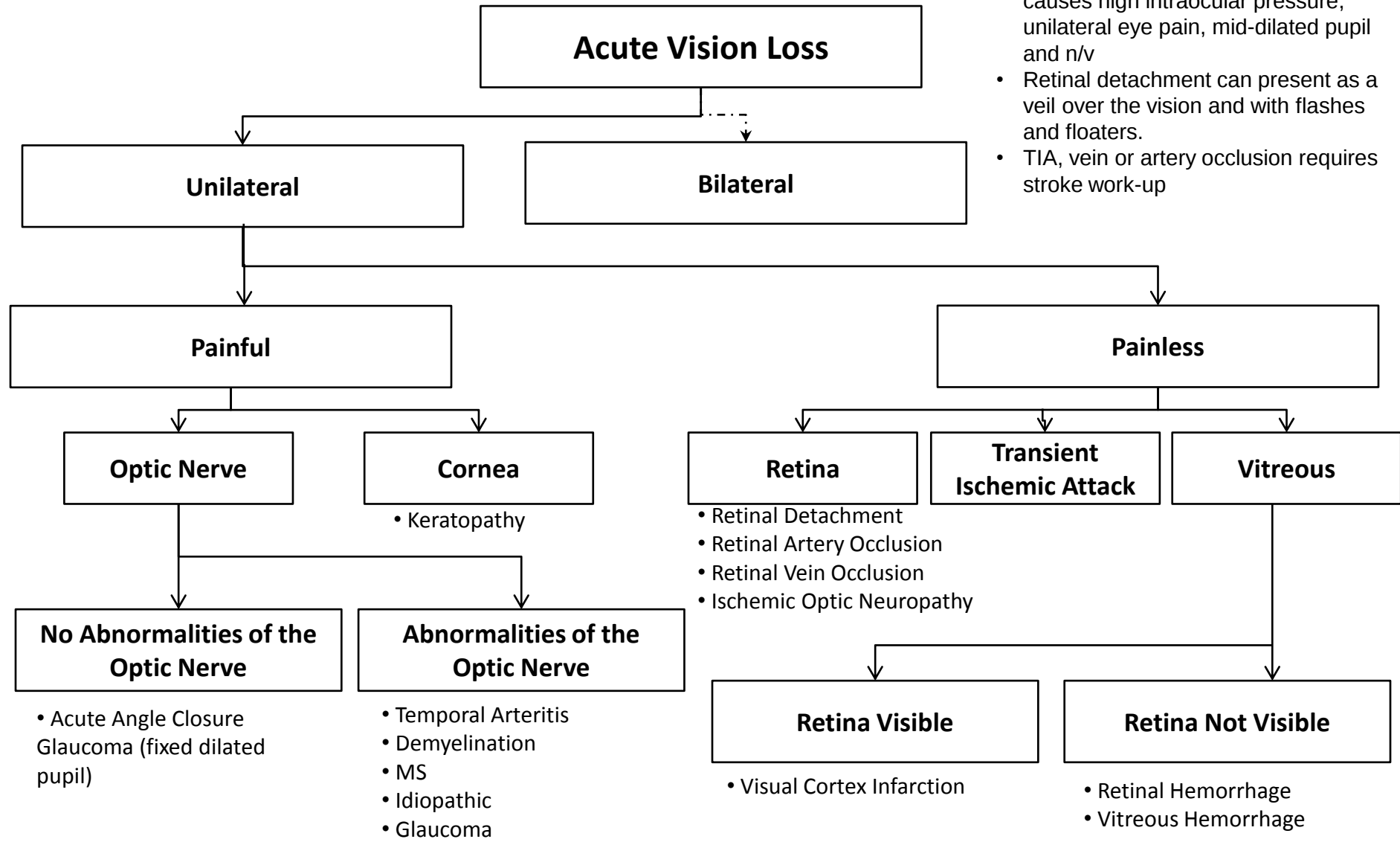
ACUTE VISION LOSS: Bilateral

Clinical Pearl:

- Patients with bilateral acute vision loss should have a CT.



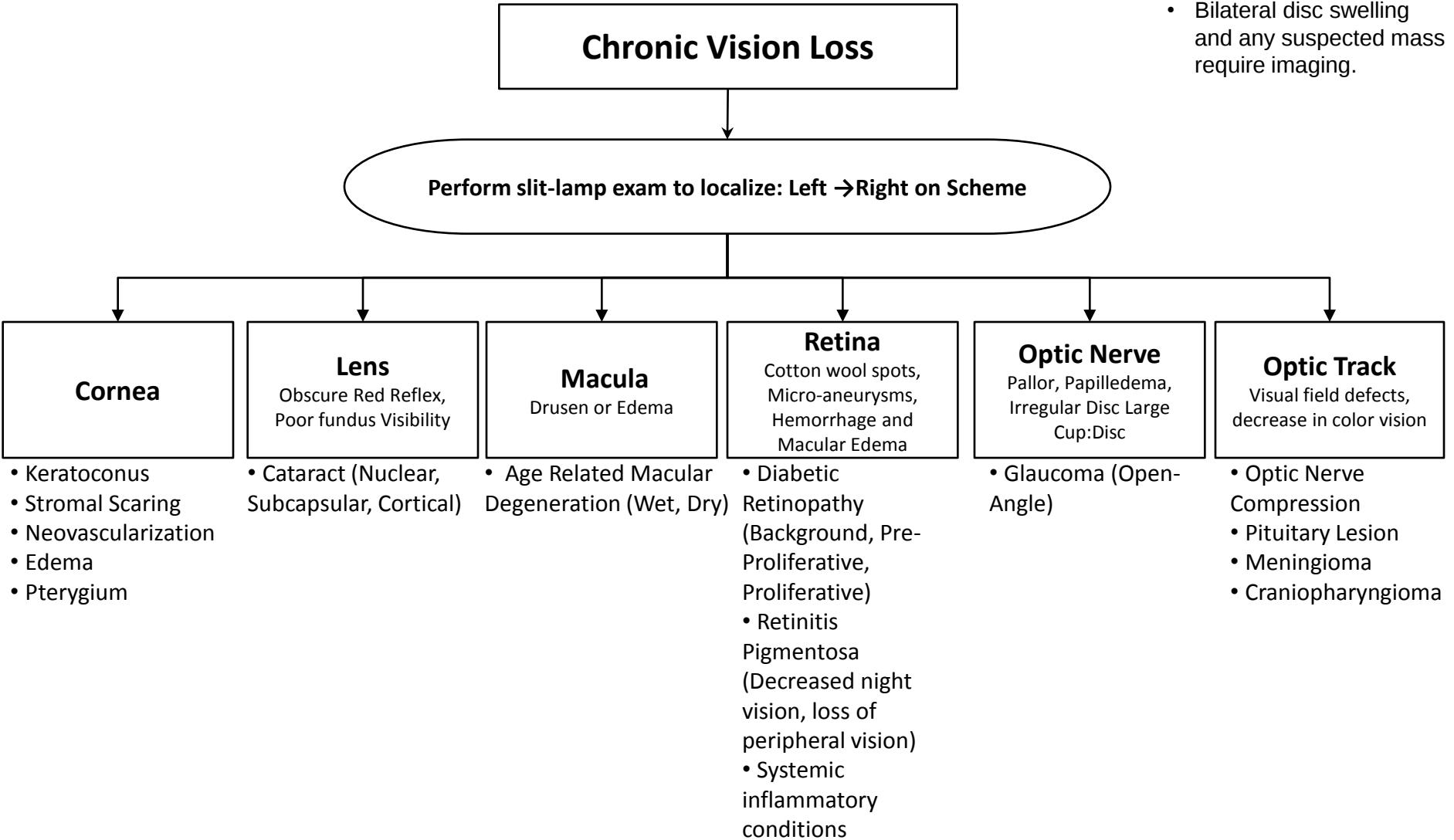
ACUTE VISION LOSS: Unilateral



- Clinical Pearls:**
- Optic neuritis causes pain with EOM
 - Temporal arteritis causes temporalis pain and pain with mastication
 - Acute angle closure glaucoma causes high intraocular pressure, unilateral eye pain, mid-dilated pupil and n/v
 - Retinal detachment can present as a veil over the vision and with flashes and floaters.
 - TIA, vein or artery occlusion requires stroke work-up

CHRONIC VISION LOSS: Anatomic

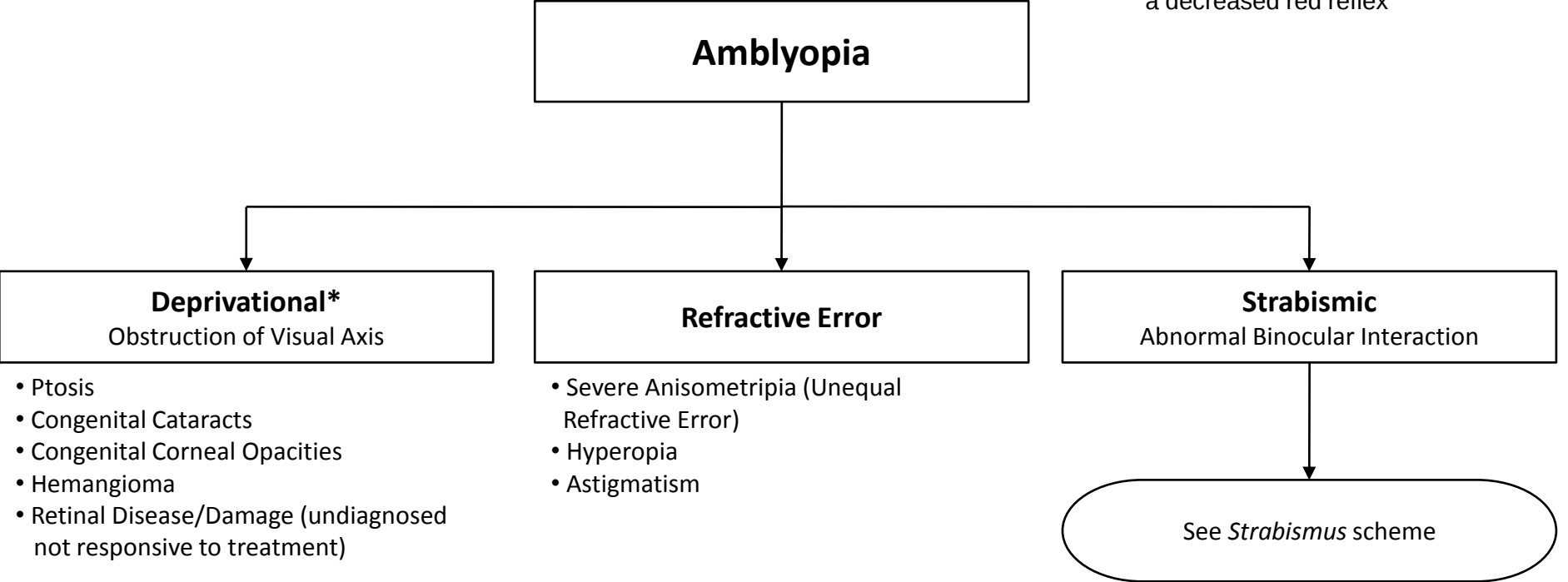
- Clinical Pearls:**
- Edema can cause halos in the vision.
 - Bilateral disc swelling and any suspected mass require imaging.



AMBLYOPIA

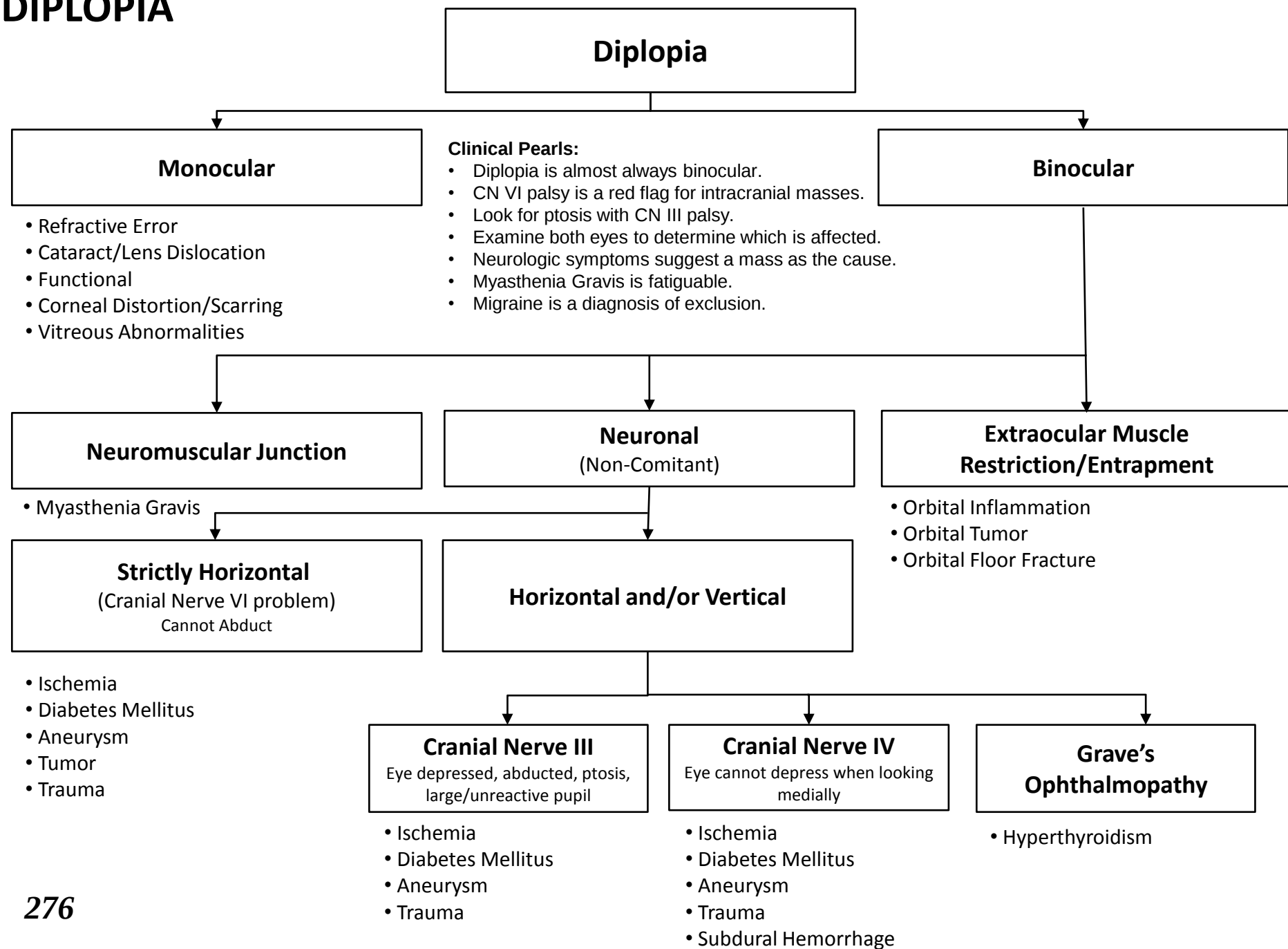
Clinical Pearl:

- Congenital cataracts and retinoblastoma's cause leukocoria and a decreased red reflex

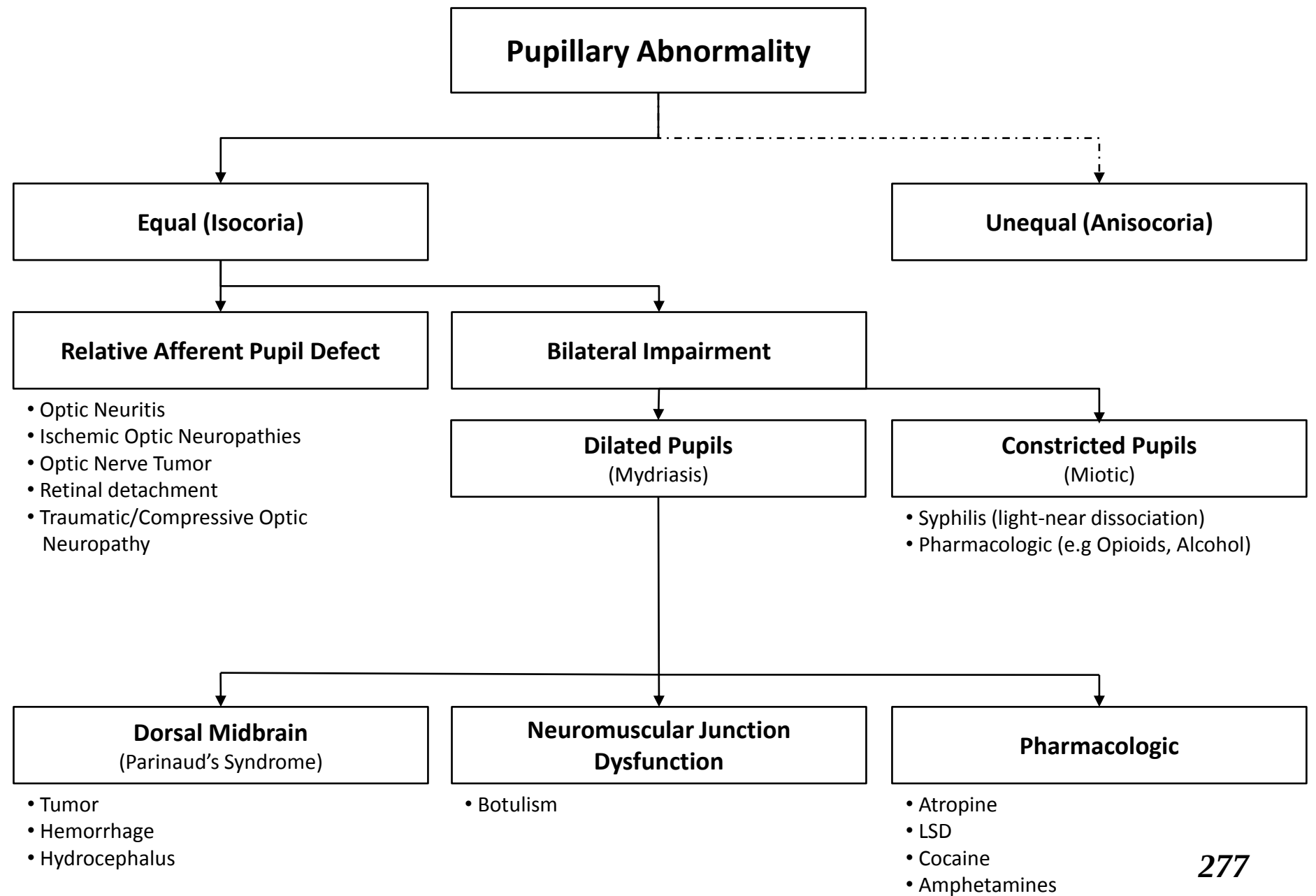


* Can cause permanent visual impairment if not treated urgently in infancy

DIPLOPIA



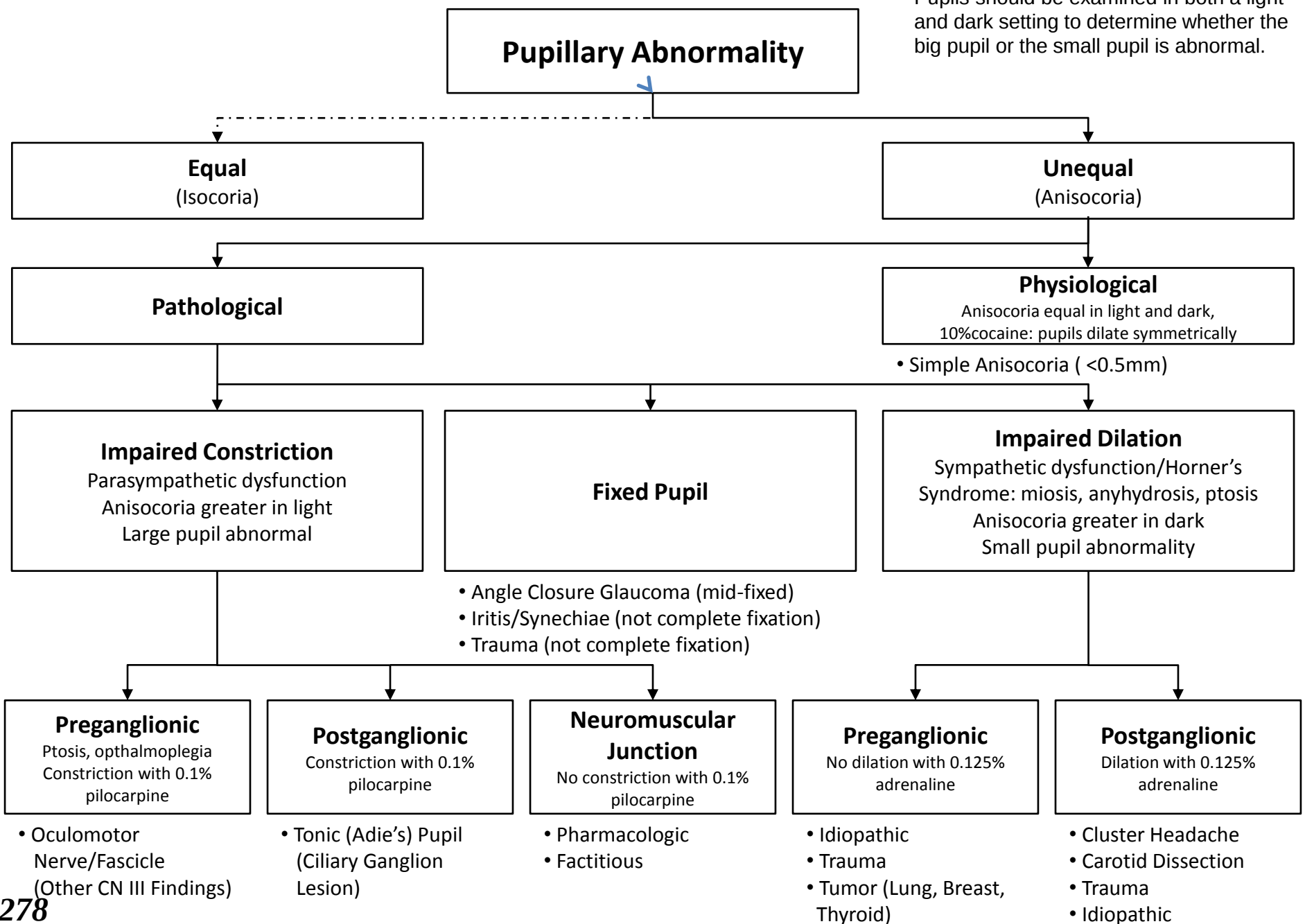
PUPILLARY ABNORMALITIES: Isocoria



PUPILLARY ABNORMALITIES: Anisocoria

Clinical Pearl:

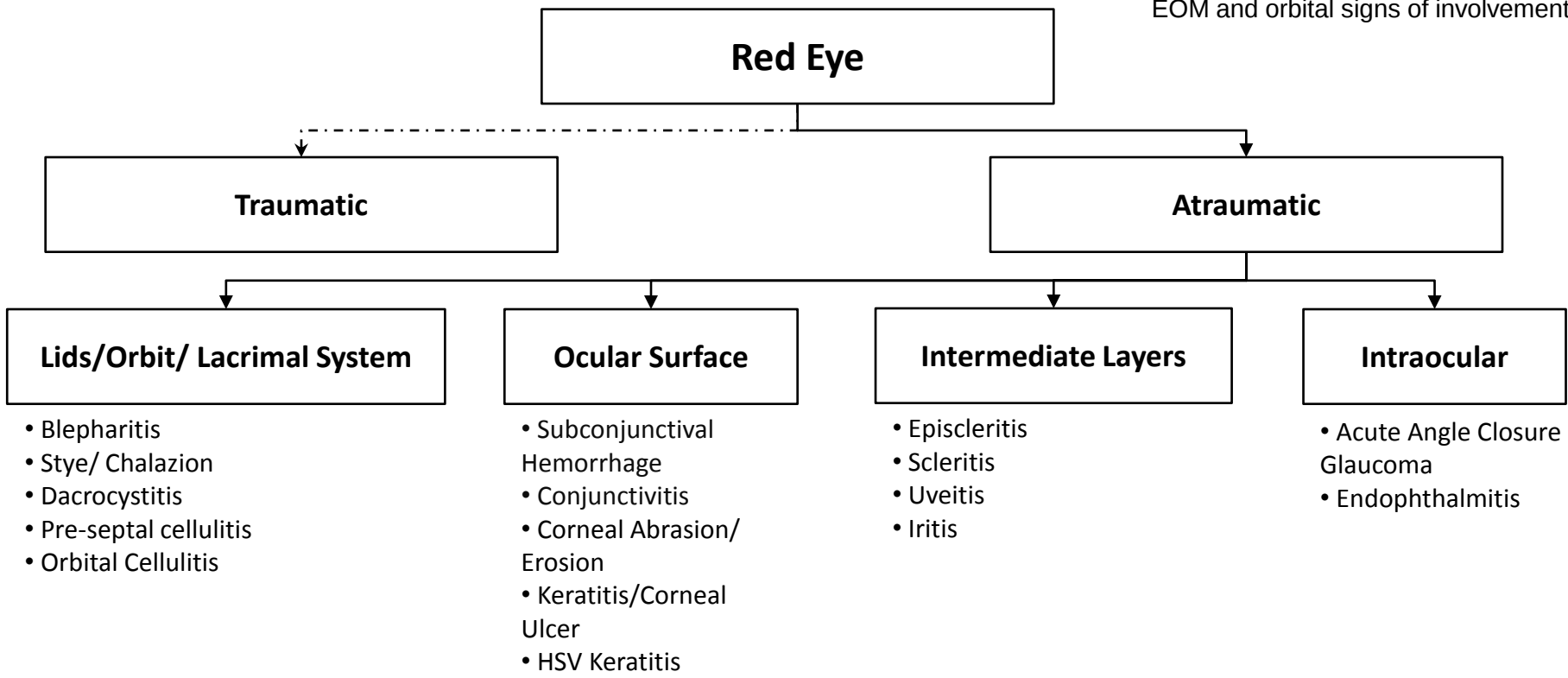
- Pupils should be examined in both a light and dark setting to determine whether the big pupil or the small pupil is abnormal.



RED EYE: Atraumatic

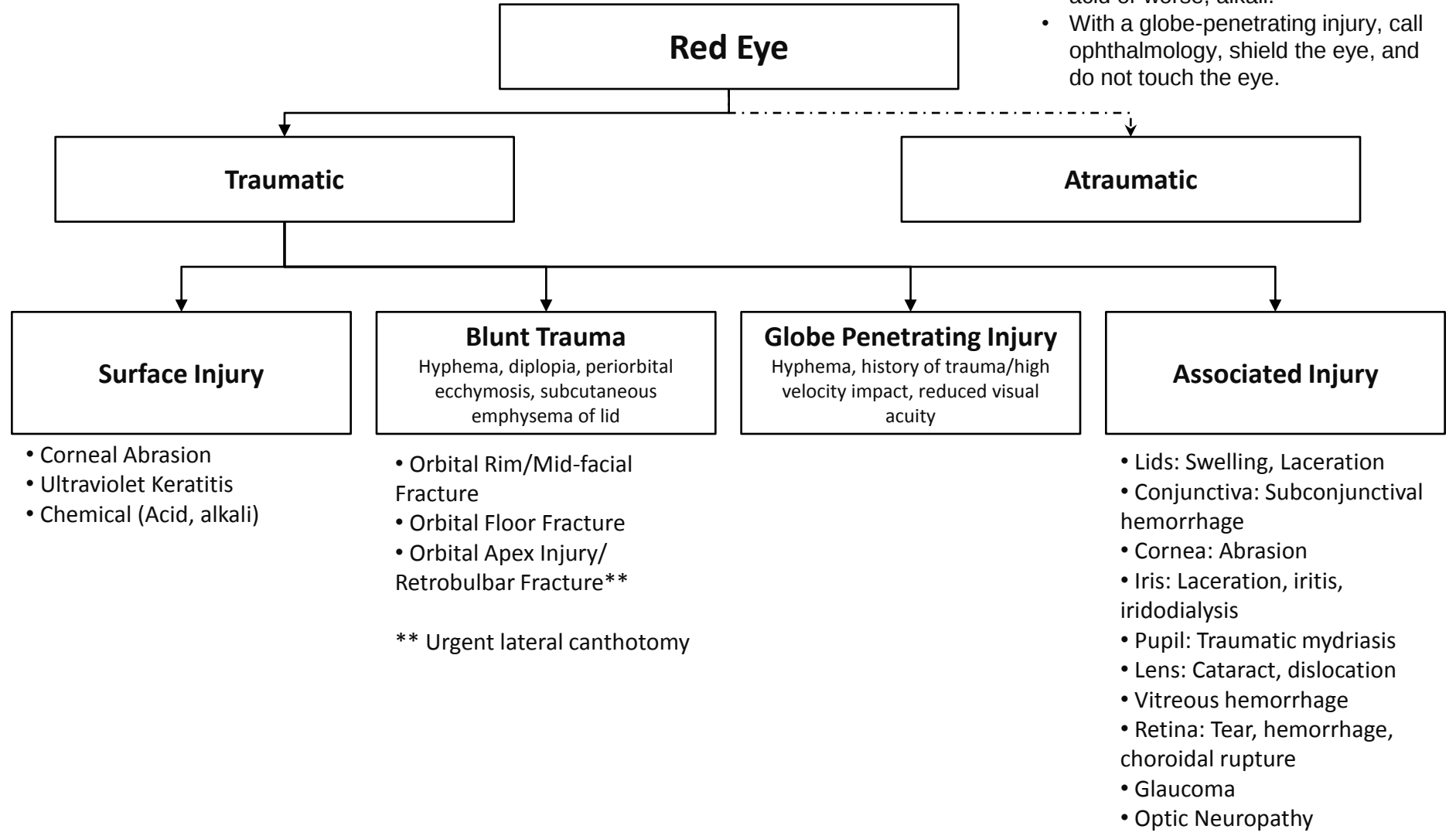
Clinical Pearl:

- Orbital cellulitis can present with pain on EOM and orbital signs of involvement



RED EYE: Traumatic

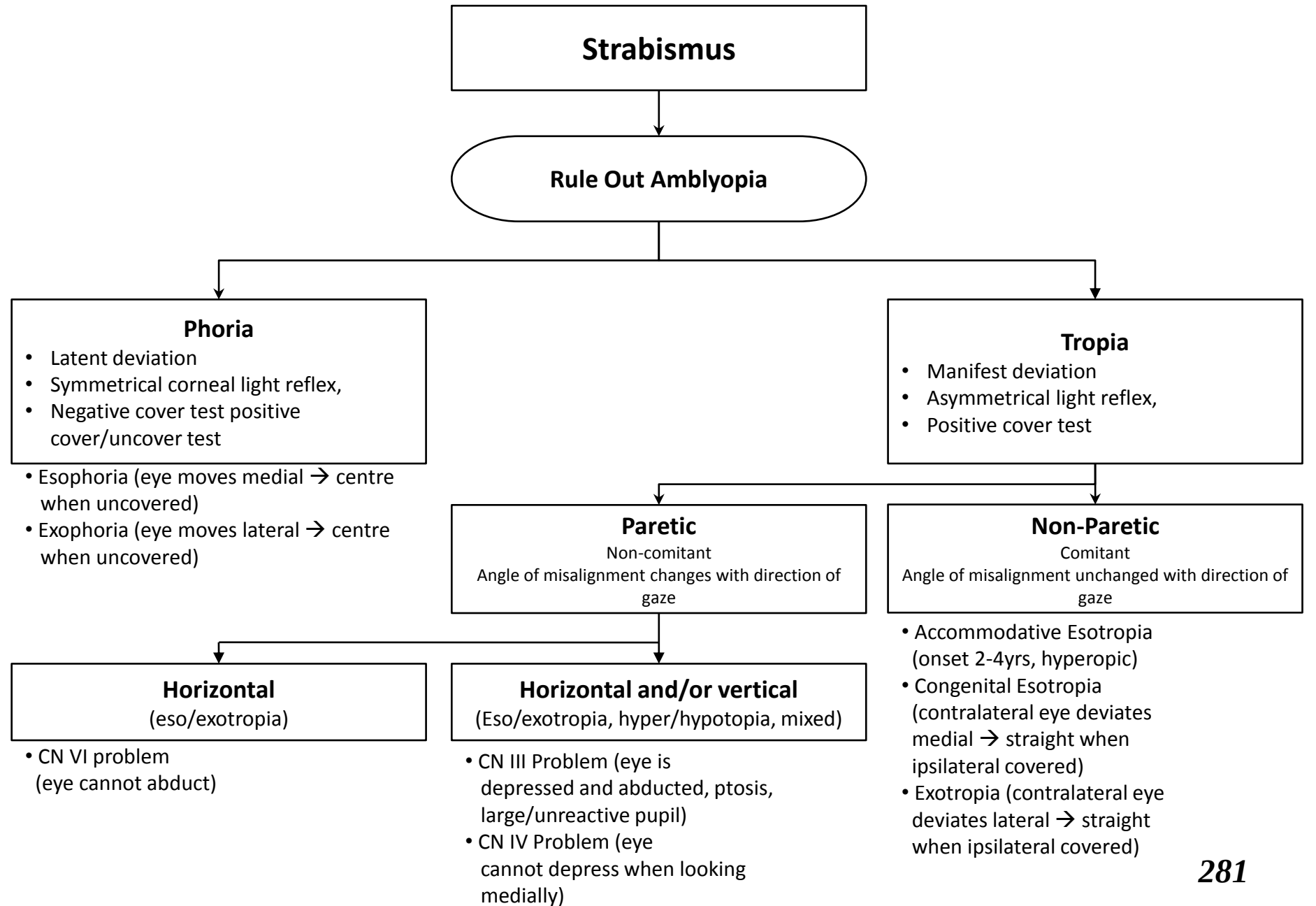
- Clinical Pearls:**
- With chemical burns, it is important to determine if the burn was caused by acid or worse, alkali.
 - With a globe-penetrating injury, call ophthalmology, shield the eye, and do not touch the eye.



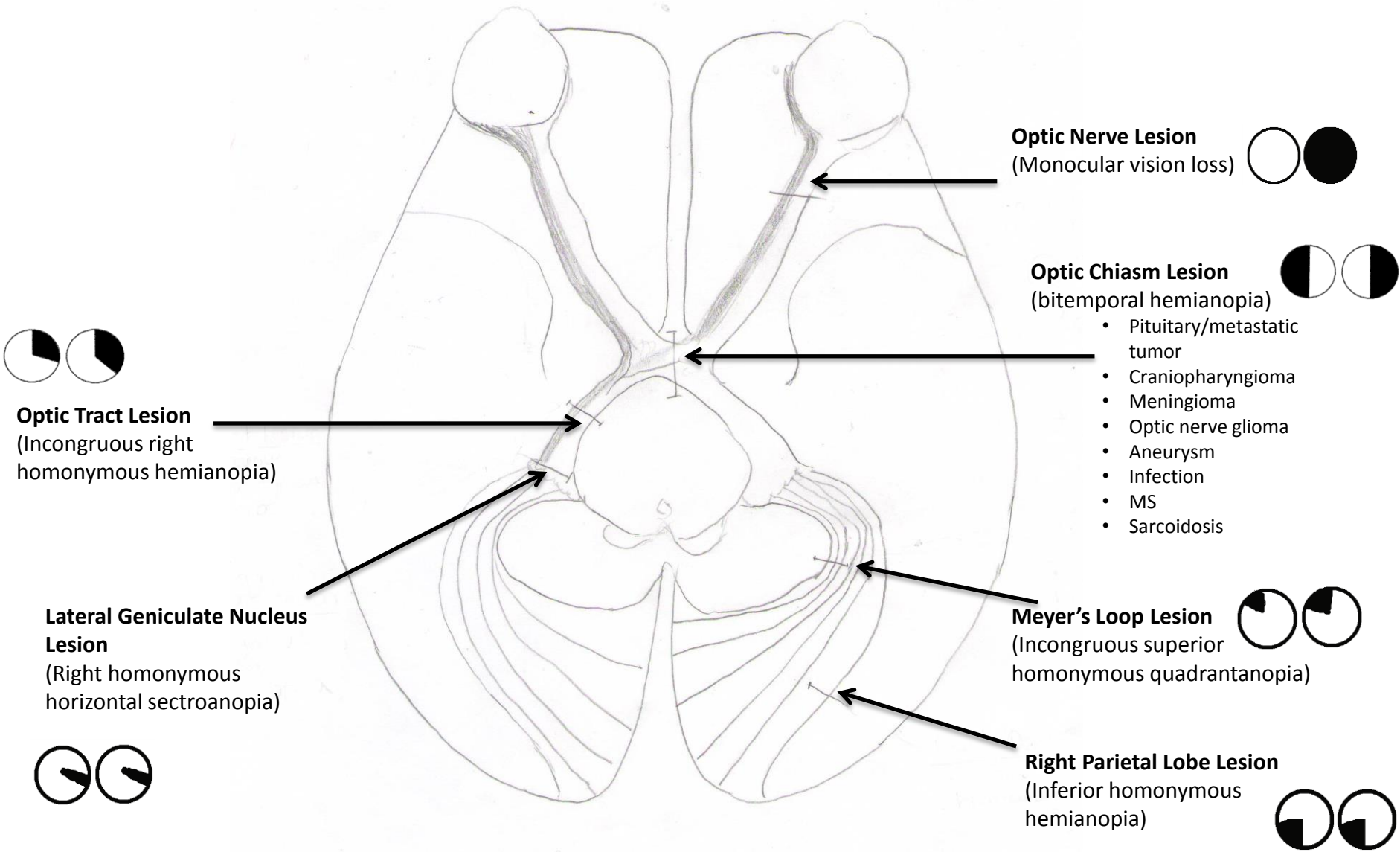
STRABISMUS: Ocular Misalignment

Clinical Pearl:

- Strabismus is most often seen in pediatrics.



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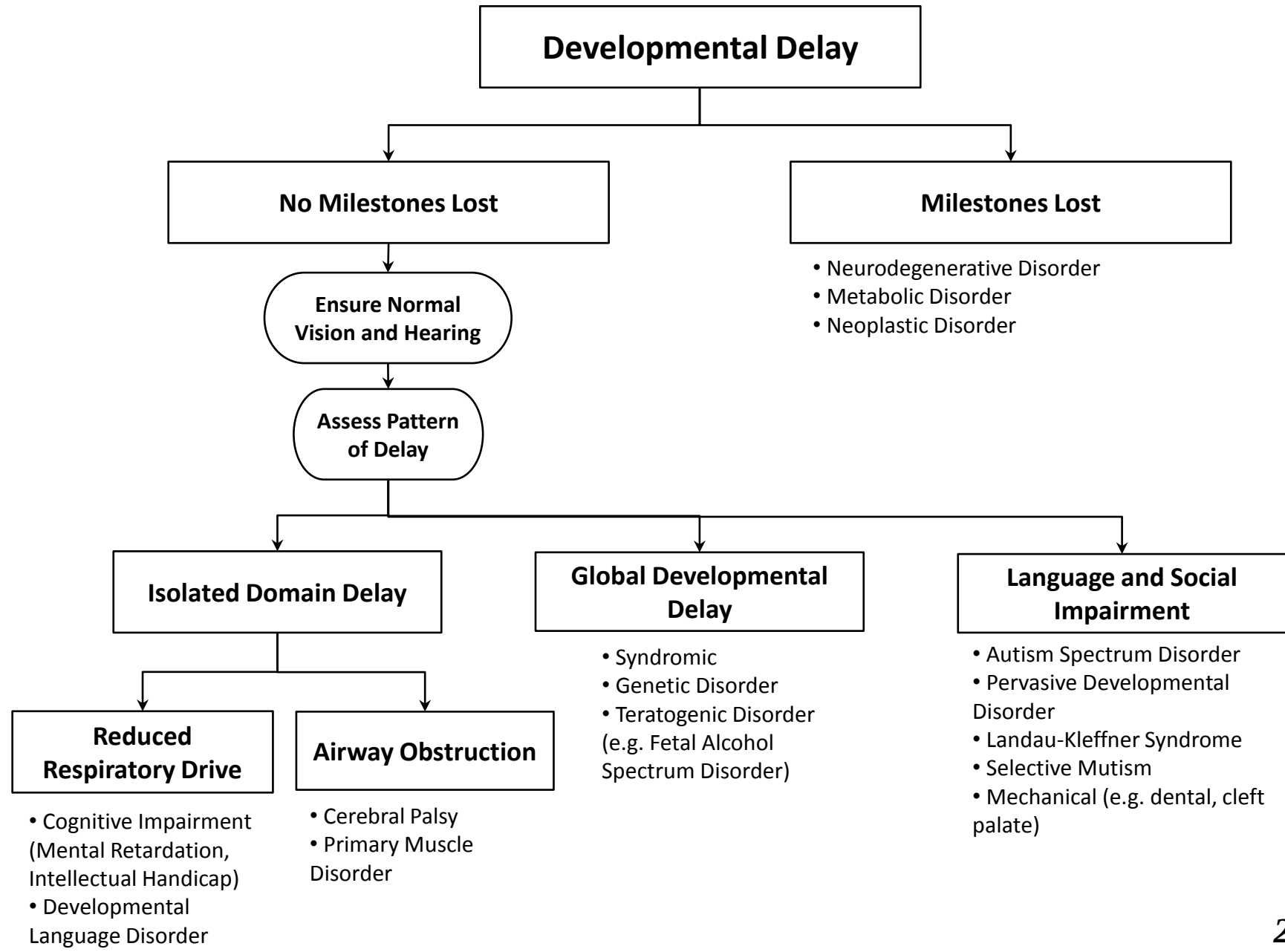
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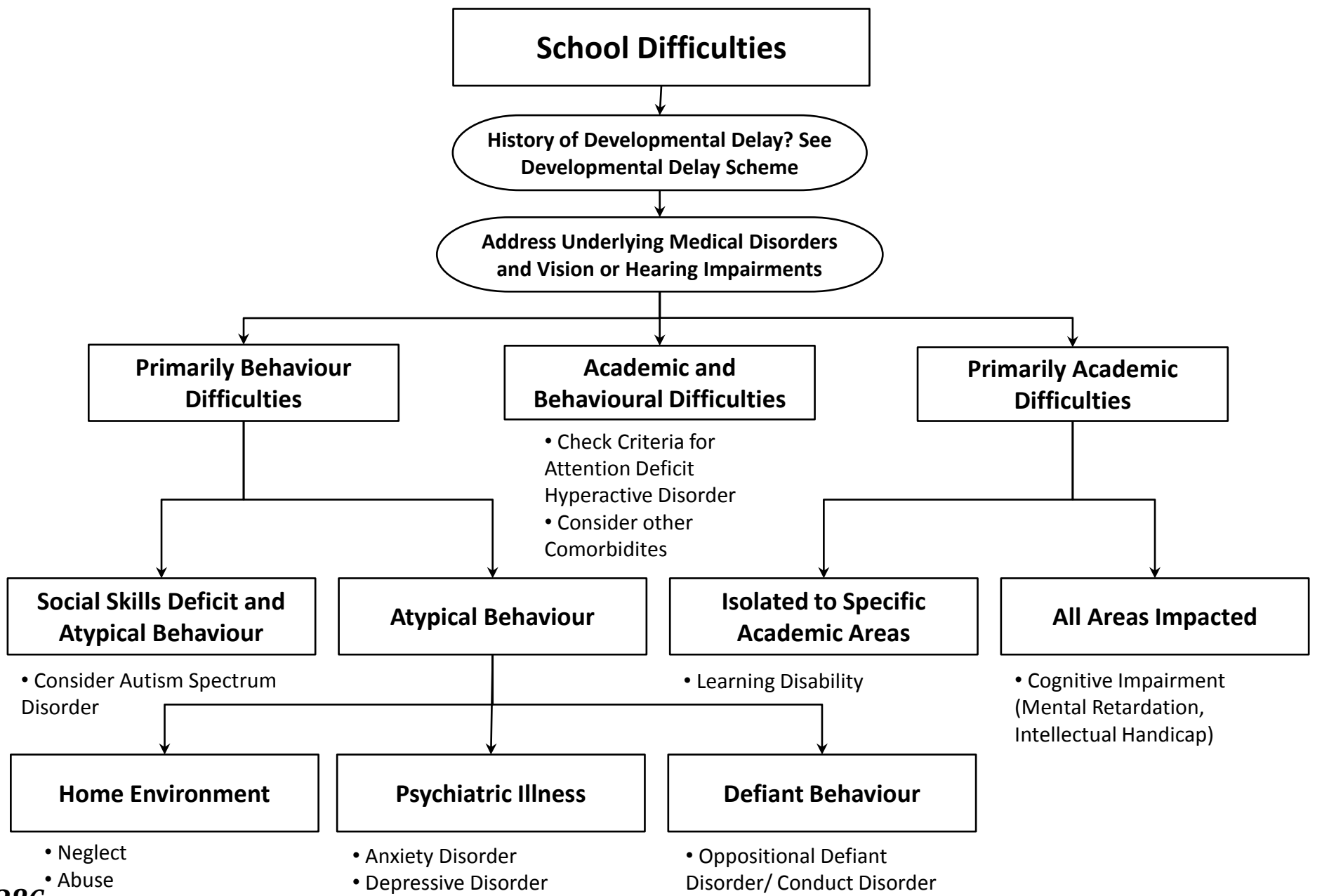
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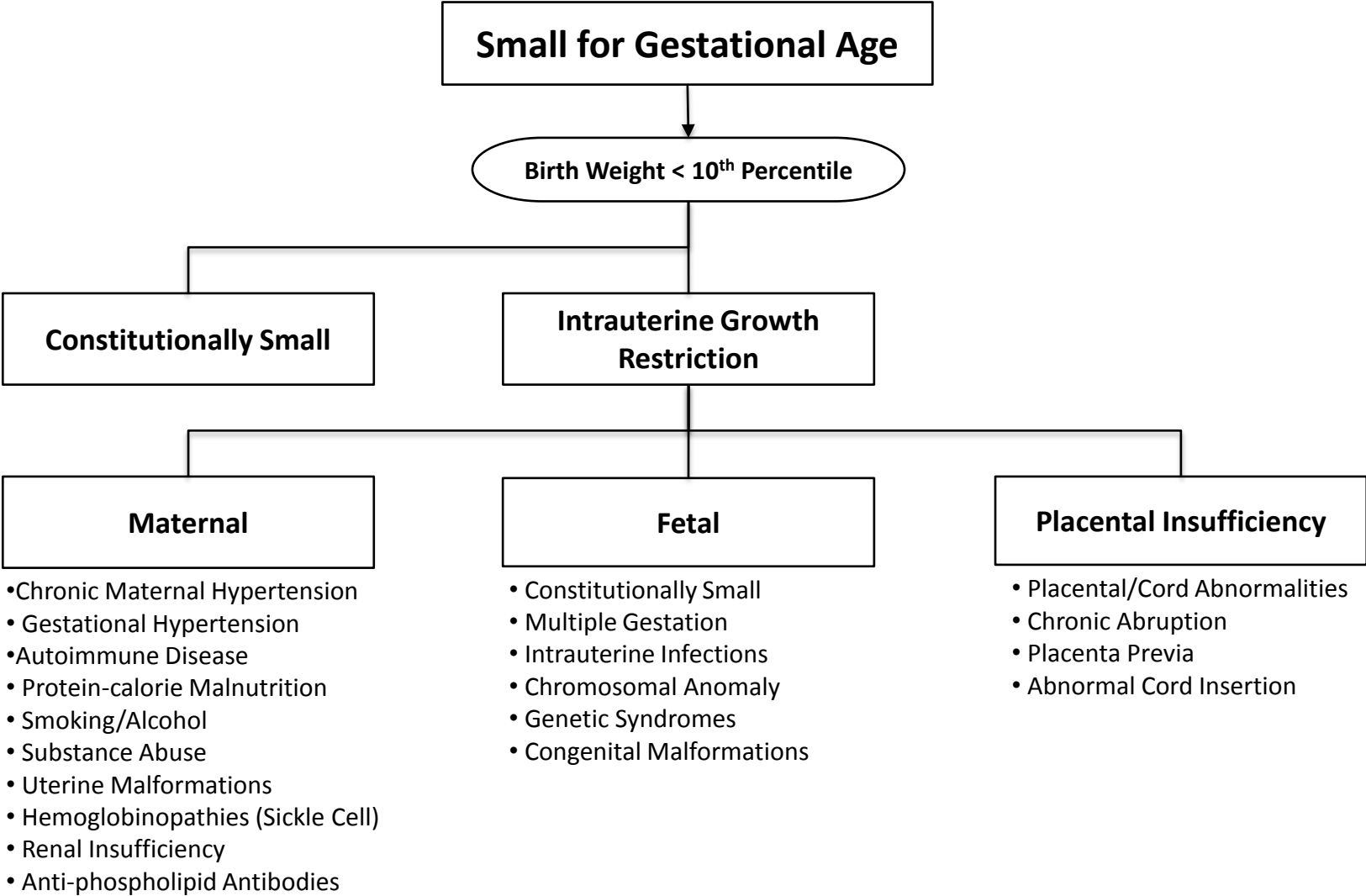
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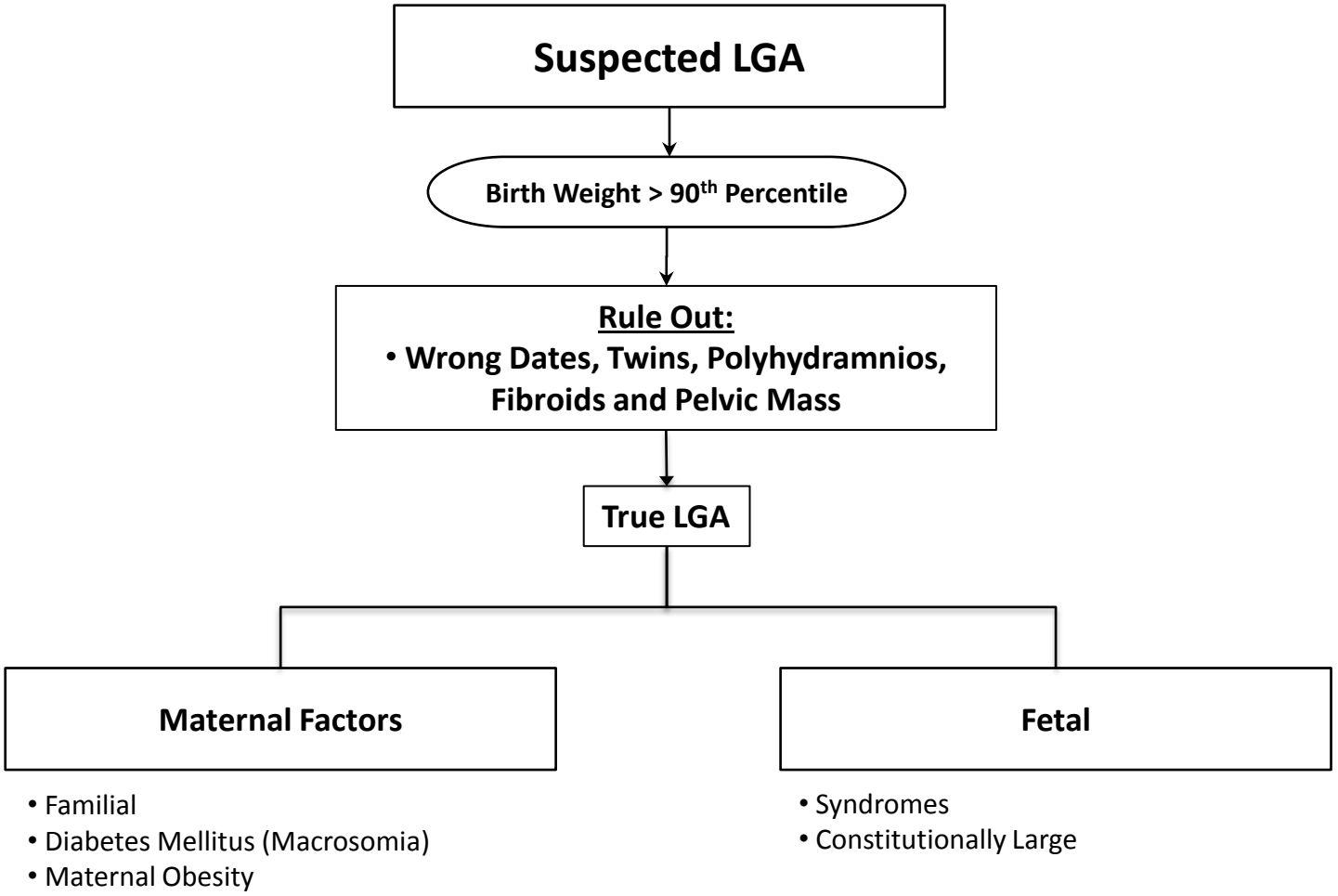
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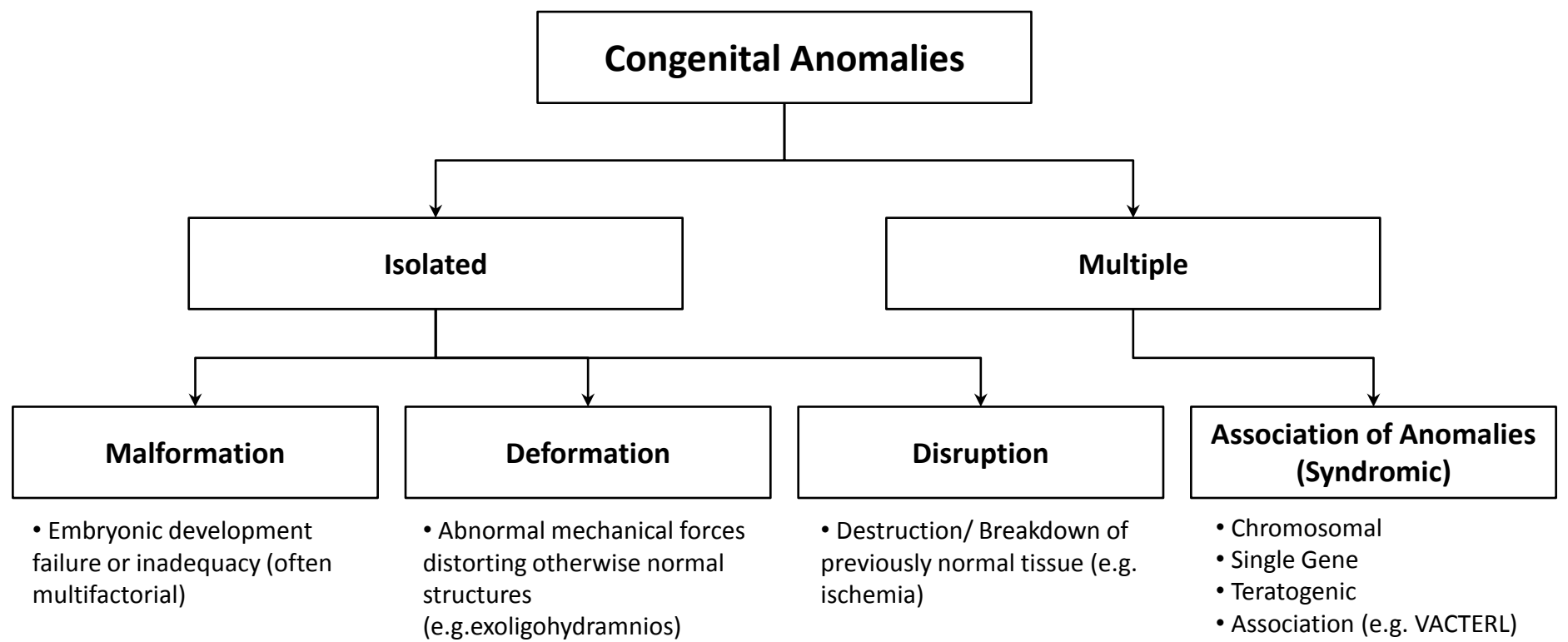
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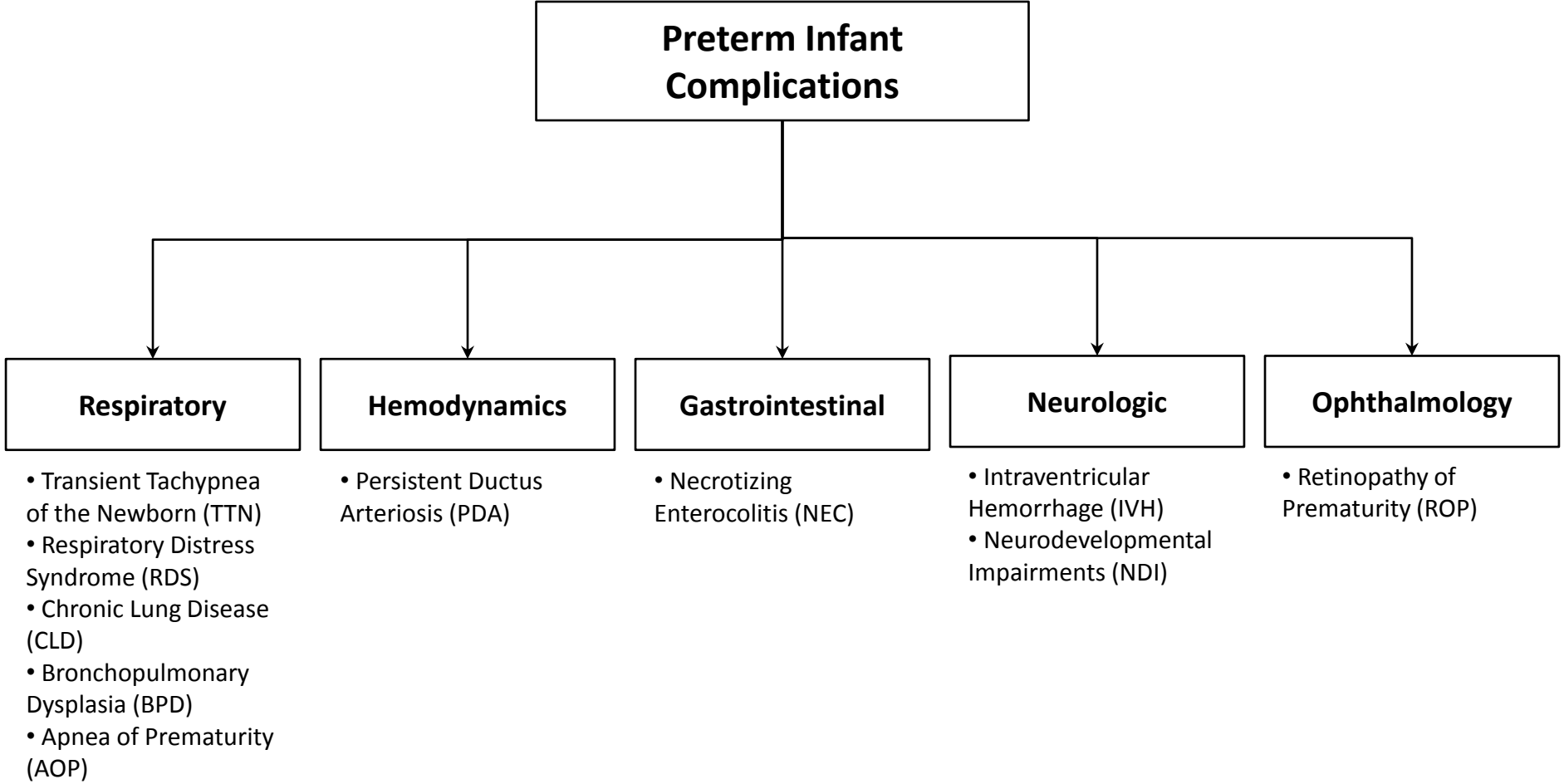


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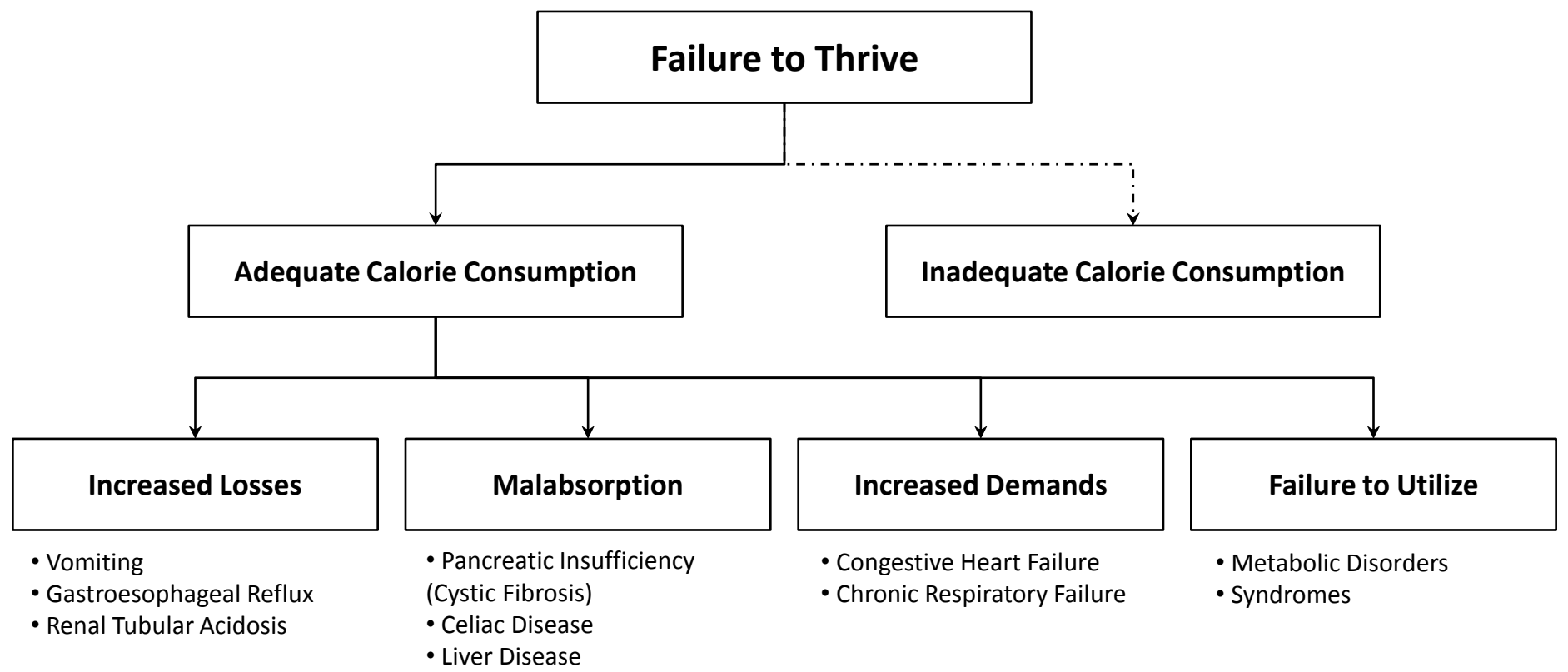


Things to Consider:
History – Prenatal: maternal health, exposures, screening, ultrasounds; delivery; neonatal
Family History – Three Generations: prior malformations, stillbirths, recurrent miscarriages, consanguinity
Physical Exam – Variants, minor anomalies, major malformation
Diagnostic Procedures – Chromosomes, molecular/DNA, radiology, photography, metabolic
Diagnostic Evaluations – Prognosis, recurrence, prenatal diagnosis, surveillance, treatment

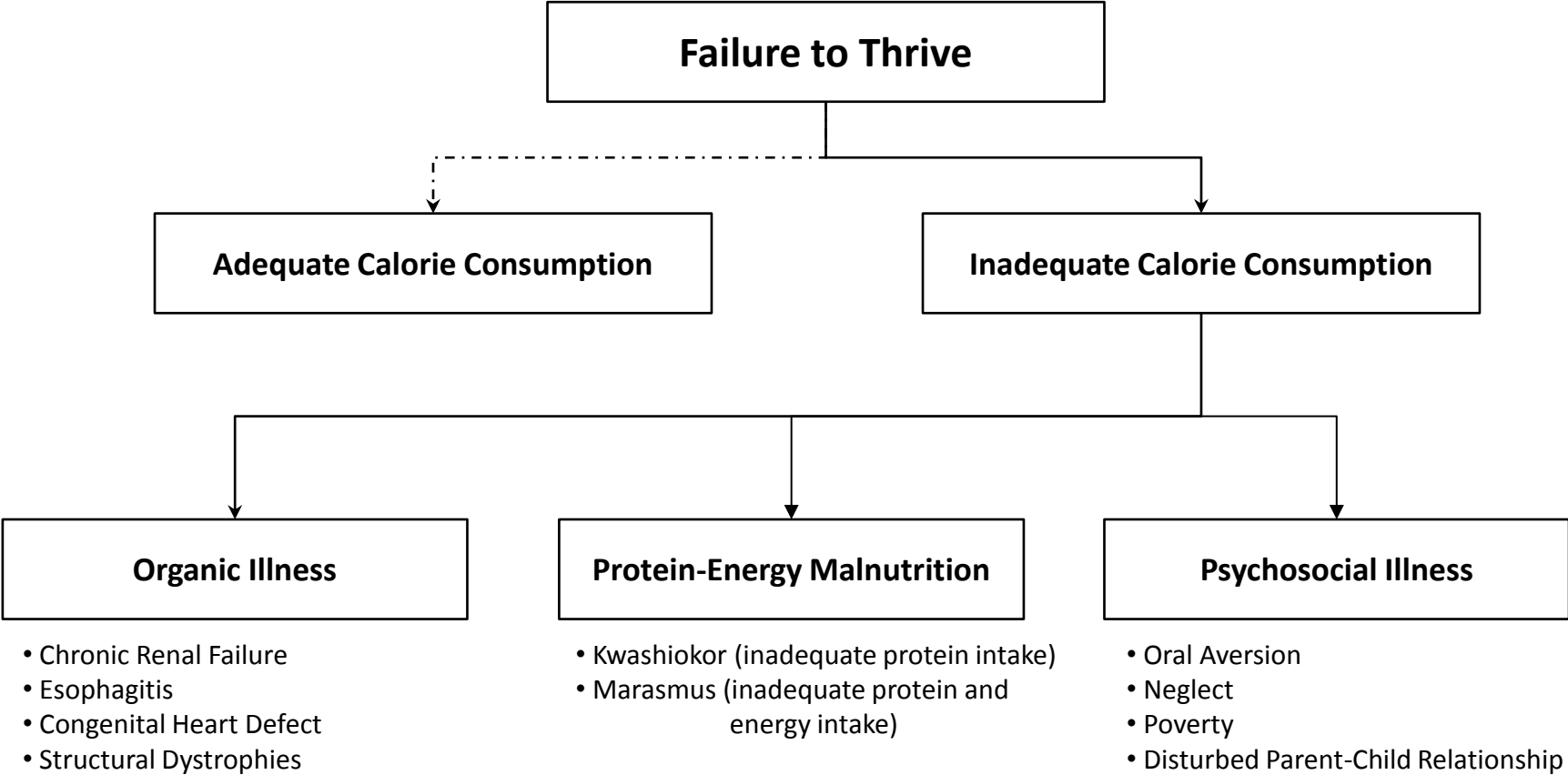
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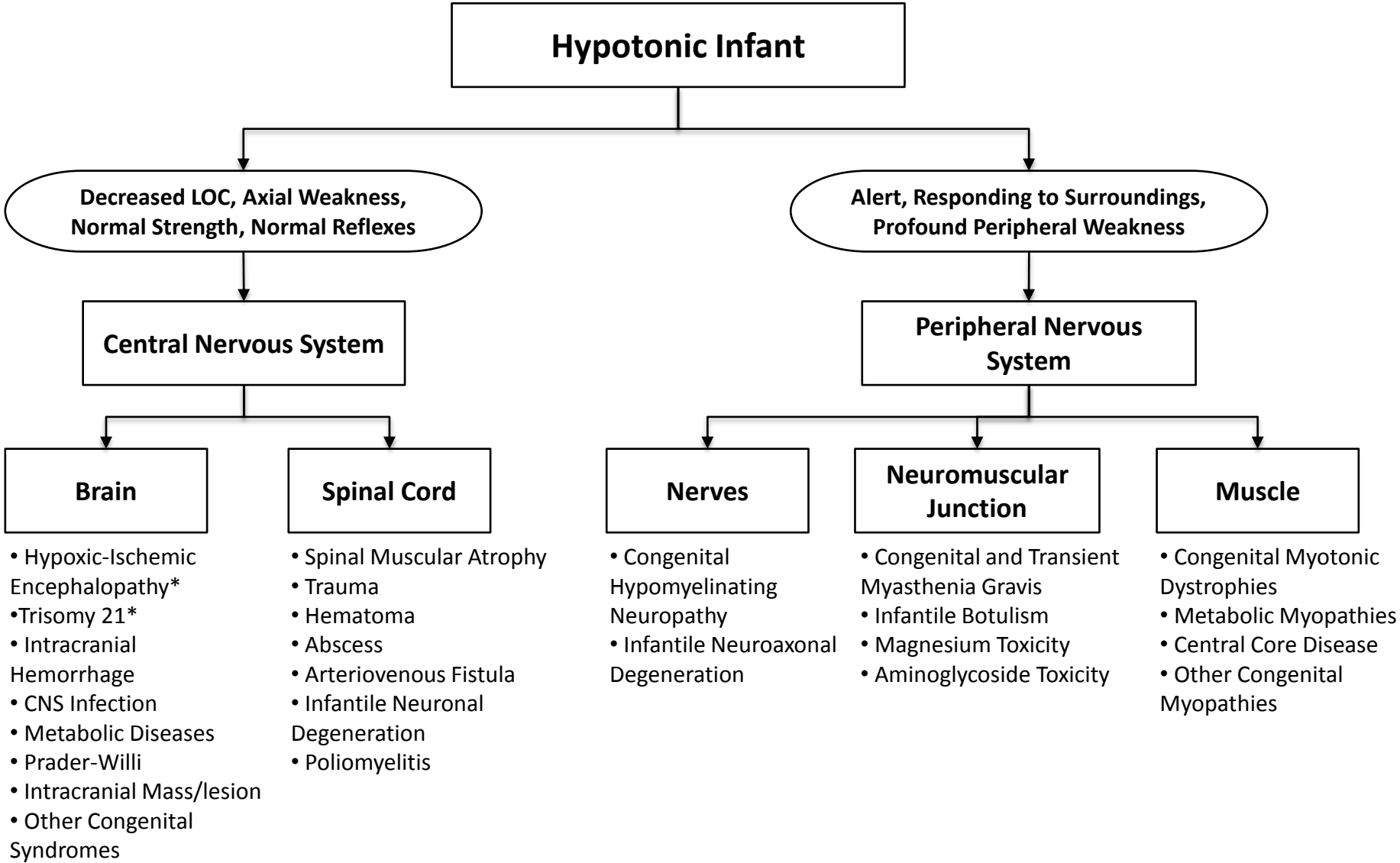
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FAILURE TO THRIVE: Inadequate Calorie Consumption

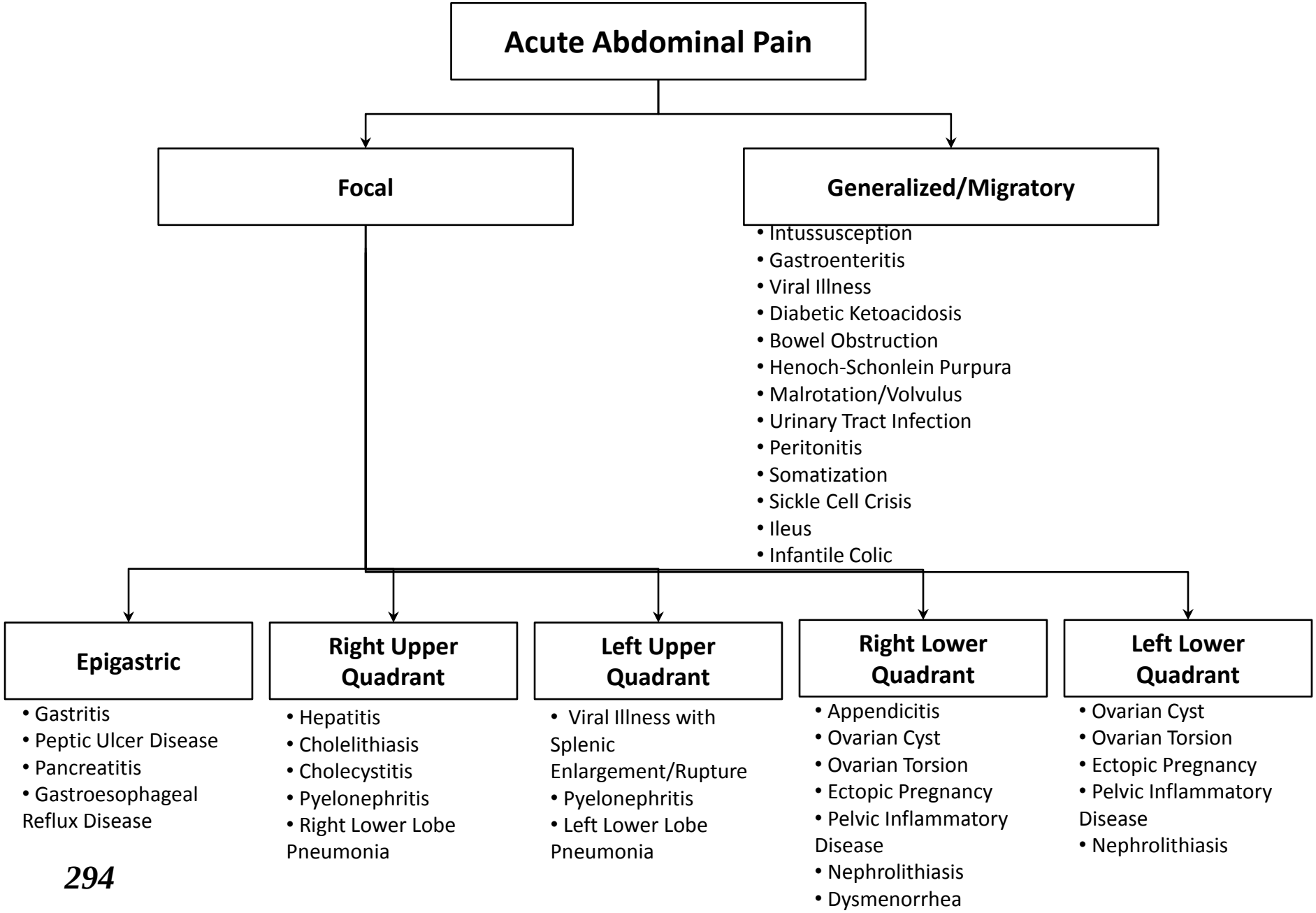


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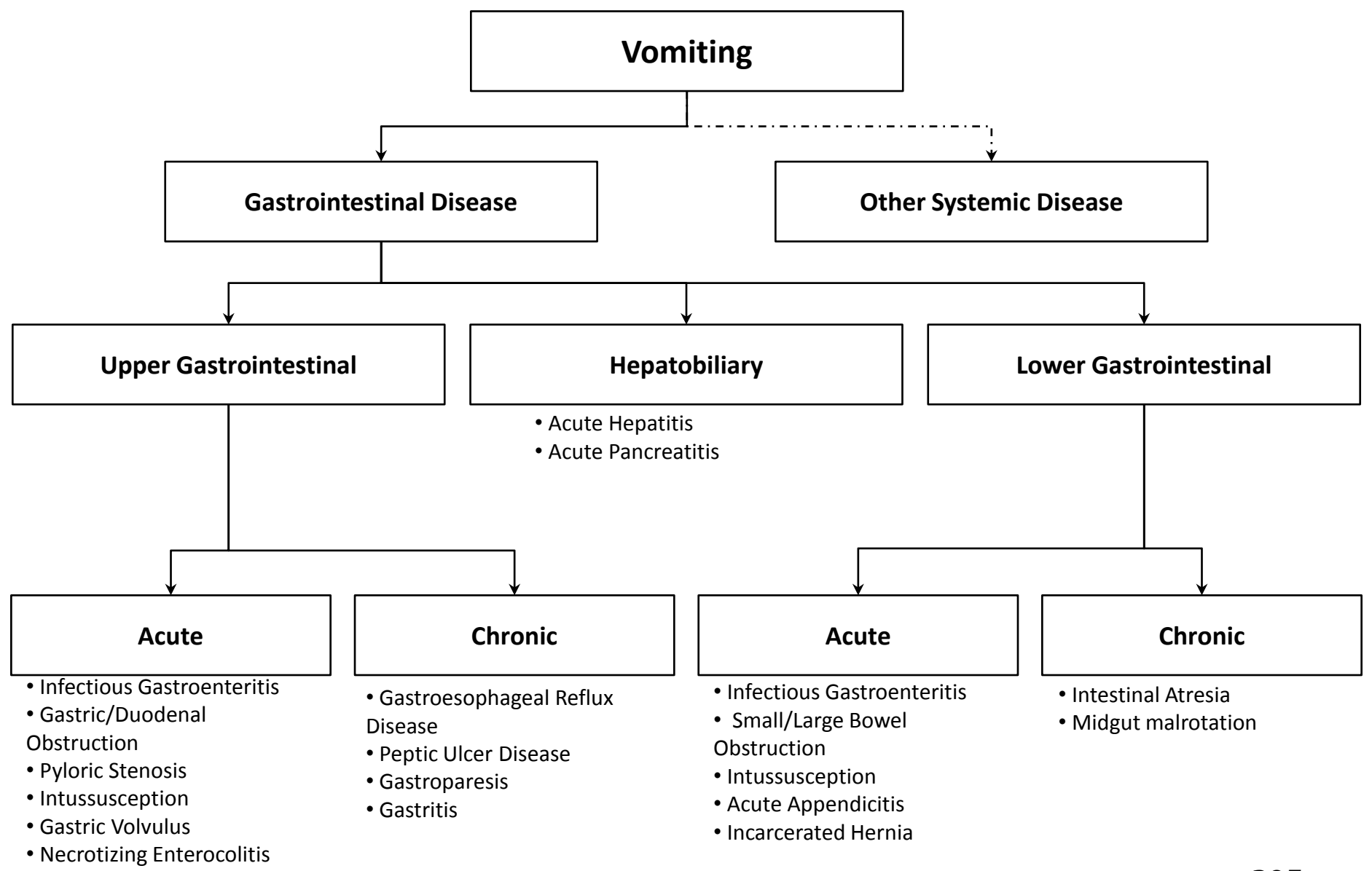


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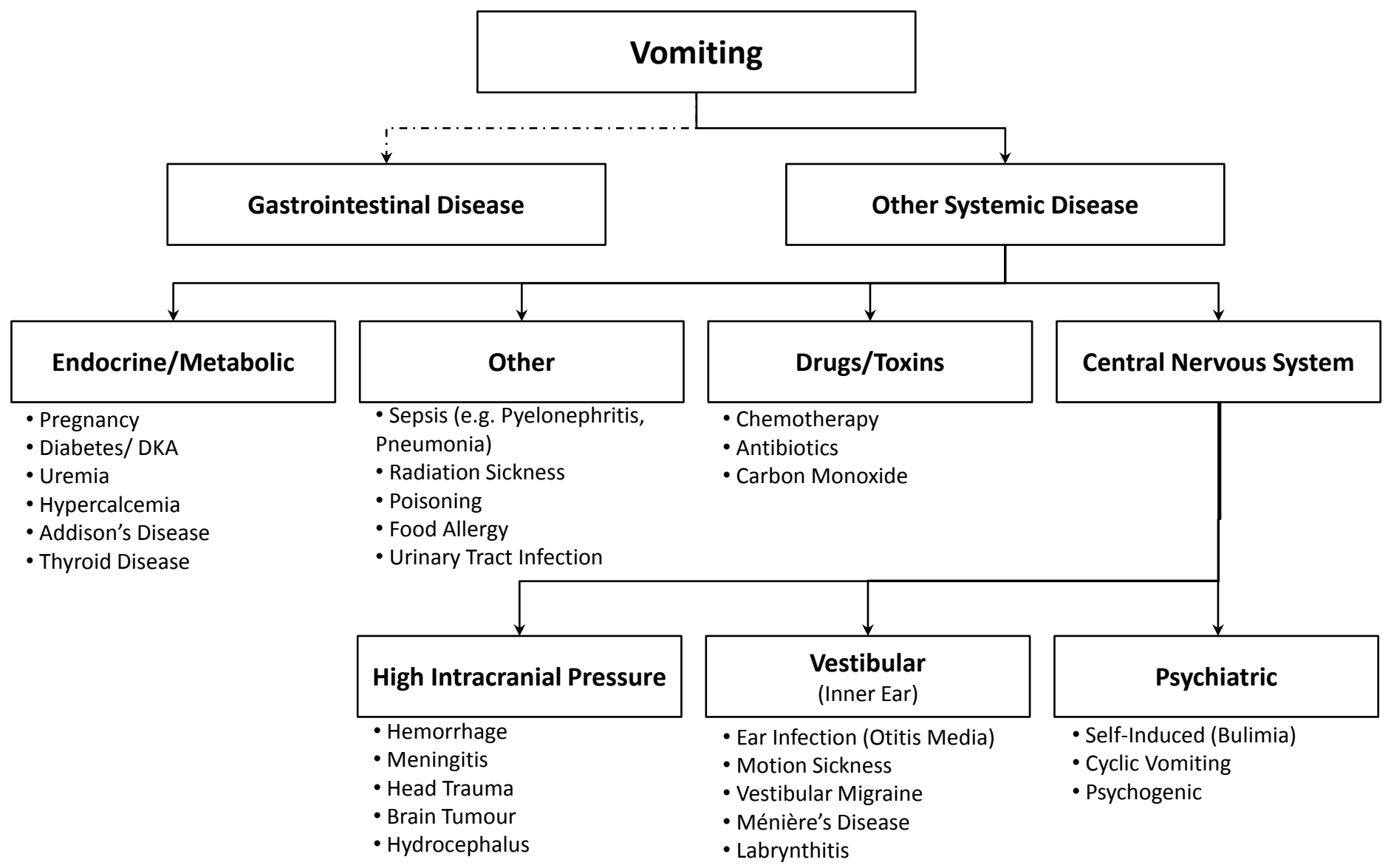
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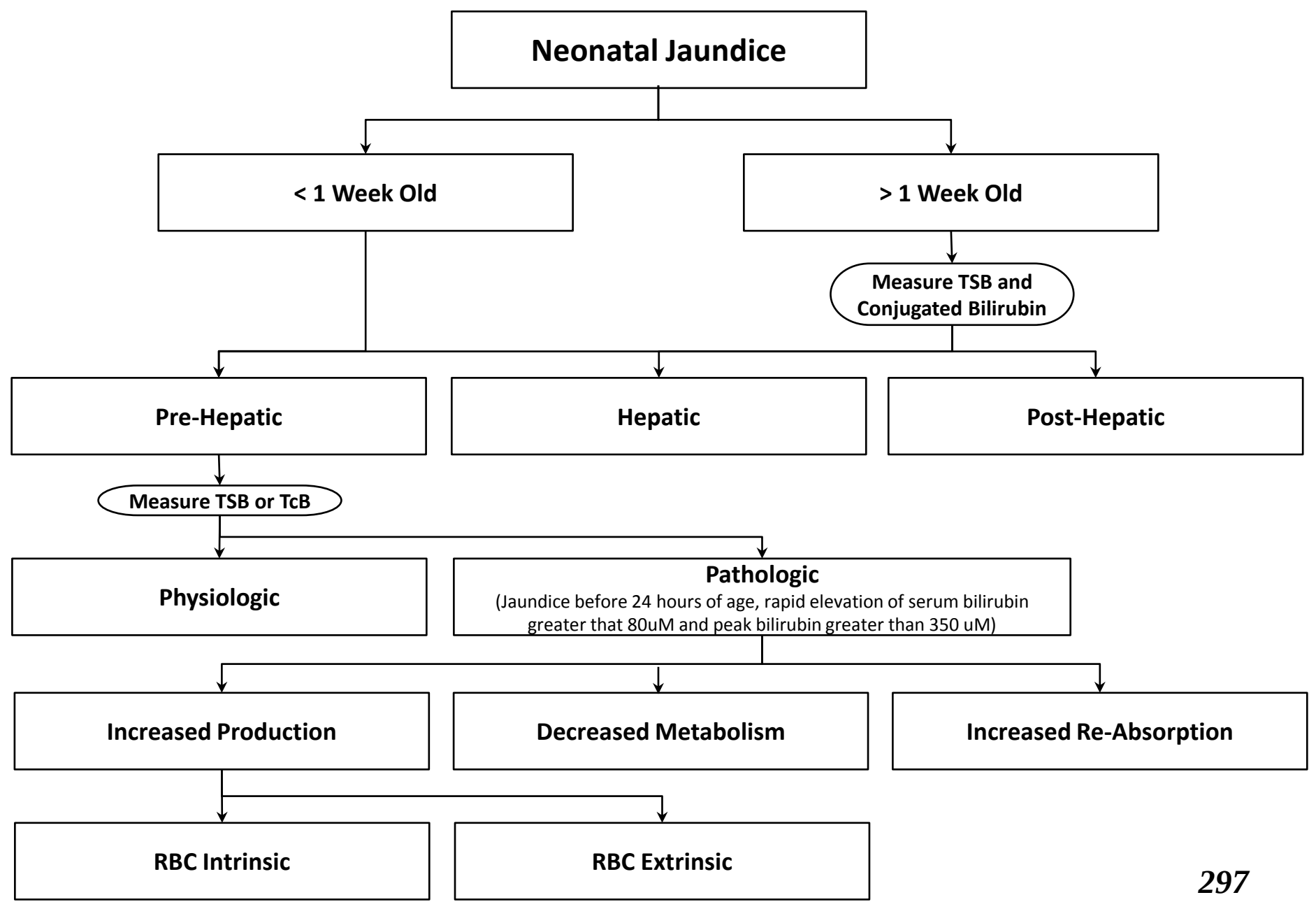
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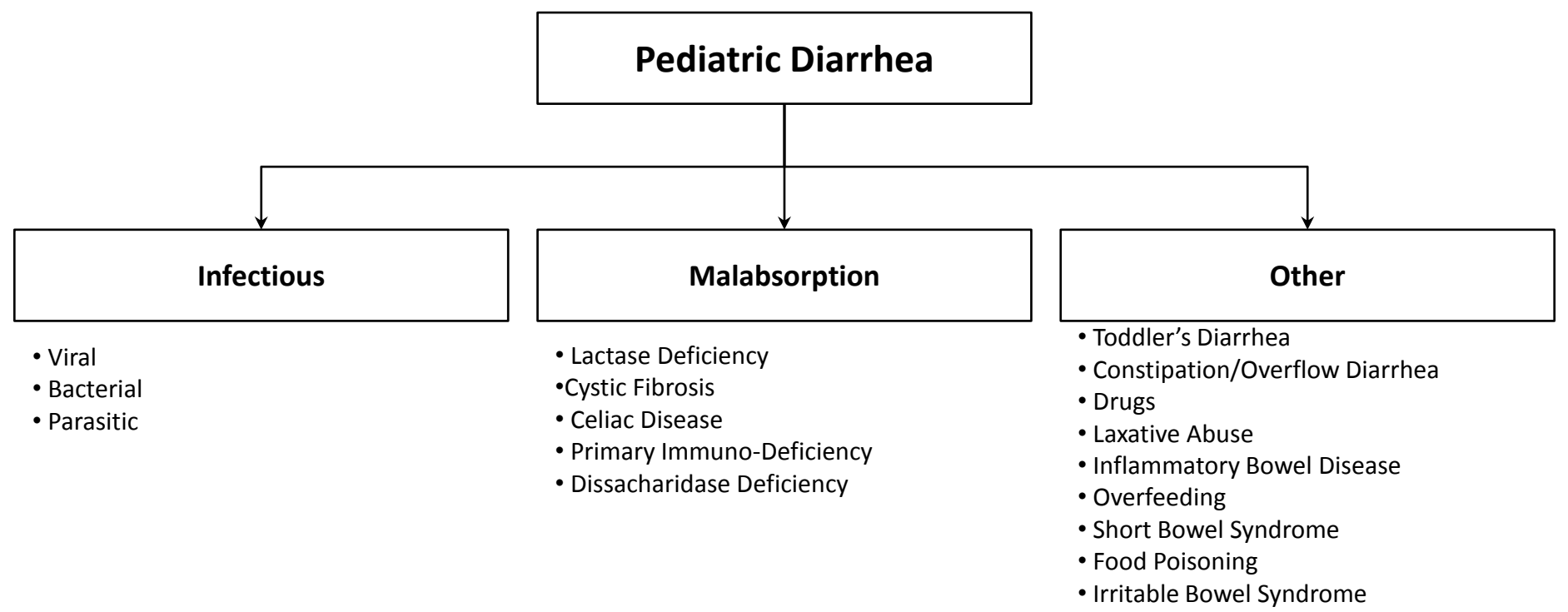
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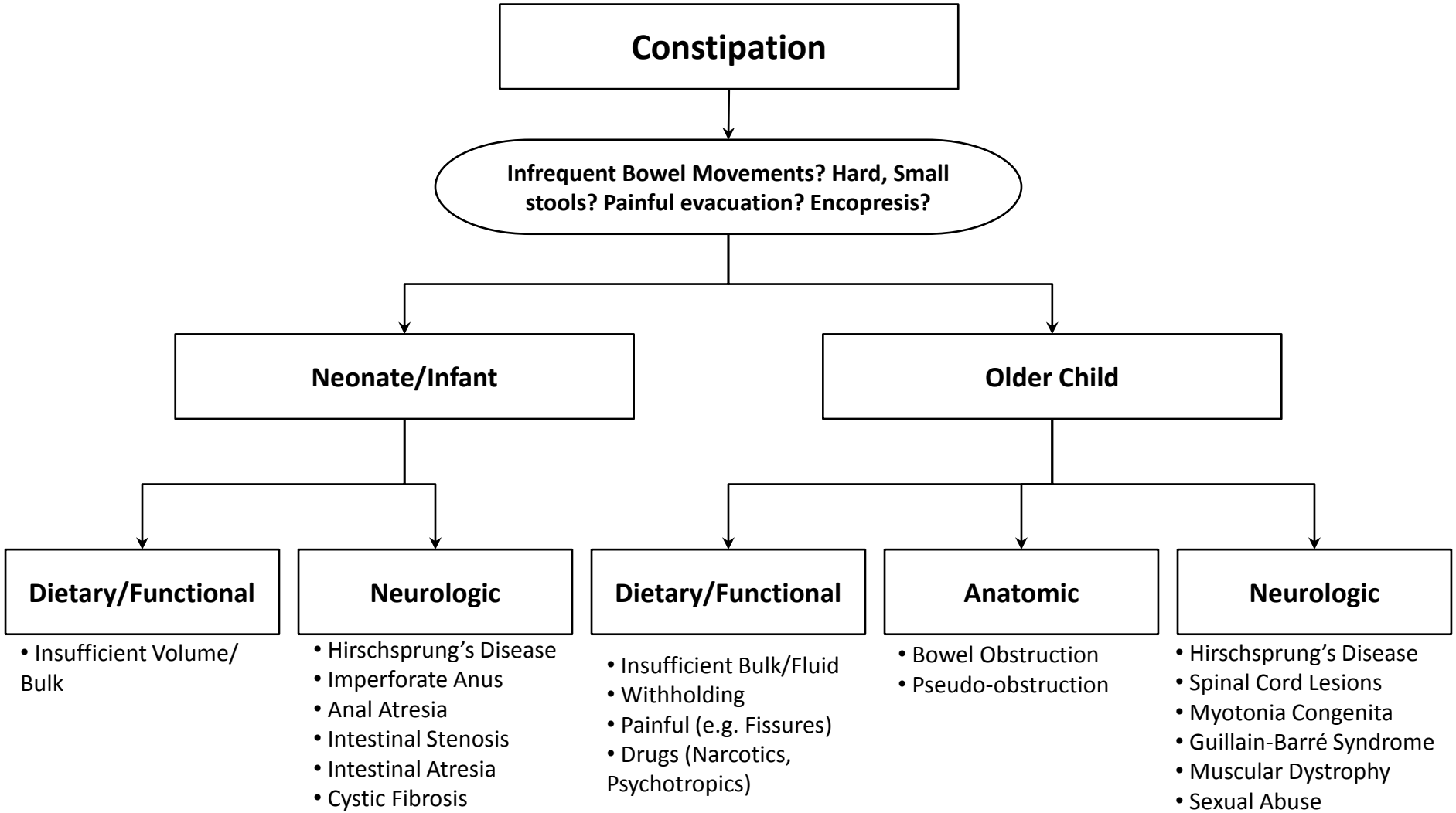
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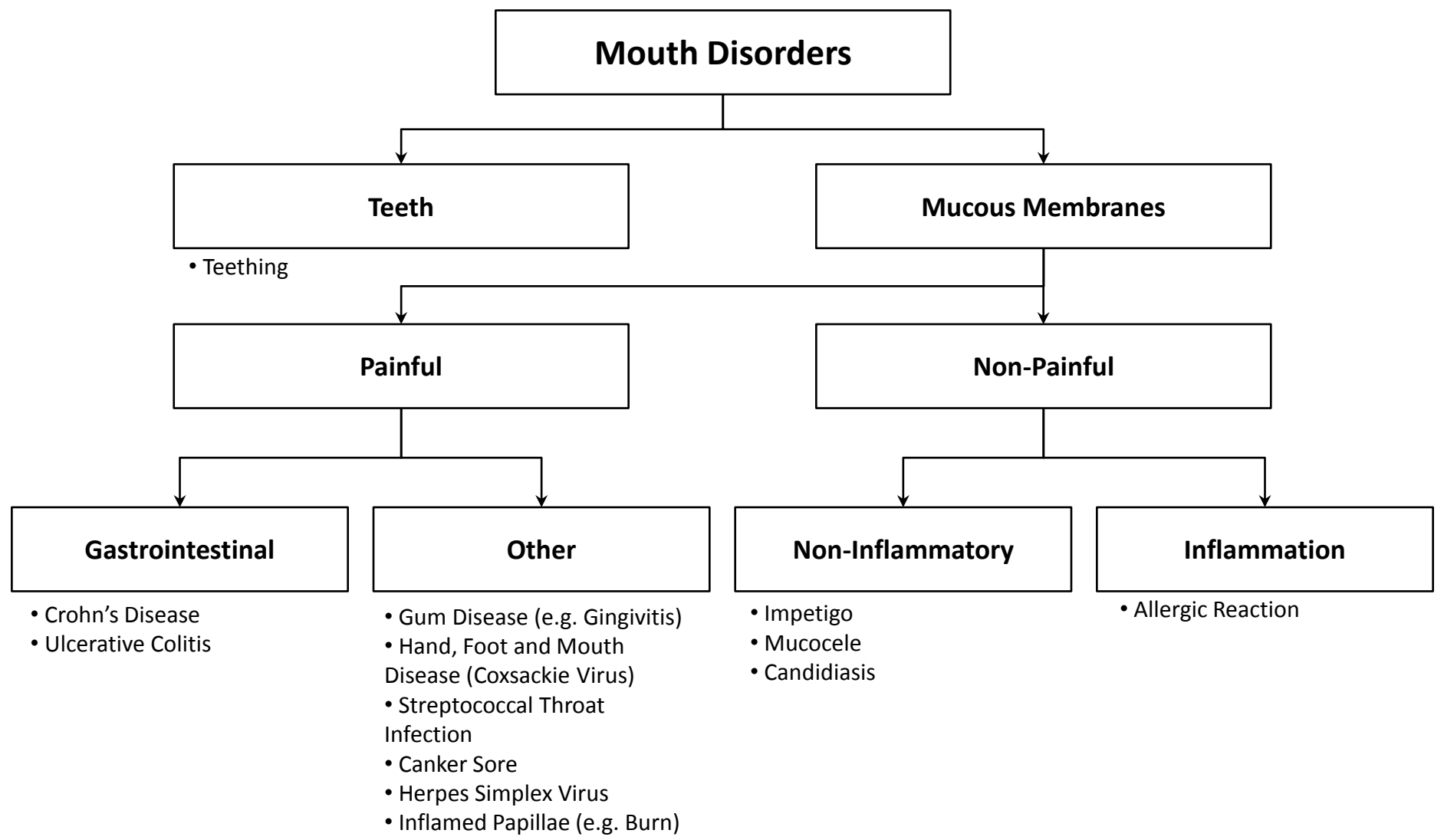
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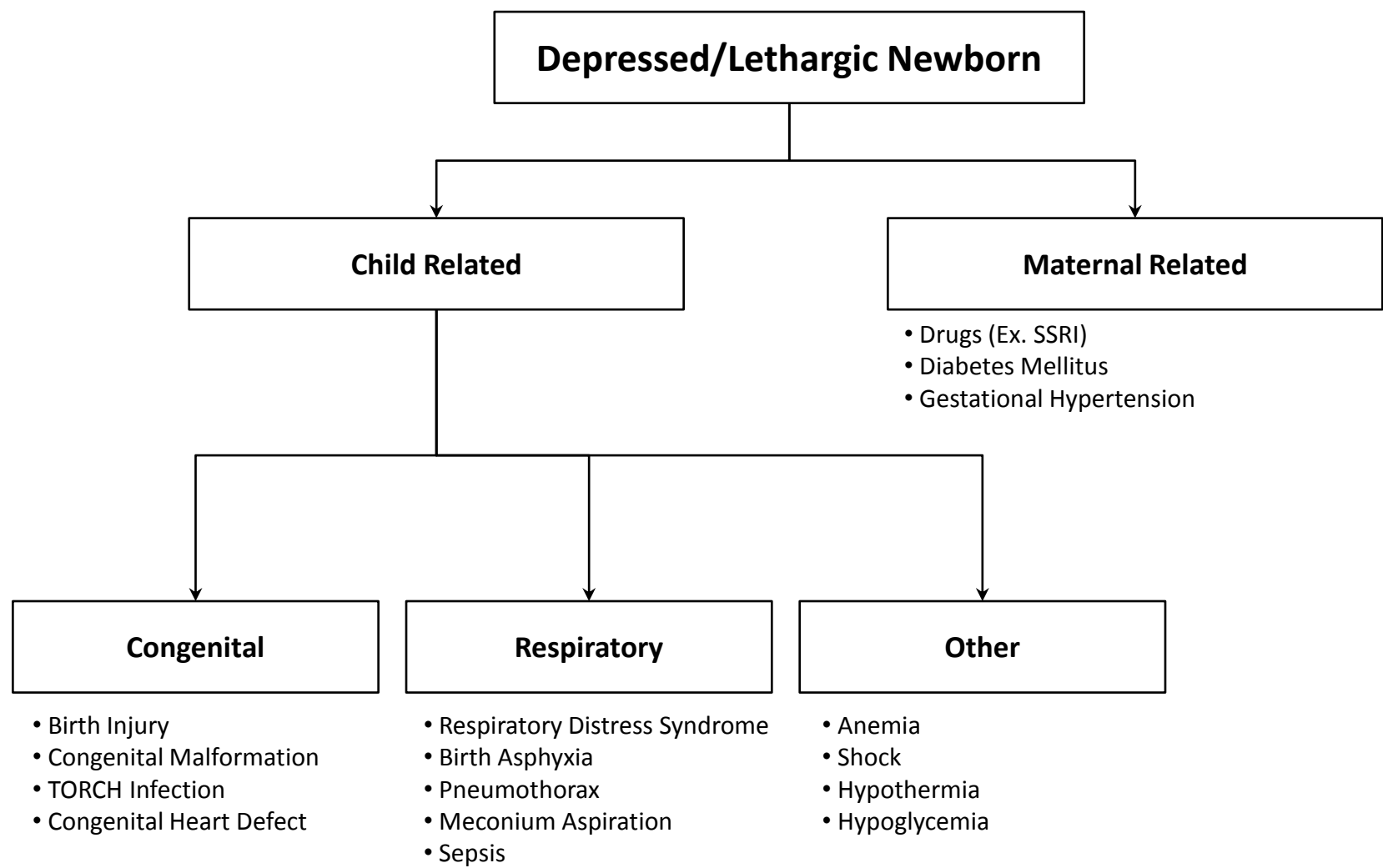
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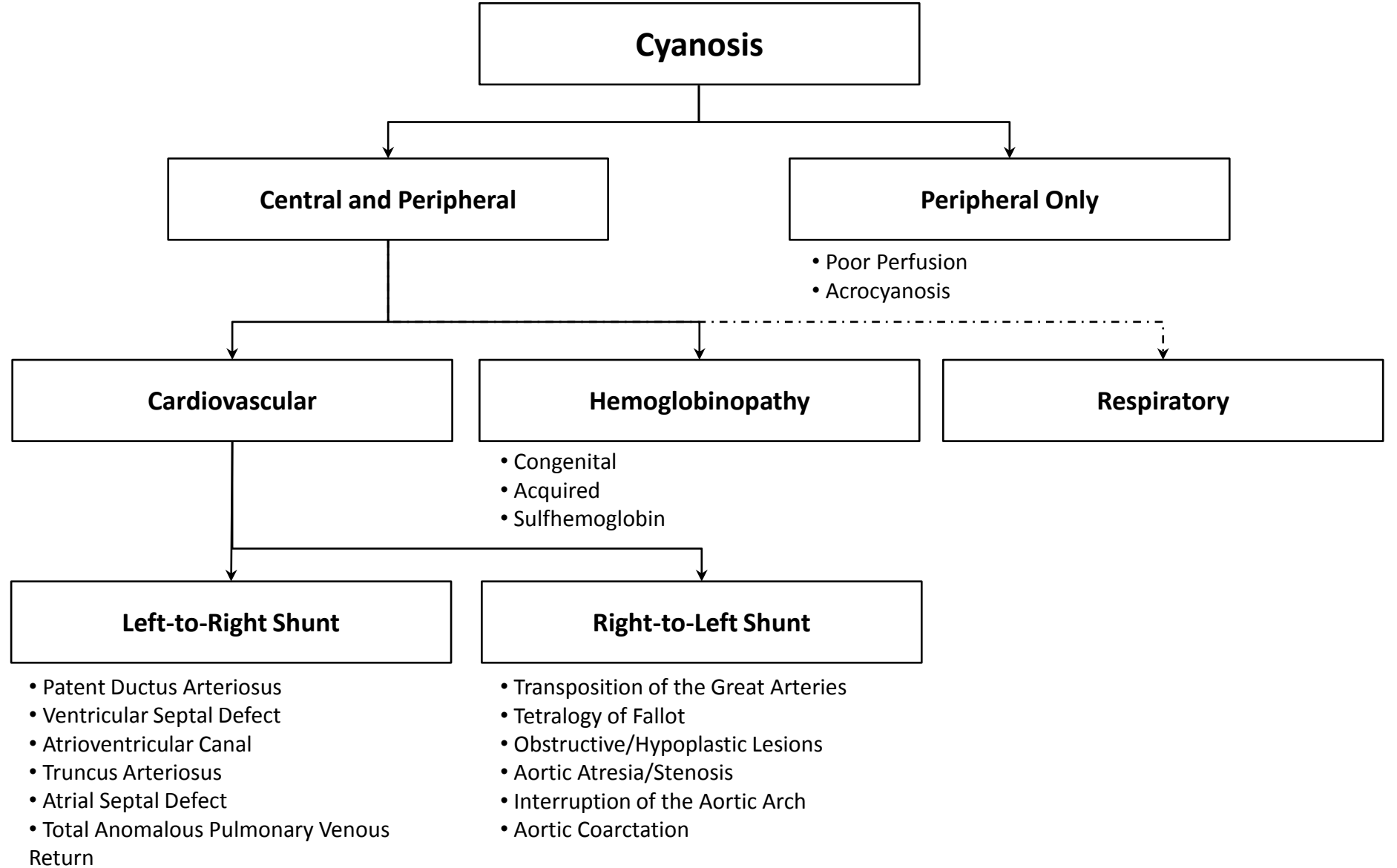
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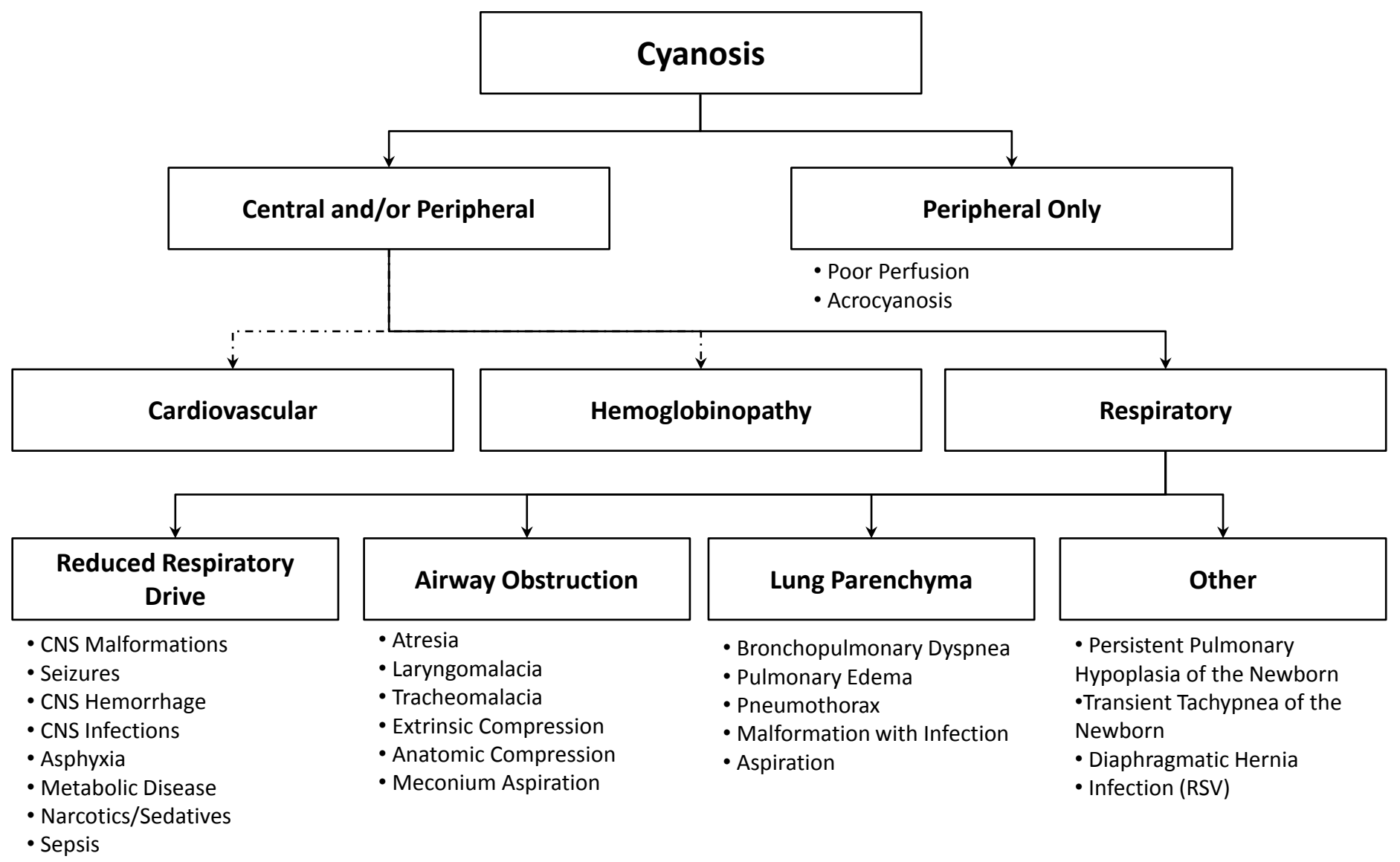
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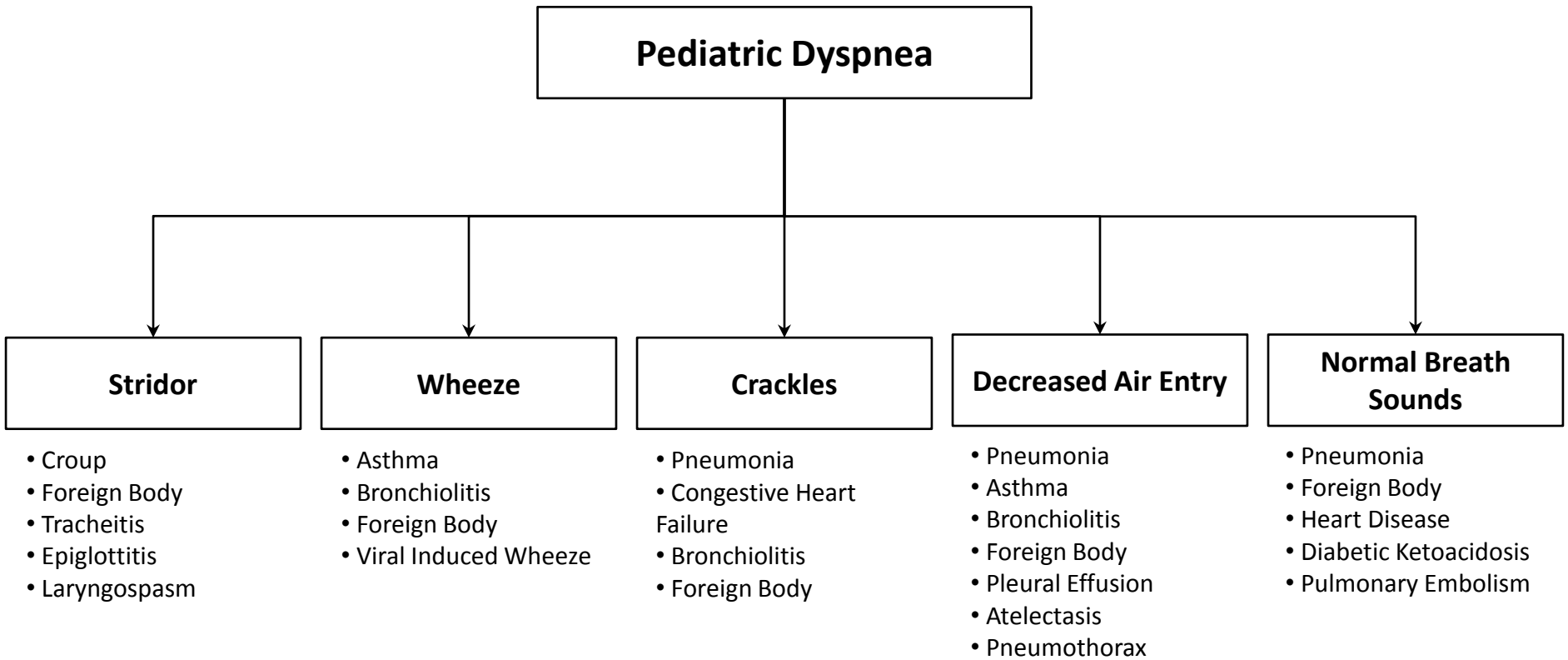
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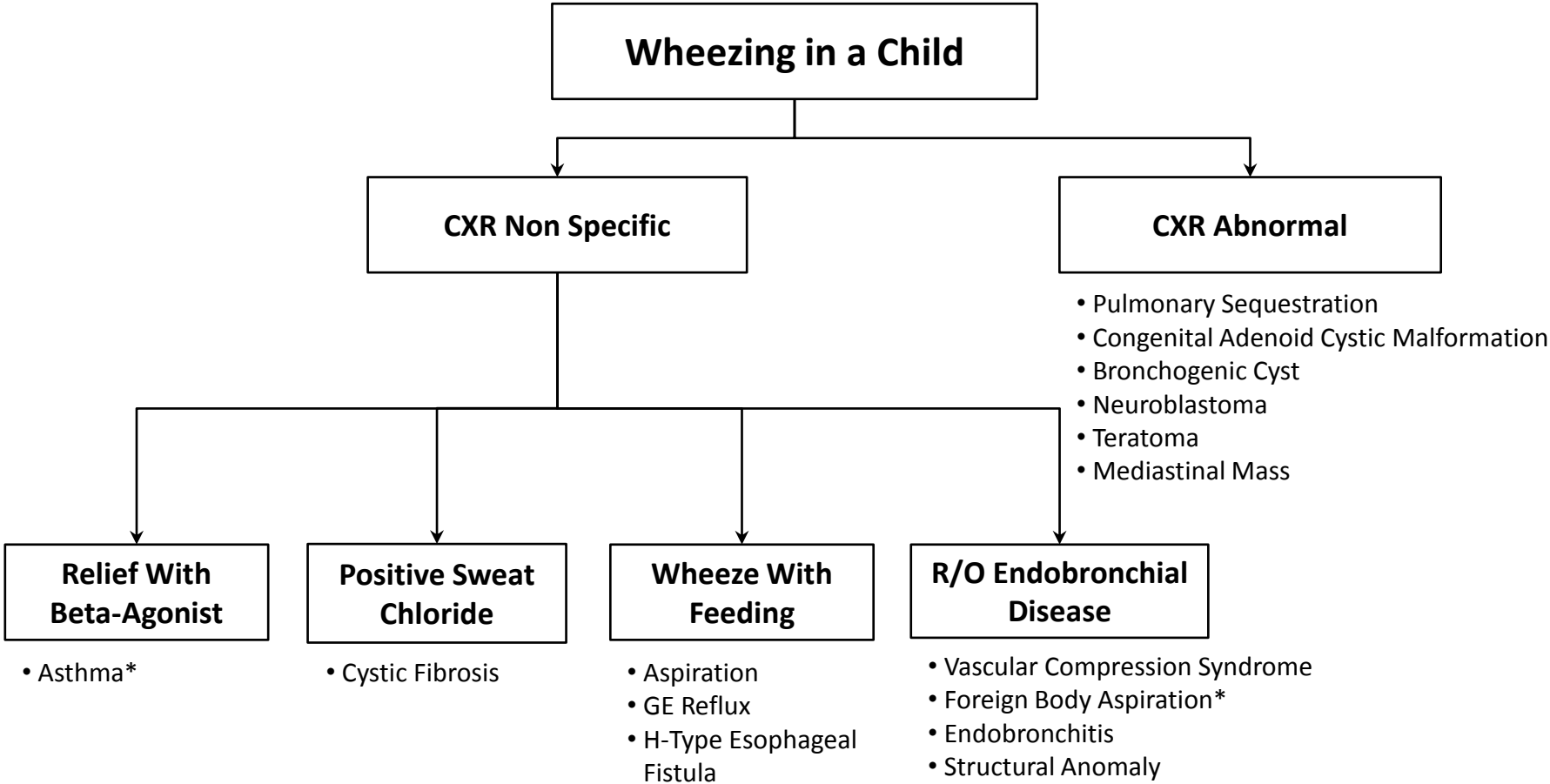
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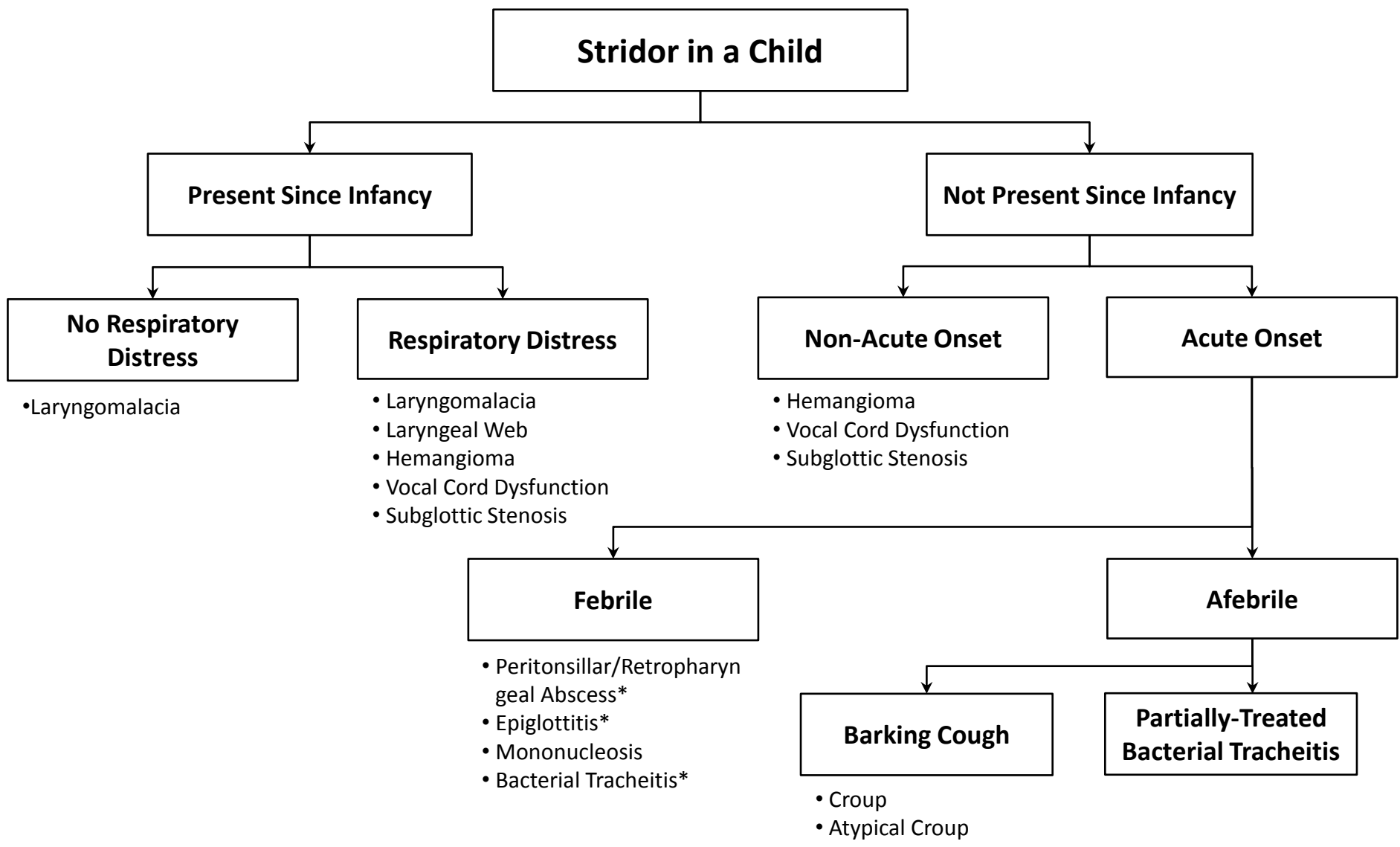


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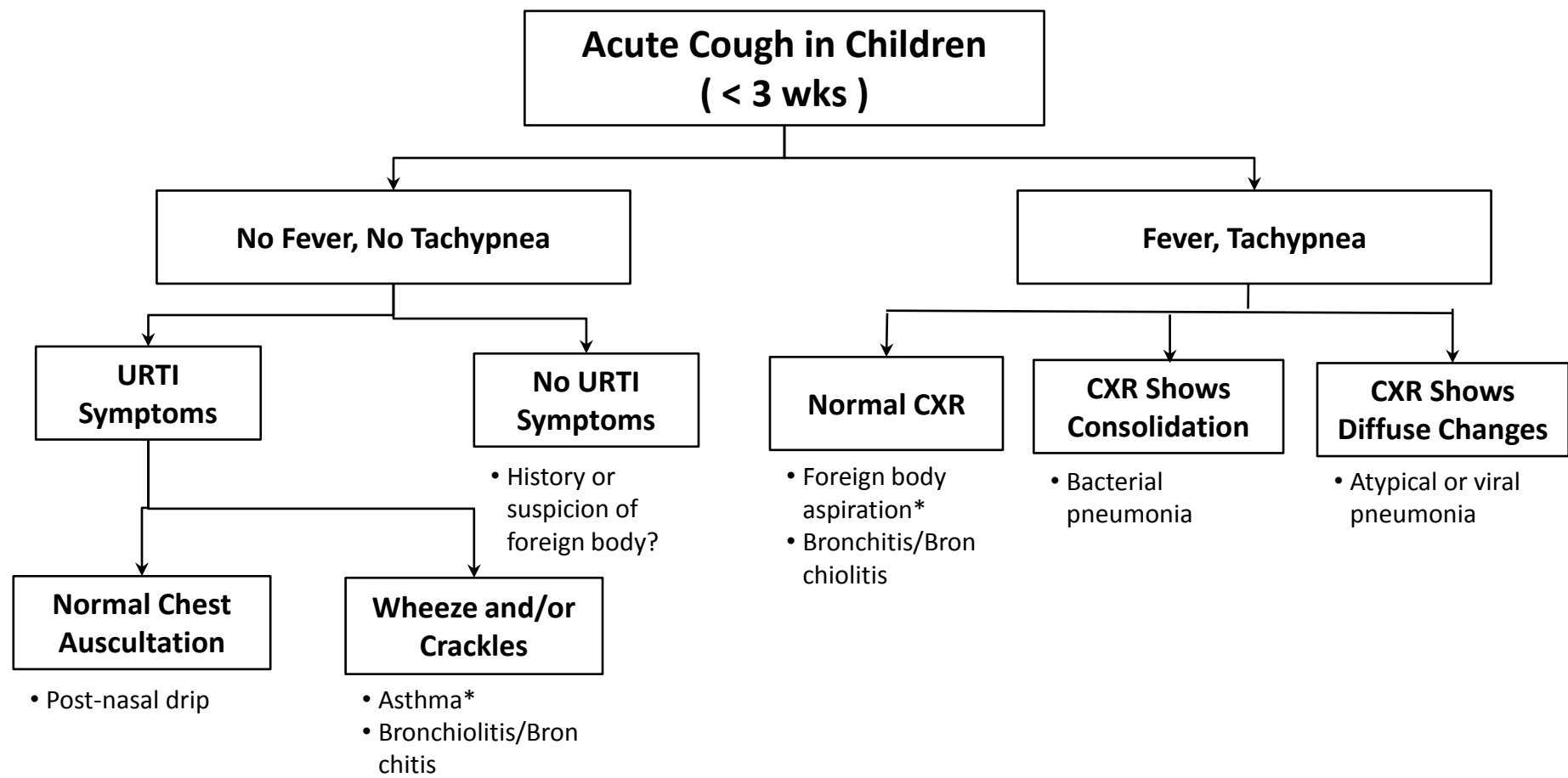
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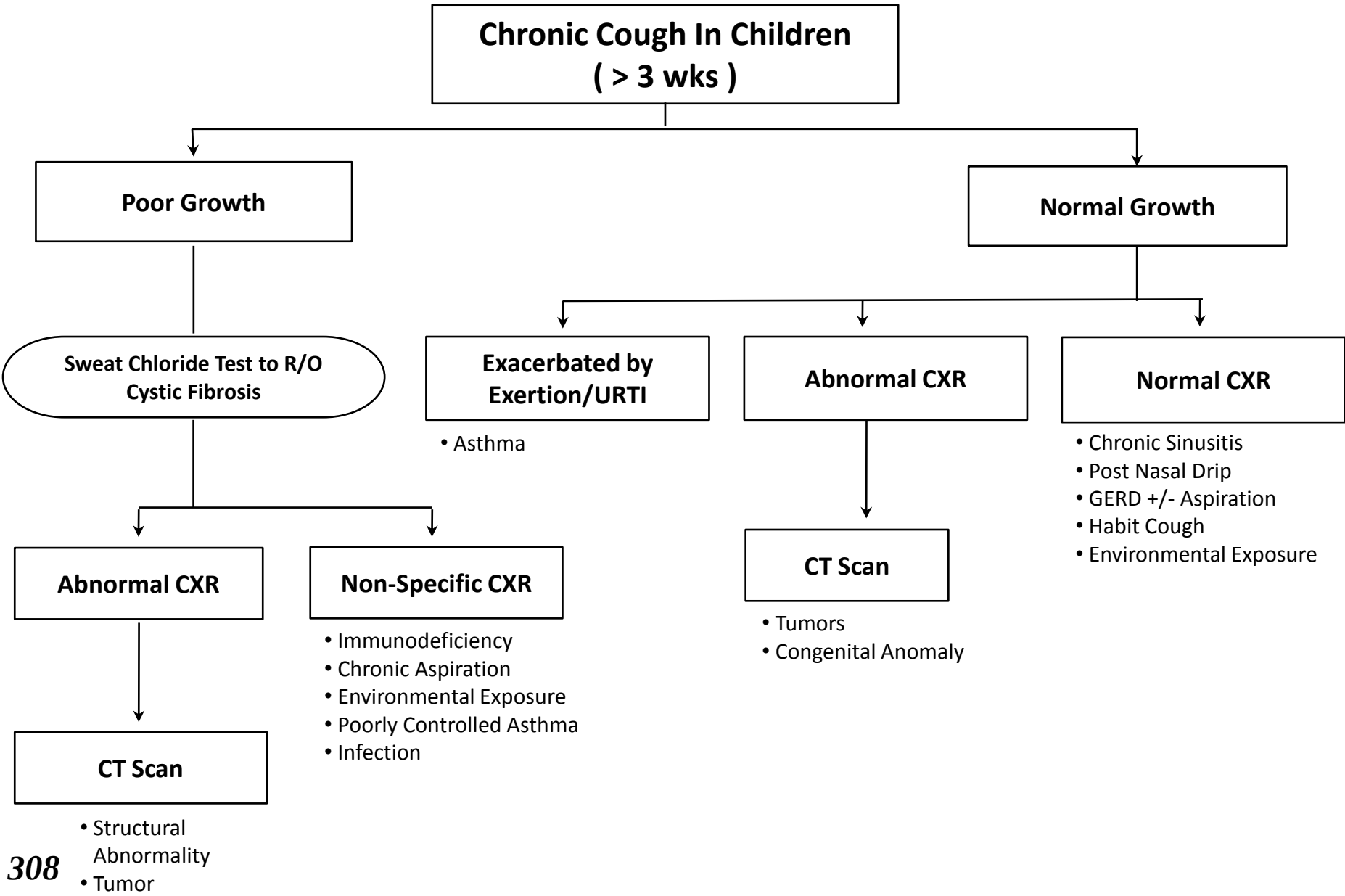
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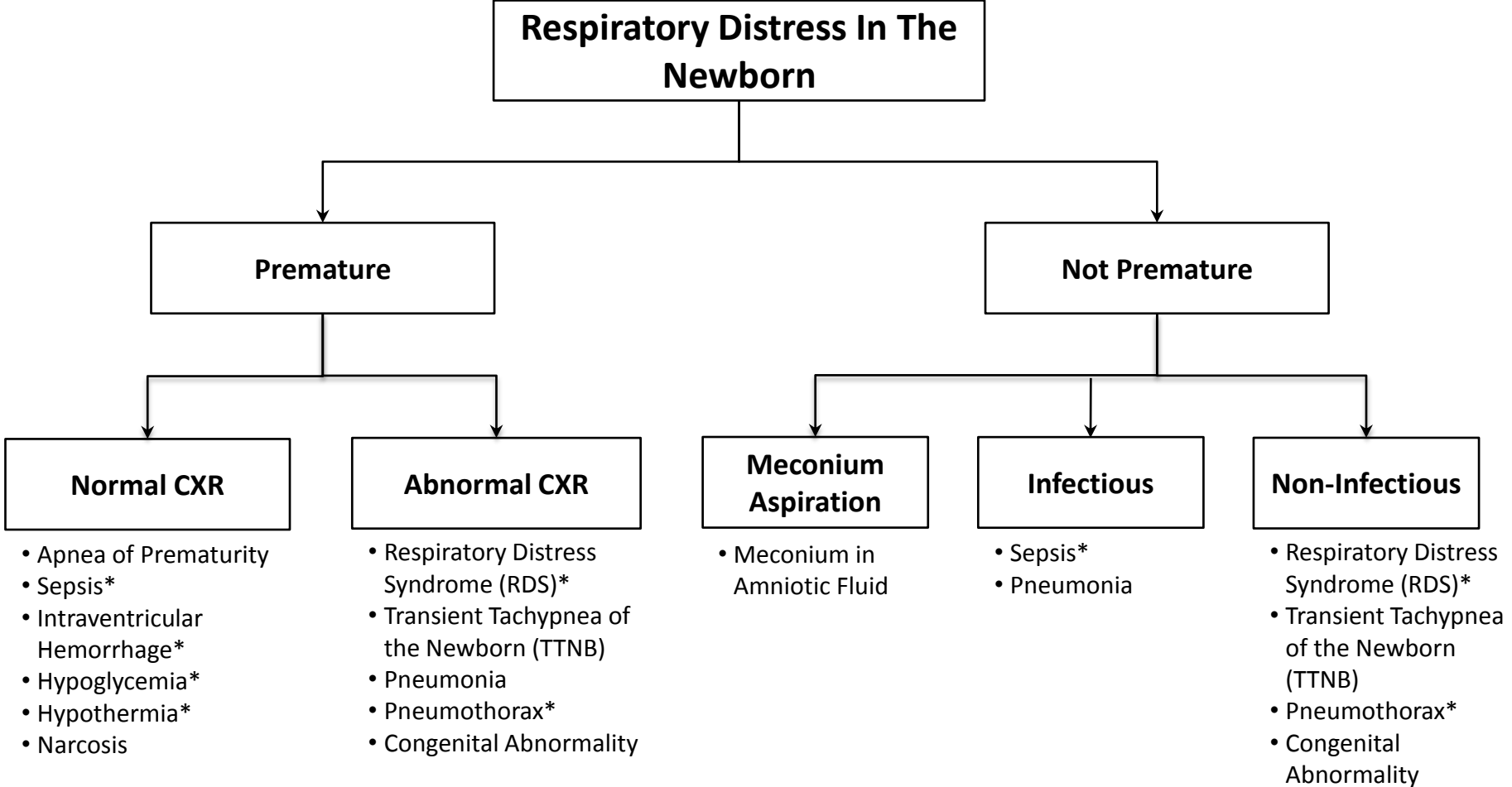


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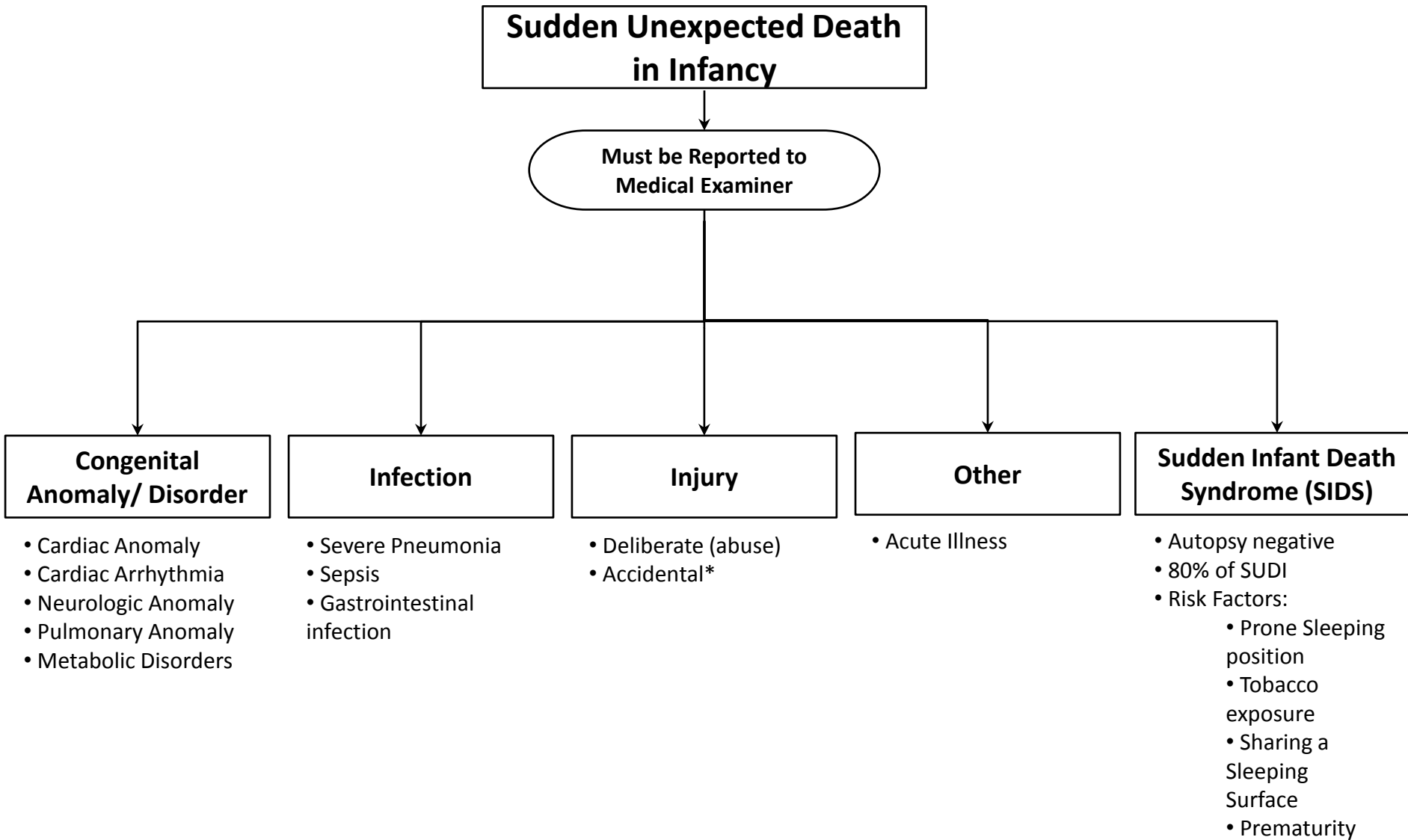


RESPIRATORY DISTRESS IN THE NEWBORN



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SUDDEN UNEXPECTED DEATH IN INFANCY (SUDI)



ENURESIS

Enuresis

Rule in/out age-appropriate enuresis

Age	Dry during day	Dry during night
2	25%	10%
2.5	85%	48%
3	98%	78%

Nocturnal Enuresis

Diurnal Enuresis

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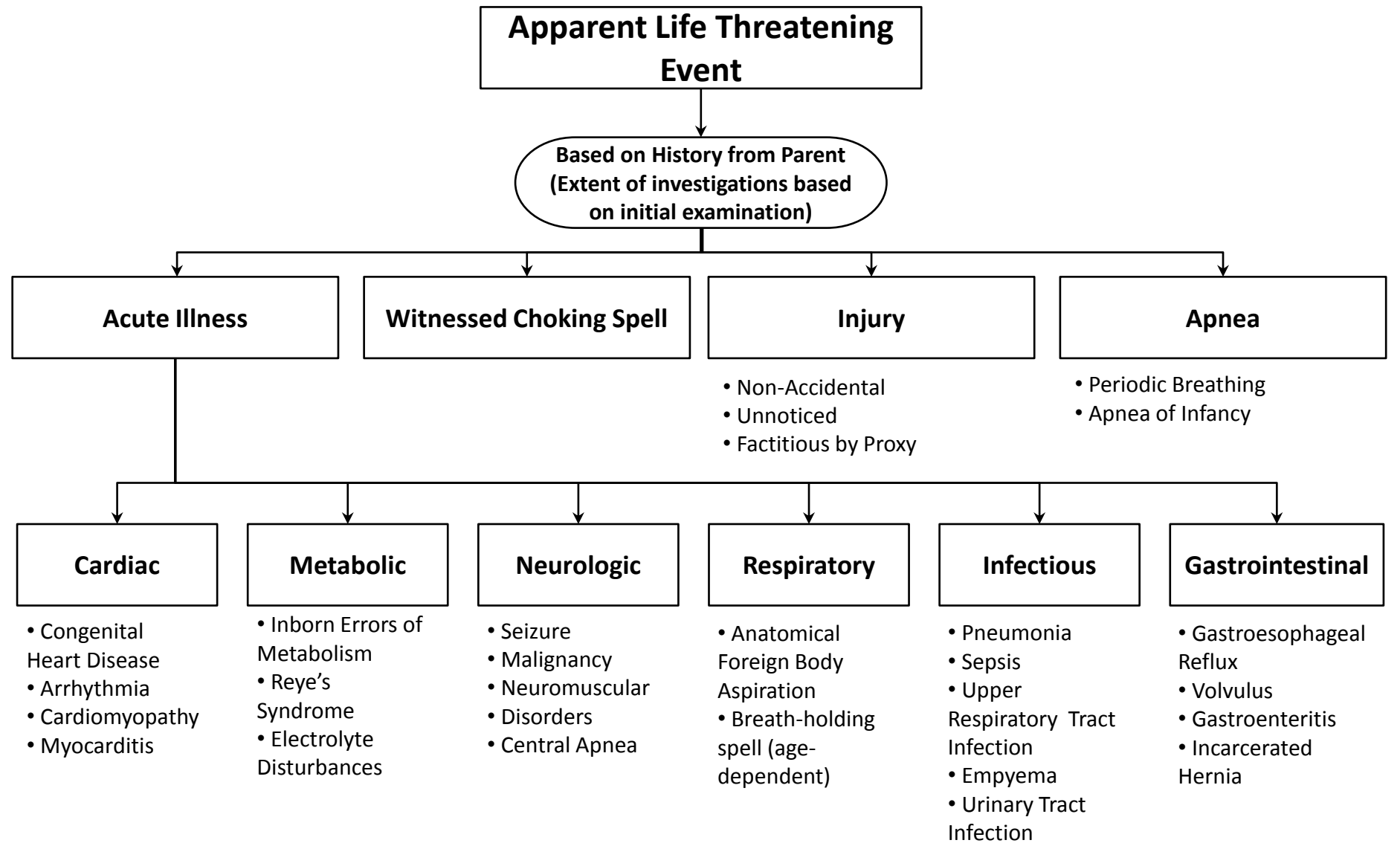
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- Idiopathic
- Sleep Disorders (Obstructive Sleep Apnea)
- Anatomic Abnormality

Secondary (Red Flag) (> 6 Month Continence Prior)

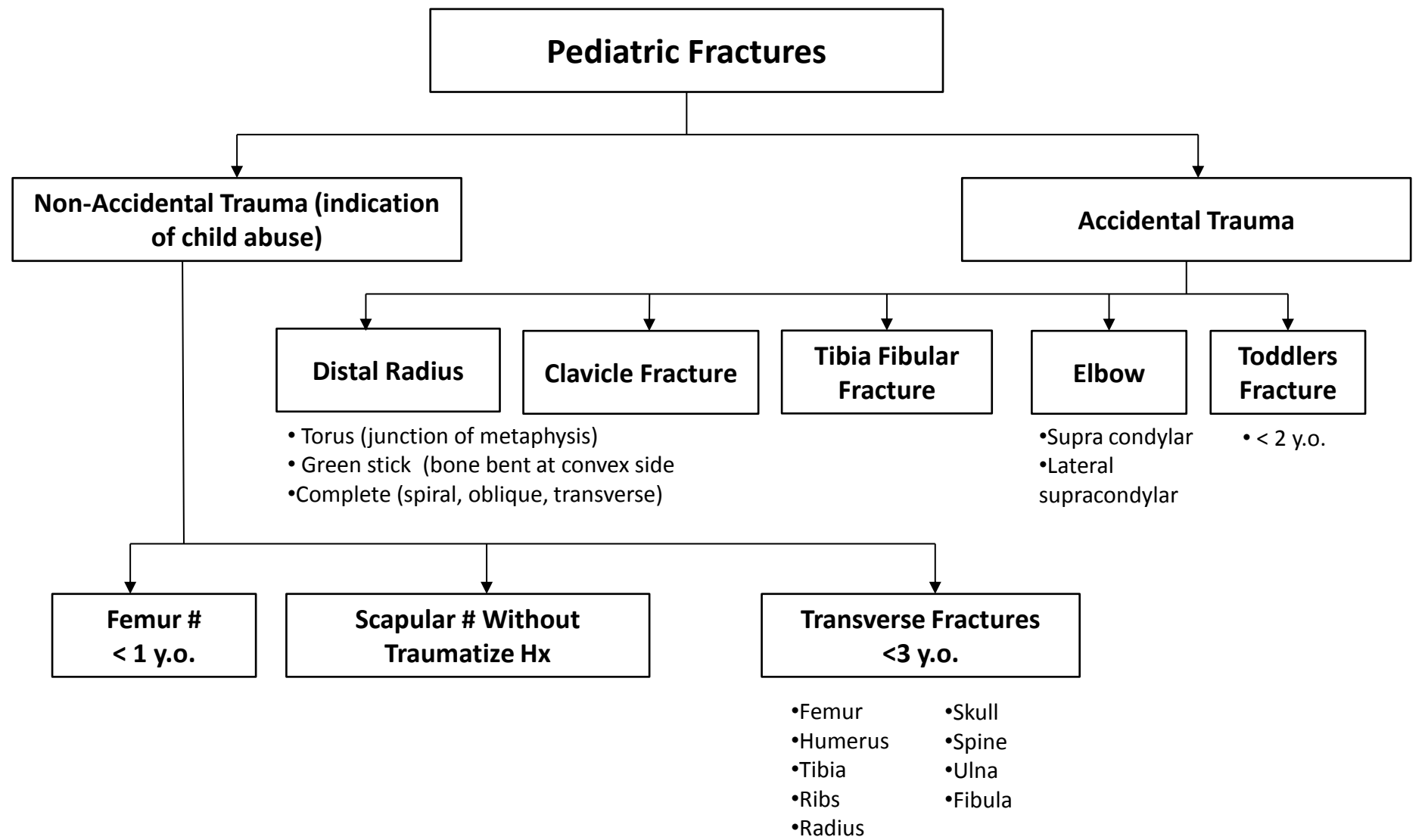
- Urinary Tract Infection
- Idiopathic
- Behavioural/Psychogenic (Child Abuse)
- Cystitis
- Diabetes Mellitus
- Other (Diabetes Insipidus, Urethral Obstruction, Cerebral Palsy, Neurogenic Bladder, Seizure Disorder)

- Pediatric Unstable Bladder
- Infrequent Voiding (Urinary Tract Infection)
- Cystitis
- Behavioural/Psychogenic
- Idiopathic
- Non-neurogenic (Hinman Syndrome)
- Vaginal Voiding (Labial Adhesion)

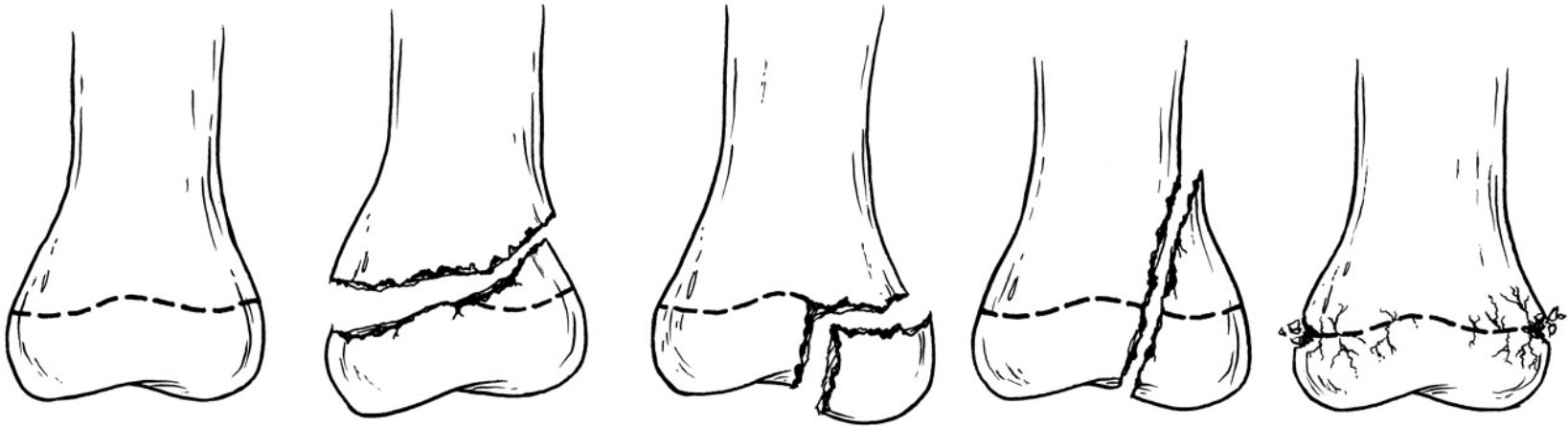
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PEDIATRIC FRACTURES



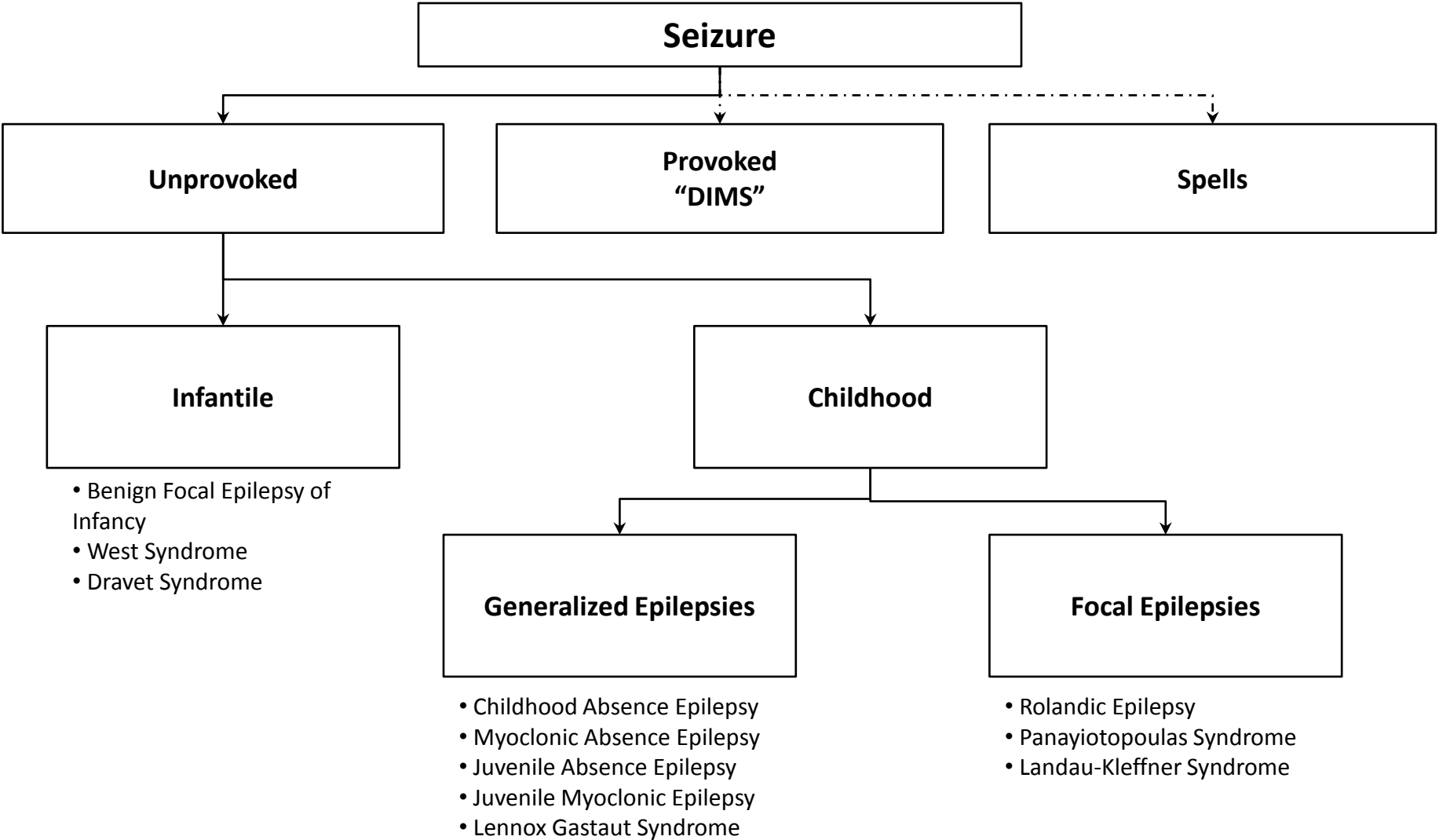
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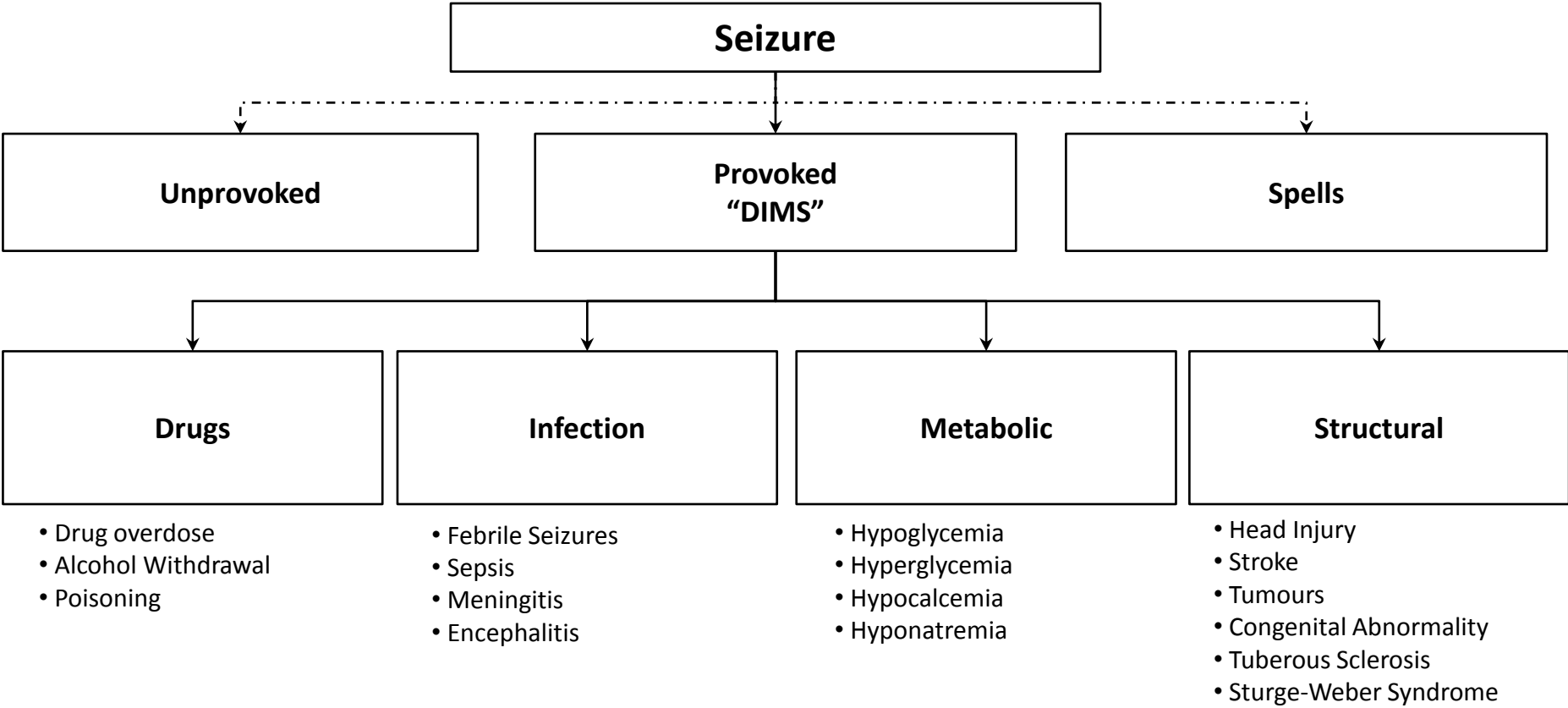
Type	Population	Features
I	Younger Children	Separation through the physis
II	Older Children (75%)	Fracture through a portion of the physis that extends through the metaphyses
III	Older Children (75%)	Fracture line goes below the physis through the epiphysis, and into the joint
IV		Fracture Line through the metaphysis, physis and epiphysis
V		Compression fracture of the growth plate

S	Straight through
A	Above
L	Lower
T	Through
R	Crush

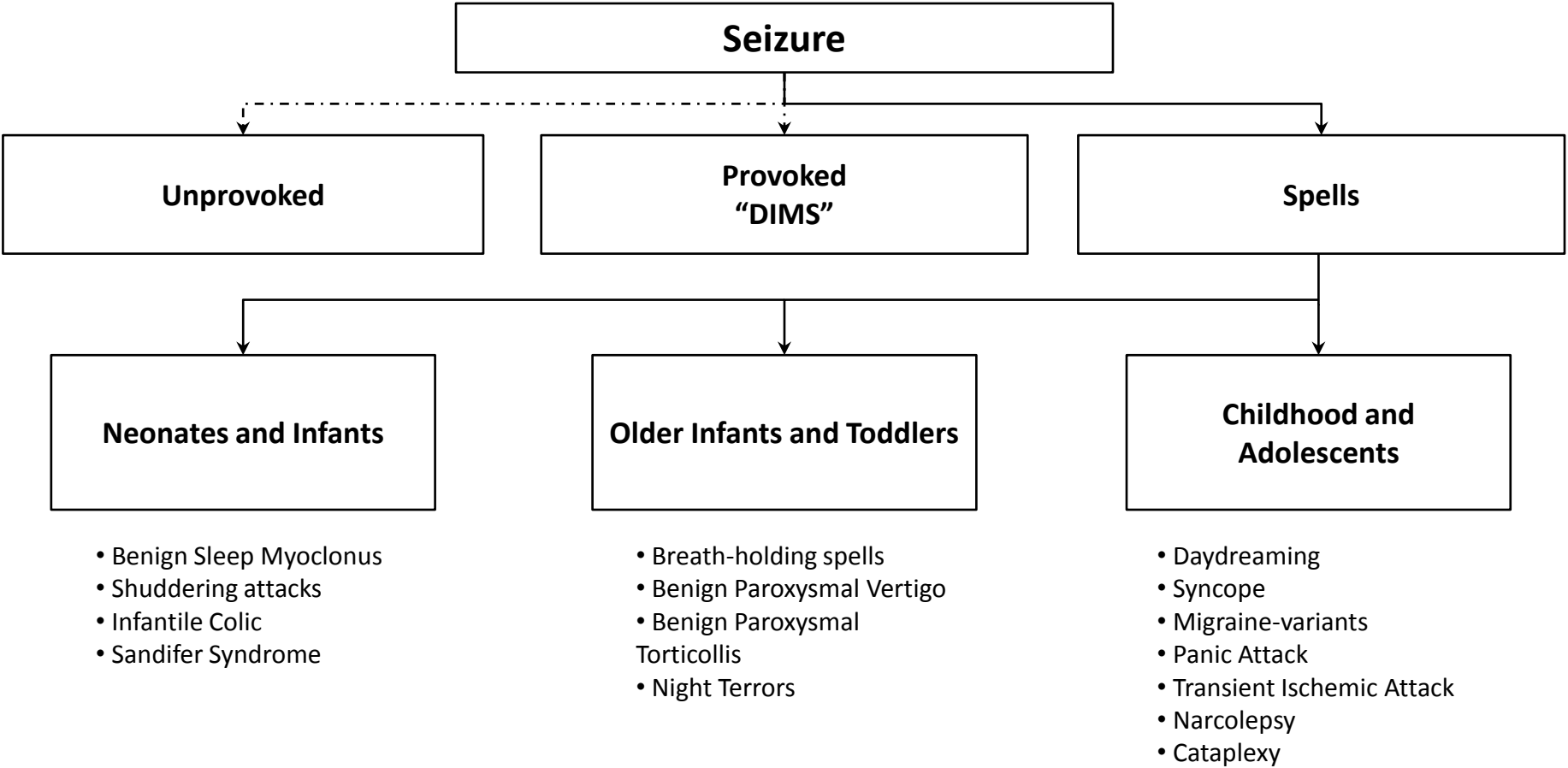
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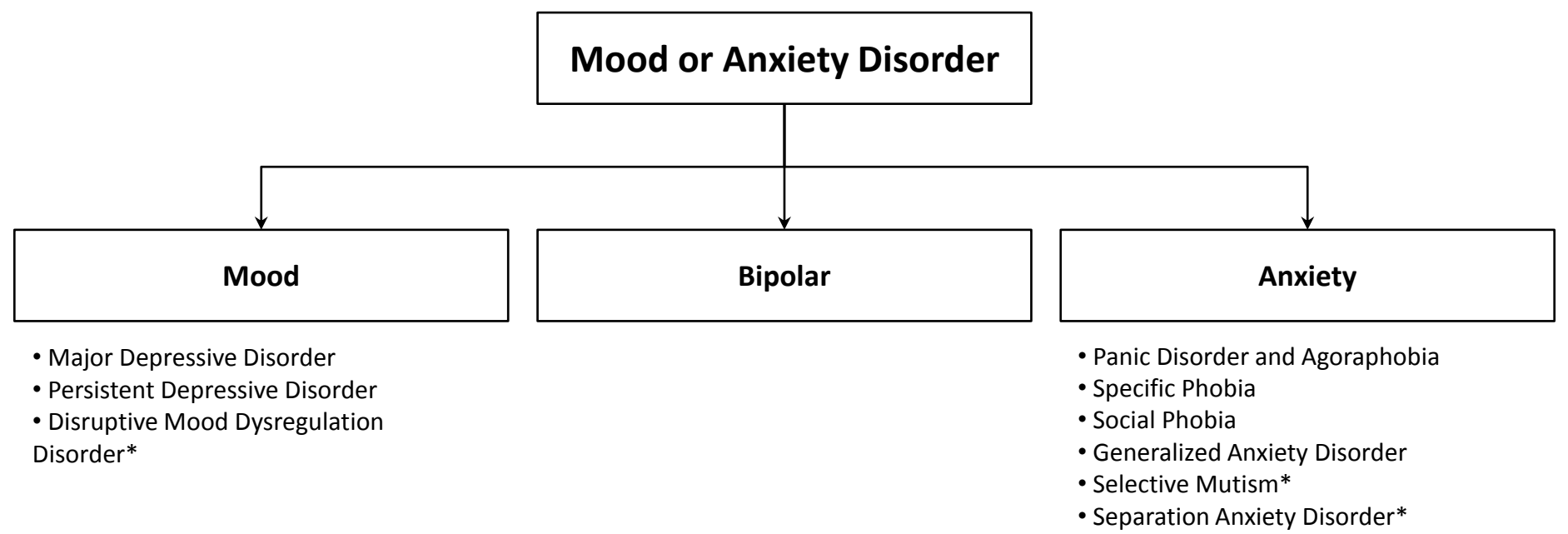
PEDIATRIC SEIZURE: Provoked



PEDIATRIC SEIZURE: Spells



PEDIATRIC MOOD AND ANXIETY DISORDERS



*More commonly or exclusively found in pediatric populations

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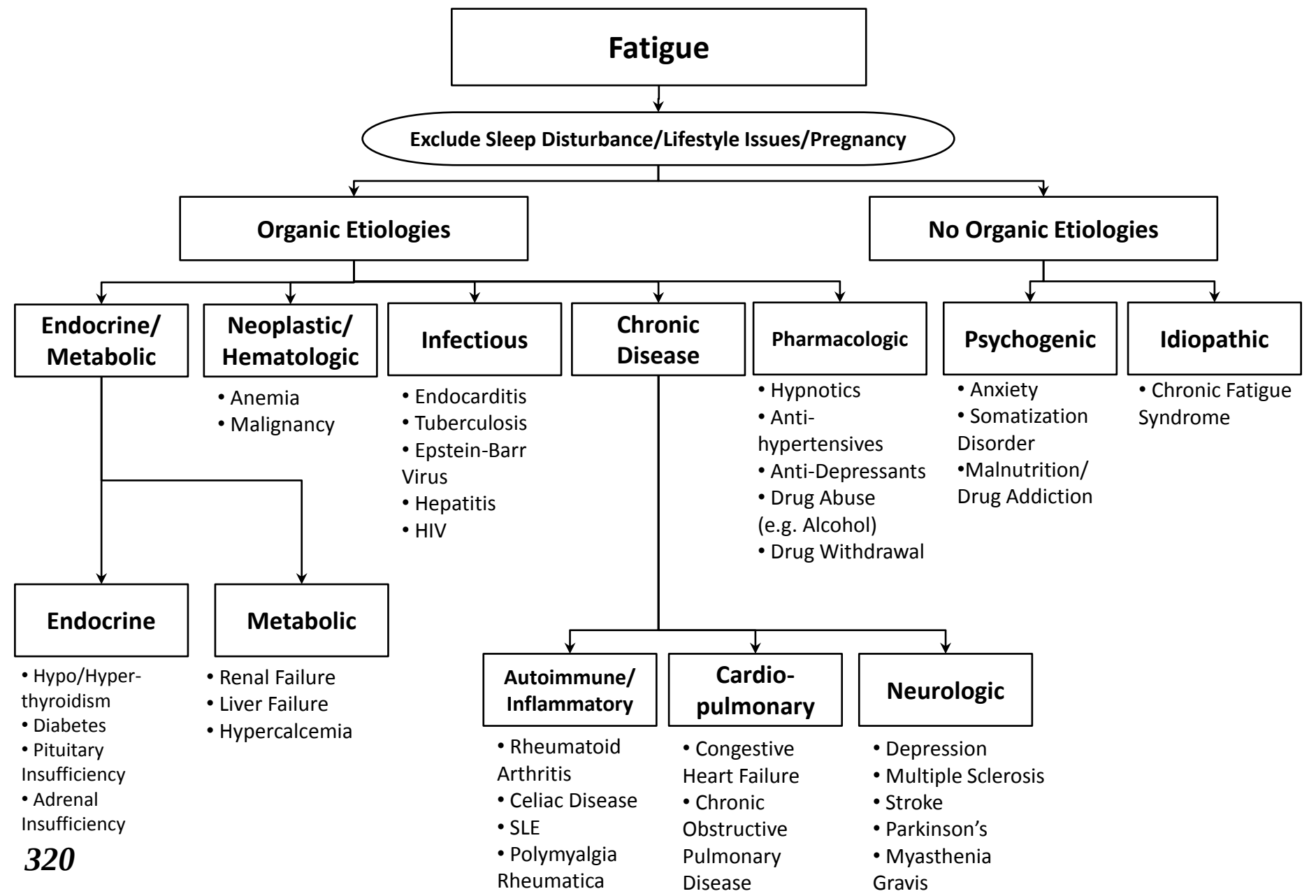
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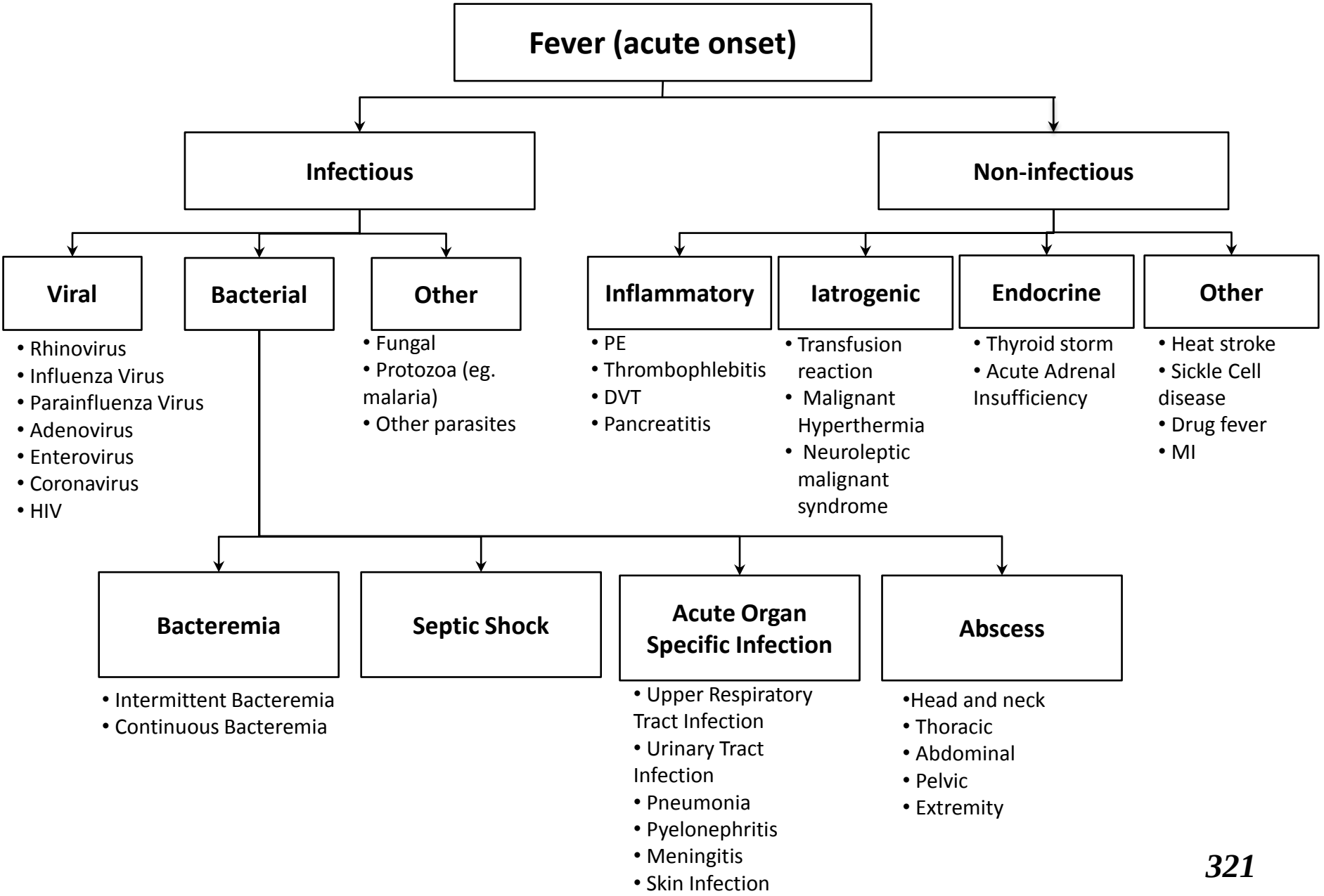
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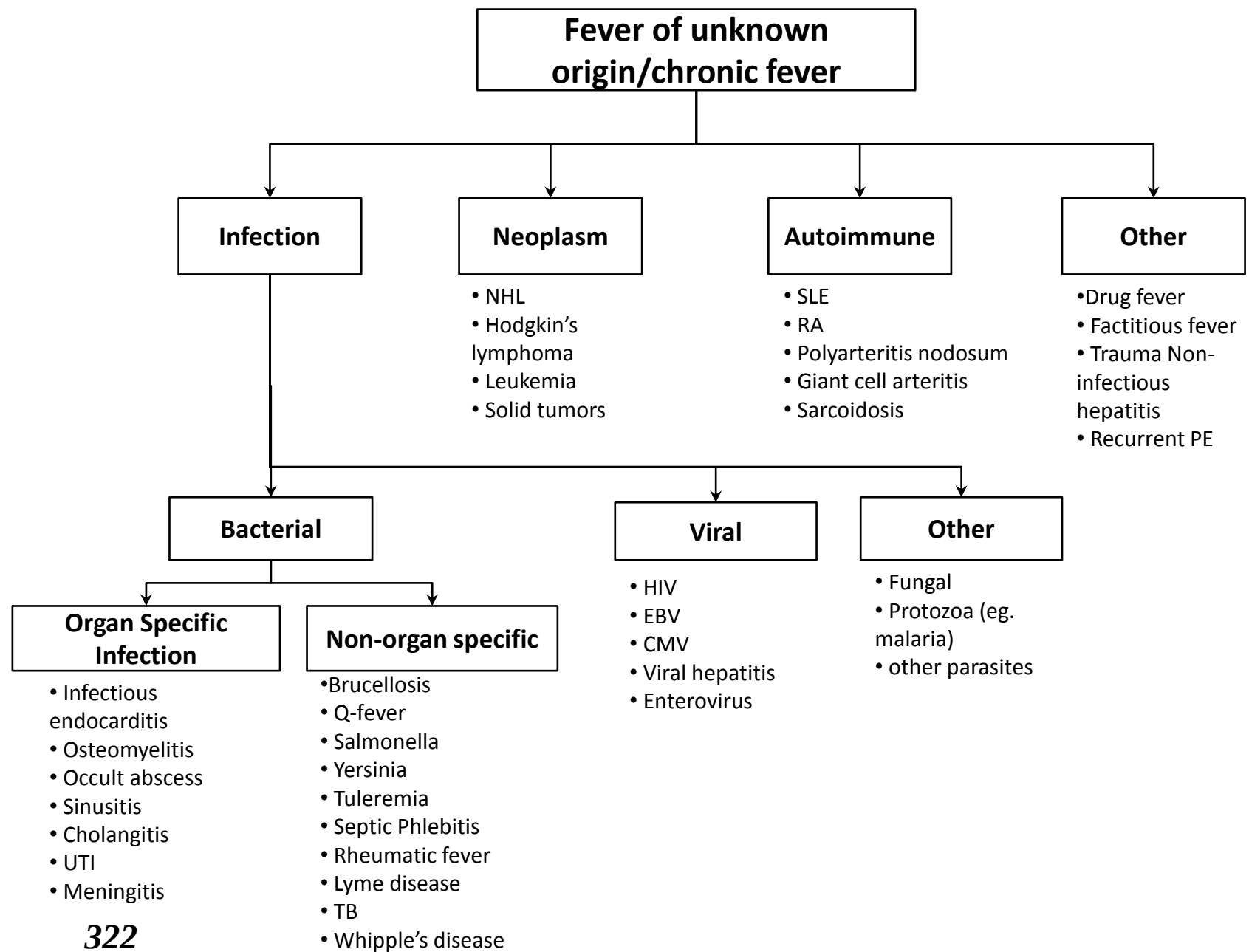
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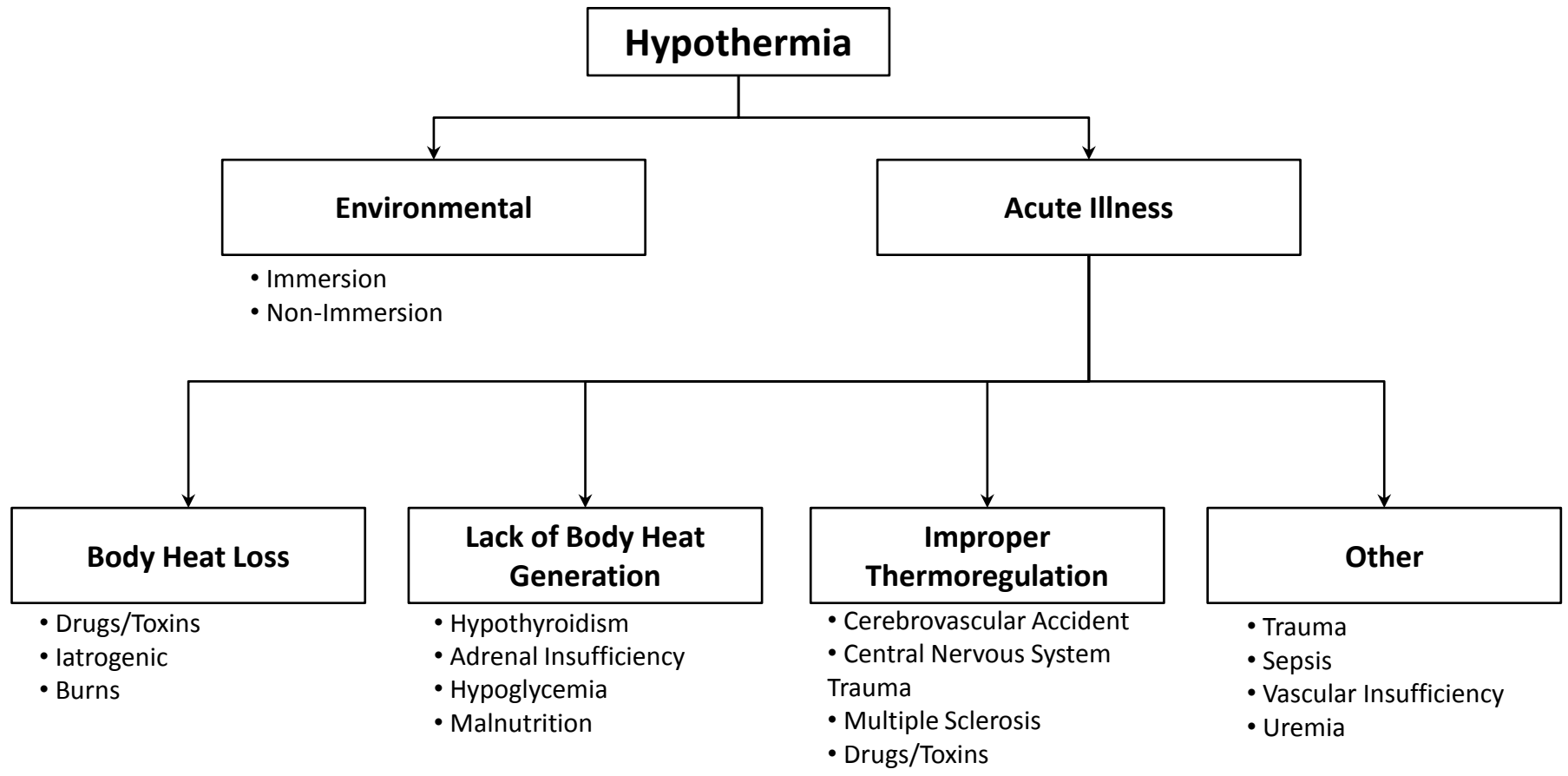
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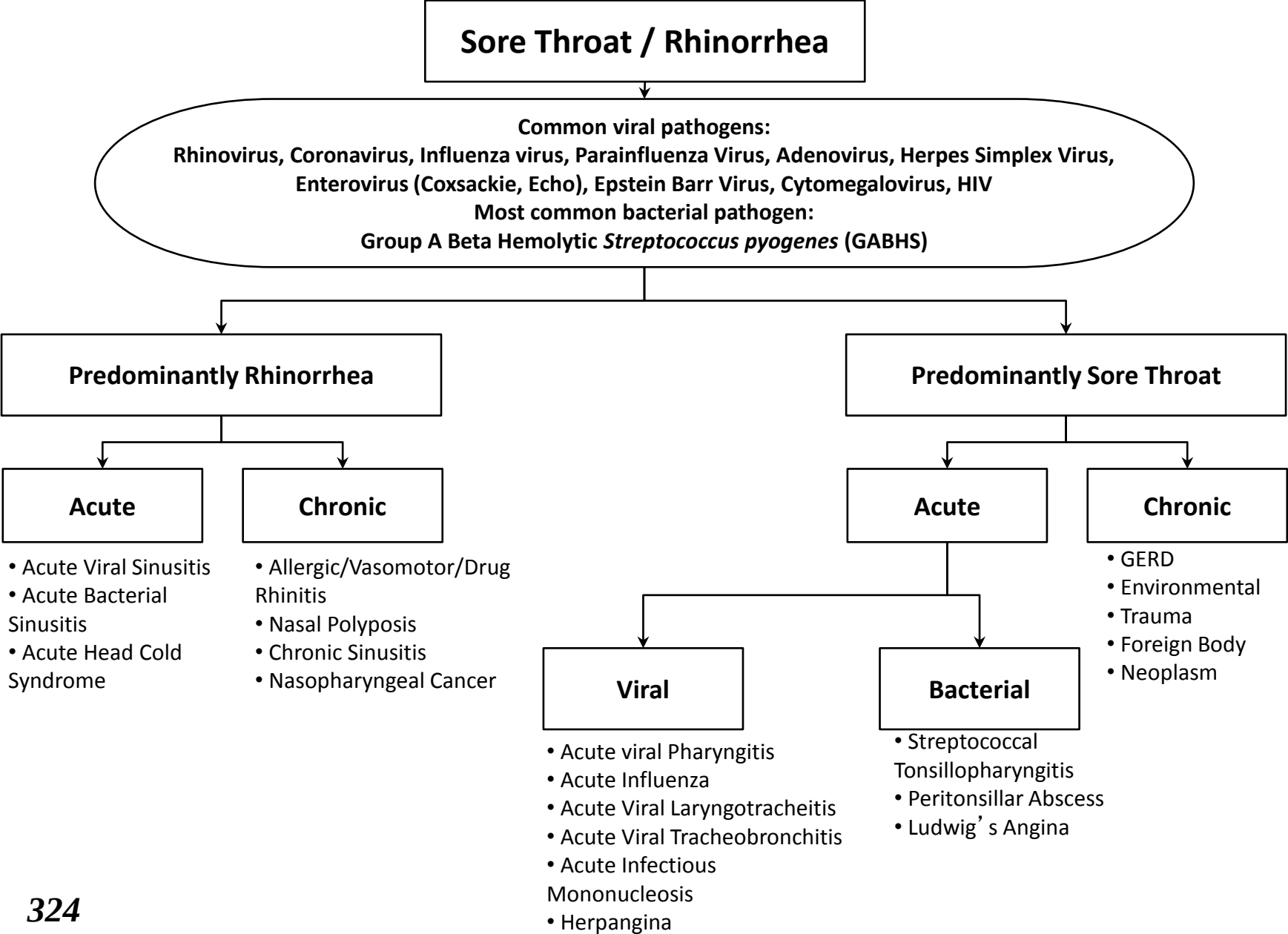
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List of Abbreviations

AAA	Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm	CT	Computed Tomography
ACE	Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme	DCIS	Ductal Carcinoma In Situ
ACTH	Adrenocorticotrophic Hormone	DHEA	Dehydroepiandrosterone
ADPKD	Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease	DHEA-S	Dehydroepiandrosterone Sulfate
ADH	Antidiuretic Hormone	DIC	Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation
AIN	Acute Interstitial Nephritis	DKA	Diabetic Ketoacidosis
ALS	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis	DRE	Digital Rectal Exam
ARB	Angiotensin Receptor Blocker	DVT	Deep Vein Thrombosis
ARF	Acute Renal Failure	EABV	Effective Arterial Blood Volume
ARPKD	Autosomal Recessive Polycystic Kidney Disease	ECF	Extracellular Fluid
BPH	Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy	ENaC	Epithelial Sodium Channel
CCD	Cortical Collecting Duct	FEV1	Forced Expiratory Volume in One Second
CHF	Congestive Heart Failure	FJN	Familial Juvenile Nephronophthisis
CIN	Chronic Interstitial Nephritis	FSGS	Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis
CLL	Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia	FSH	Follicle Stimulating Hormone
CNS	Central Nervous System	FVC	Forced Vital Capacity
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	GBM	Glomerular Basement Membrane
CRF	Chronic Renal Failure	GERD	Gastrointestinal Esophageal Reflux Disease
CRH	Corticotrophic Releasing Hormone		

GFR	Glomerular Filtration Rate	IBS	Irritable Bowel Syndrome
GHRH	Growth Hormone Releasing Hormone	ICP	Increased Intracranial Pressure
GH	Growth Hormone	ICU	Intensive Care Unit
GI	Gastrointestinal	IGF	Insulin-like Growth Factor
GN	Glomerulonephritis	INR	International Normalized Ratio
GnRH	Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone	ITP	Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura
GRA	Glucocorticoid-Remediable Aldosteronism	IUGR	Intrauterine Growth Restriction
GTN	Gestational Trophoblastic Neoplasm	IV	Intravenous
H+	Hydrogen	IVP	Intravenous Pyelogram
HCG	Human Chorionic Gonadatropin	JVP	Jugular Venous Pressure
HDL	High Density Lipoprotein	K ⁺	Potassium
HELLP	Hemolysis, Elevated Liver Enzymes, Low Platelets	KUB	Kidney, Ureter, Bladder
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus	LCIS	Lobular Carcinoma In Situ
HPL-1a	Human Peripheral Lung Epithelial Cell Line 1a	LDL	Low Density Lipoprotein
HRT	Hormone Replacement Therapy	LGA	Large for Gestational Age
HSP	Henoch-Schönlein Purpura	LH	Luteinizing Hormone
HSV	Herpes Simplex Virus	LOC	Level of Consciousness
HUS	Hemolytic-Uremic Syndrome	LPL	Lipoprotein Lipase
IBD	Irritable Bowel Disease	MCD	Minimal Change Disease
		MCH	Mean Corpuscular Hemoglobin
		MCHC	Mean Corpuscular Hemoglobin Concentration
		MCV	Mean Corpuscular Volume

MEN	Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia	RBC	Red Blood Cell
MI	Myocardial Infarction	RTA	Renal Tubular Acidosis
MPGN	Membranoproliferative Glomerulonephritis	SGA	Small for Gestational Age
MS	Multiple Sclerosis	SLE	Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
MSK	Musculoskeletal	TORCH	Toxoplasmosis, Other (Hepatitis B, Syphilis, Varicella-Zoster virus, HIV, Parvovirus B19), Rubella, Cytomegalovirus, Herpes Simplex Virus
Na ⁺	Sodium	TSH	Thyroid Stimulating Hormone
NSAIDs	Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatories	TSHR	Thyroid Stimulating Hormone Receptor
OCP	Oral Contraceptive Pill	TTKG	Transtubular Potassium Gradient
OSM	Osmolality	TTP	Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura
PE	Pulmonary Embolism	UTI	Urinary Tract Infection
PID	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	US	Ultrasound
PMN	Polymorphic Neutrophils	VACTERL	Vertebral Anomalies, Anal Atresia, Cardiovascular Anomalies, Tracheoesophageal Fistula, Esophageal Atresia, Renal Anomalies, Limb Anomalies
POSM	Plasma Osmolality	VSD	Ventricular Septal Defect
PPROM	Preterm Premature Rupture of Membranes	VUJ	Vesicoureteral Junction
PROM	Premature Rupture of Membranes		
PT	Prothrombin Time		
PTH	Parathyroid Hormone		
PTT	Partial Thromboplastin Time		
PUD	Peptic Ulcer Disease		
PUJ	Pelviureteric Junction		
RAPD	Right Afferent Pupillary Defect		
RAS	Renal Artery Stenosis		

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