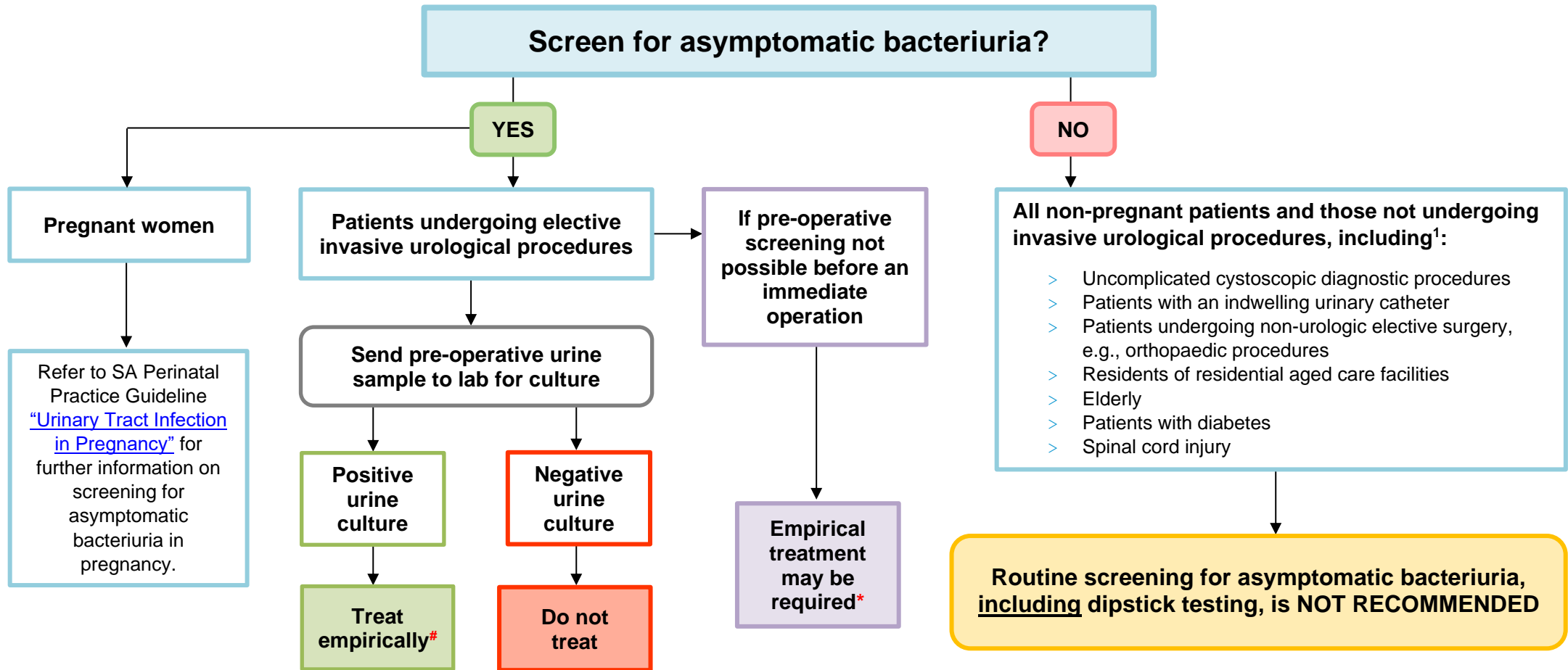


Screening for and treatment of asymptomatic bacteriuria in adults is NOT recommended, except in limited circumstances



Notes:

1. Do not investigate or treat cloudy or malodourous urine in older adults in residential & community care who do not have other symptoms or signs of UTI.
2. Treatment of asymptomatic bacteriuria in healthy young women may increase the risk of future symptomatic UTI.
3. Screening and requesting a urine culture without a clear indication or failing to correctly interpret and correlate the culture result to the clinical situation, significantly contributes to antibiotic misuse.

Refer to Appendix 1 in the [Urinary Tract Infections \(adult\): Empirical Treatment Clinical Guideline](#) for empirical treatment recommendations. Modify empirical therapy based on microbiology and sensitivities, using agent with the narrowest spectrum of activity.

* Refer to the Therapeutic Guidelines; see *Treating pre-operative bacteriuria* for further information.

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