

Connecticut Children's Co-Management Tool-Kit

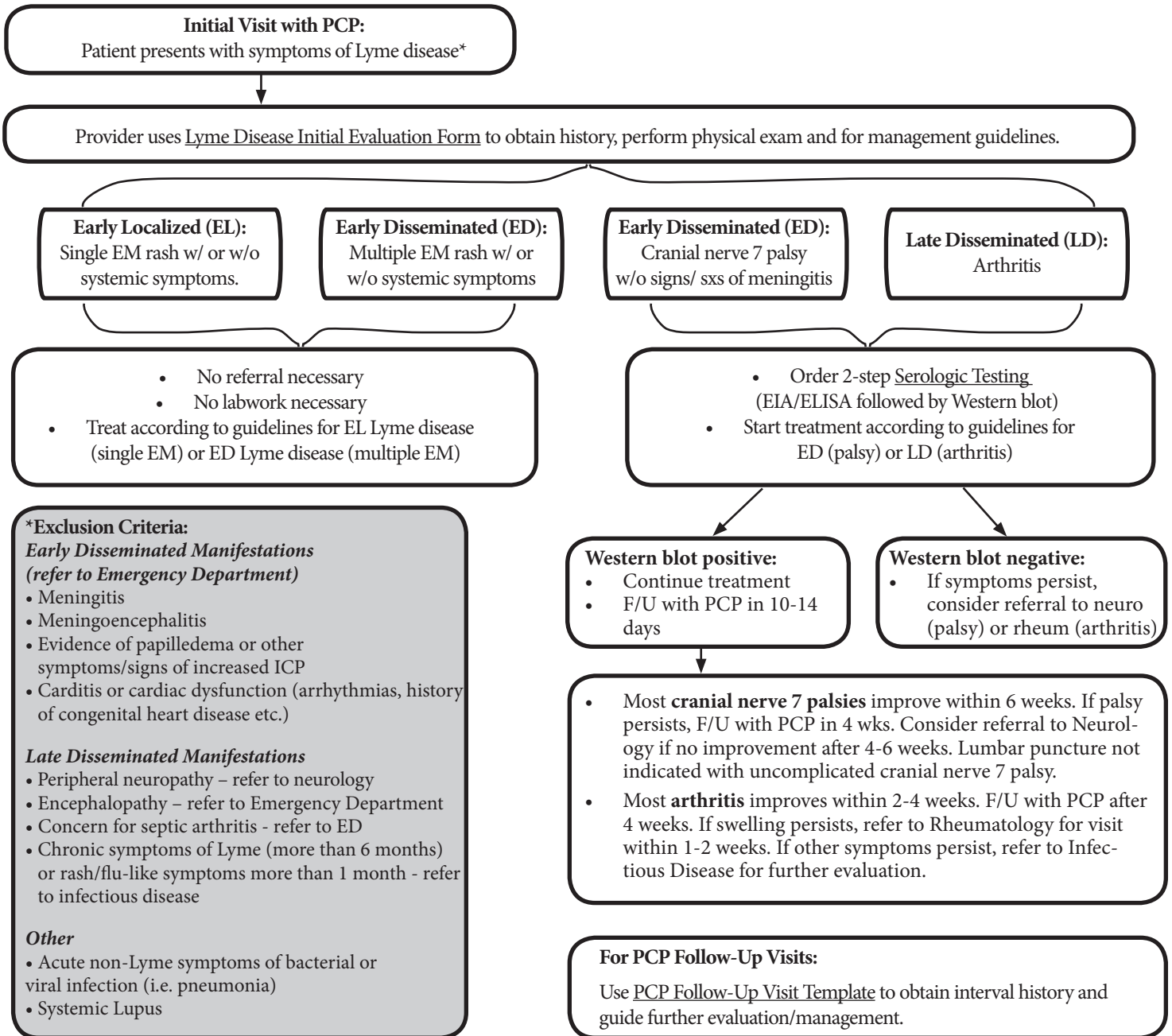
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LYME DISEASE

(Underlined items are available in the Co-Management Tool-Kit)



***Exclusion Criteria:**

Early Disseminated Manifestations (refer to Emergency Department)

- Meningitis
- Meningoencephalitis
- Evidence of papilledema or other symptoms/signs of increased ICP
- Carditis or cardiac dysfunction (arrhythmias, history of congenital heart disease etc.)

Late Disseminated Manifestations

- Peripheral neuropathy – refer to neurology
- Encephalopathy – refer to Emergency Department
- Concern for septic arthritis - refer to ED
- Chronic symptoms of Lyme (more than 6 months) or rash/flu-like symptoms more than 1 month - refer to infectious disease

Other

- Acute non-Lyme symptoms of bacterial or viral infection (i.e. pneumonia)
- Systemic Lupus

Notes:

- Early treatment for Lyme disease can abort the immune response so that a follow-up EIA/ELISA may be negative.
- Within the first two weeks of appropriate therapy, other later manifestations and symptoms of Lyme can manifest. This is not related to treatment failure but the natural course of the disease for some people.
- Most children with a flu-like illness (even during seasons with high tick exposure) do not have Lyme disease. The vast majority of children with Lyme will develop objective signs of Lyme disease.