

# ILPQC Antibiotic Time-out Tool

Use this tool to determine if continuing antibiotics longer than 36 hours is appropriate.

**Patient information**

Patient name:

Today's date:

Patient hours of life:

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**Staff present**

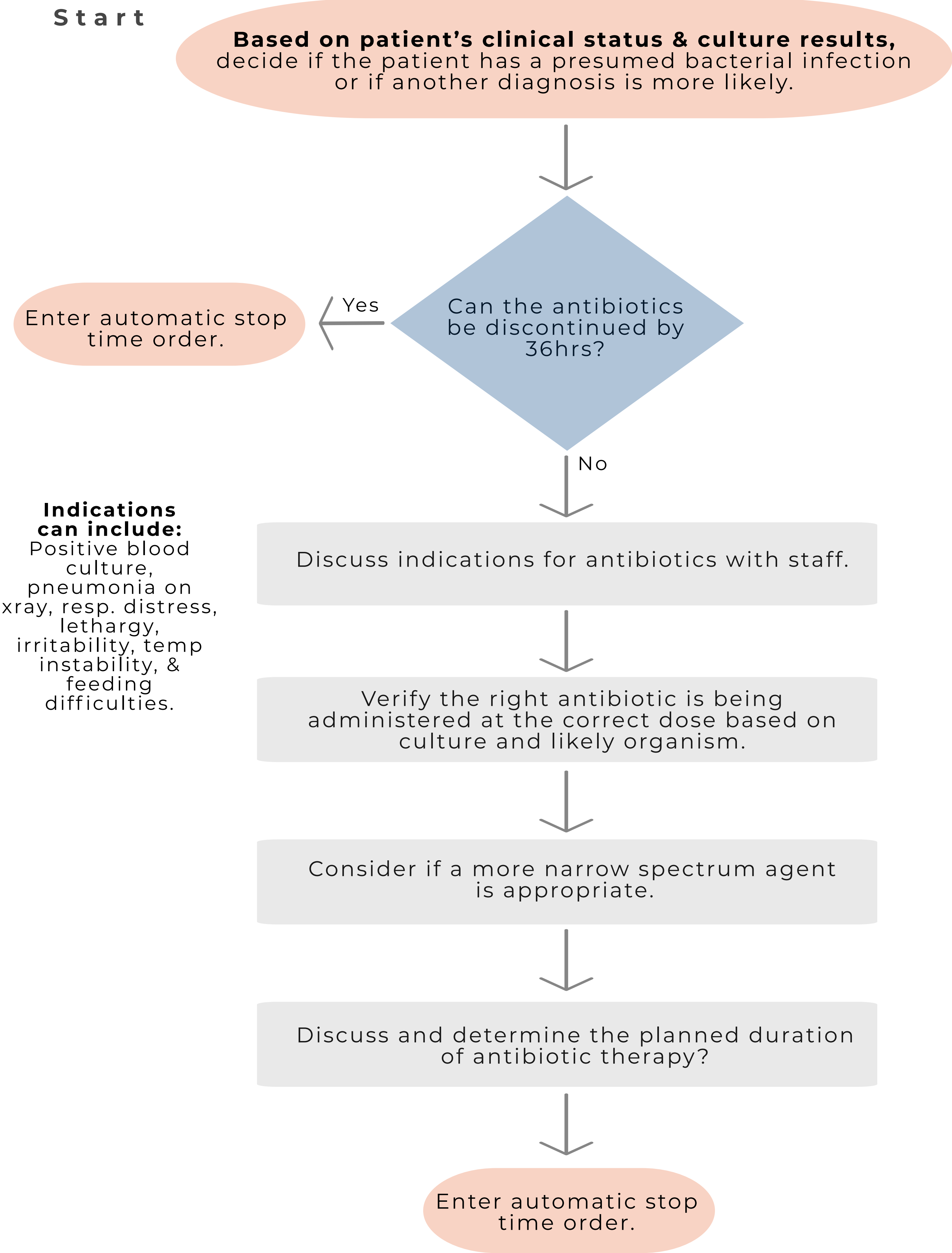
Physician name:

Nurse:

Others:

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**Next Steps:**



BACTERIAL INFECTION?

01

Is the diagnosis still infectious? Bacterial, fungal, viral?  
If the problem is no longer thought to be due to an infection, stop antibiotics.

CAN YOU DE-ESCALATE?

02

-If culture results have returned, de-escalate to narrowest effective abx.  
-If culture results are negative, stop abx.

WHAT'S THE DURATION?

03

Pro-tip: In order to prevent patients from staying on prolonged courses, plan a course early.

IS IT THE RIGHT DOSE?

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Make sure you consider the type of infection, renal and hepatic function, and interaction(s) with other medications.

DID YOU DOCUMENT?

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Pro-tip: make sure to include total planned antibiotic duration (including start and planned stop dates) in your daily notes.