

BSUH Paediatric Clinical Practice Guideline

Audiology pathway for bacterial meningitis

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Risk factors Organism - e.g. pneumococcus
Duration of illness before treatment

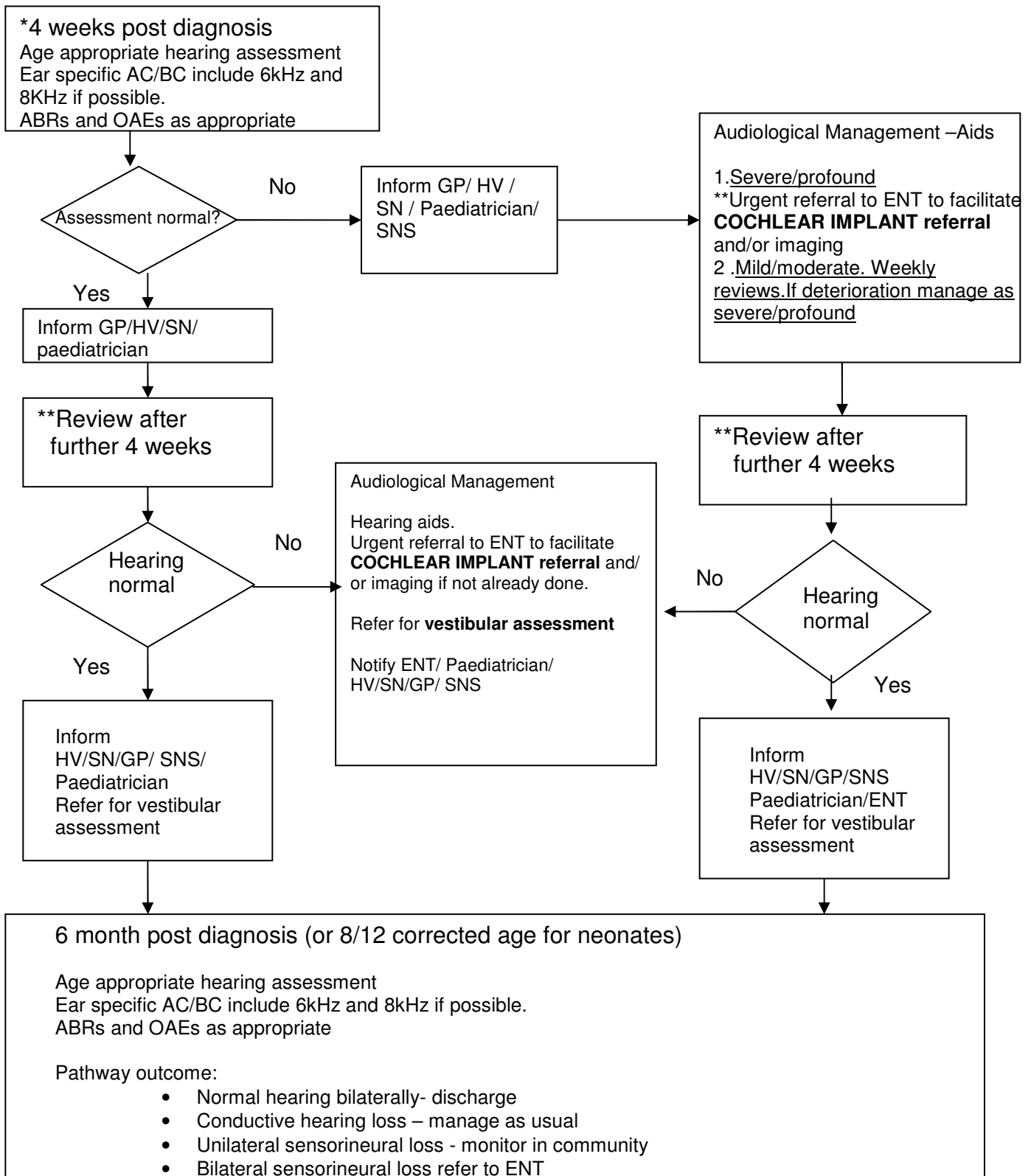
Incidence variable 7- 10%

Not applicable to children who have had viral meningitis

Send referrals to Rob Low, Audiology Department, RSCH. Mark them 'urgent bacterial meningitis referral'.

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Management pathway



* 10% reversible hearing loss but usually within 2 weeks

** Fibrous ossification early 6-8 weeks

NOTE- All children should have ongoing paediatric assessment to look for abnormal neurology and address developmental, general learning concerns, emotional behavioural problems

HV= health visitor
ABR= automated brain responses
ANSD= auditory neuropathy spectrum disorder

SN= school nurse
OAEs otoacoustic emissions
AC= air conduction

SNS= sensory needs service
PTA= pure tone audiometry
BC= bone conduction