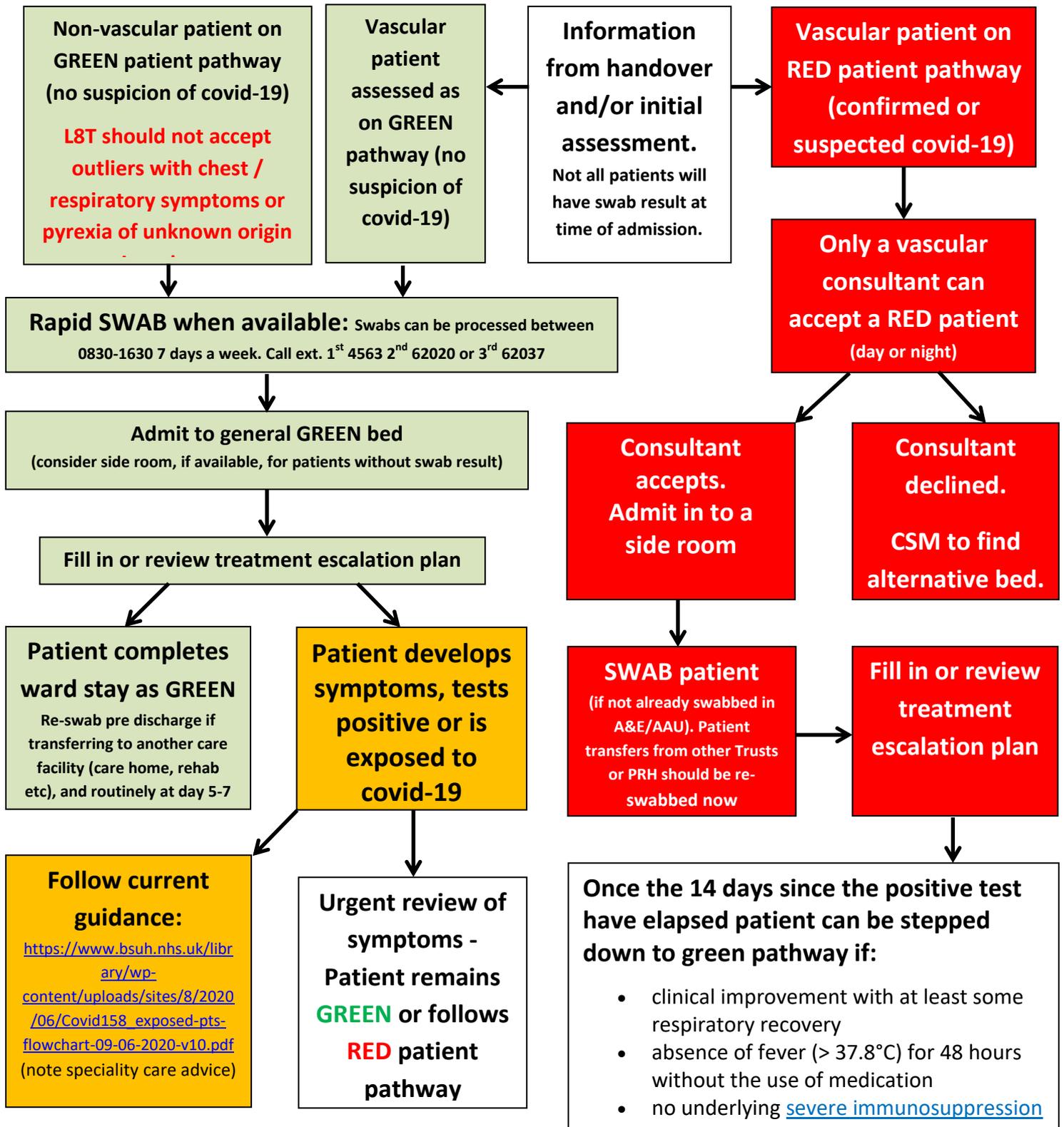


Level 8 tower (L8T) emergency admission pathway during covid-19.

Acceptance of suspected/confirmed Covid-19 patients into the 4 side rooms available to the Vascular tertiary service and clear green pathways (recommended by the Vascular Society) for emergency and surgical patients (some of whom are required to self-isolate for 14 days pre admission).



Consider re-testing for:

- severely immunocompromised patients to support the optimal use of side rooms, or where side rooms are not available
- where it optimises patient flow through the hospital (long-stay patients who are unable to otherwise be discharged or those being discharged to a household where someone who is an extremely vulnerable person is being shielded)

Full PHE guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-stepdown-of-infection-control-precautions-within-hospitals-and-discharging-covid-19-patients-from-hospital-to-home-settings/guidance-for-stepdown-of-infection-control-precautions-and-discharging-covid-19-patients>