

ER Doc Assessment

- Hx + Px
- CBC, Lytes, Cr
- Urinalysis
- B-hcg
- Alvarado Score

Patient with lower abdominal pain

Clinical Suspicion of Appendicitis

Alternate Diagnosis

High

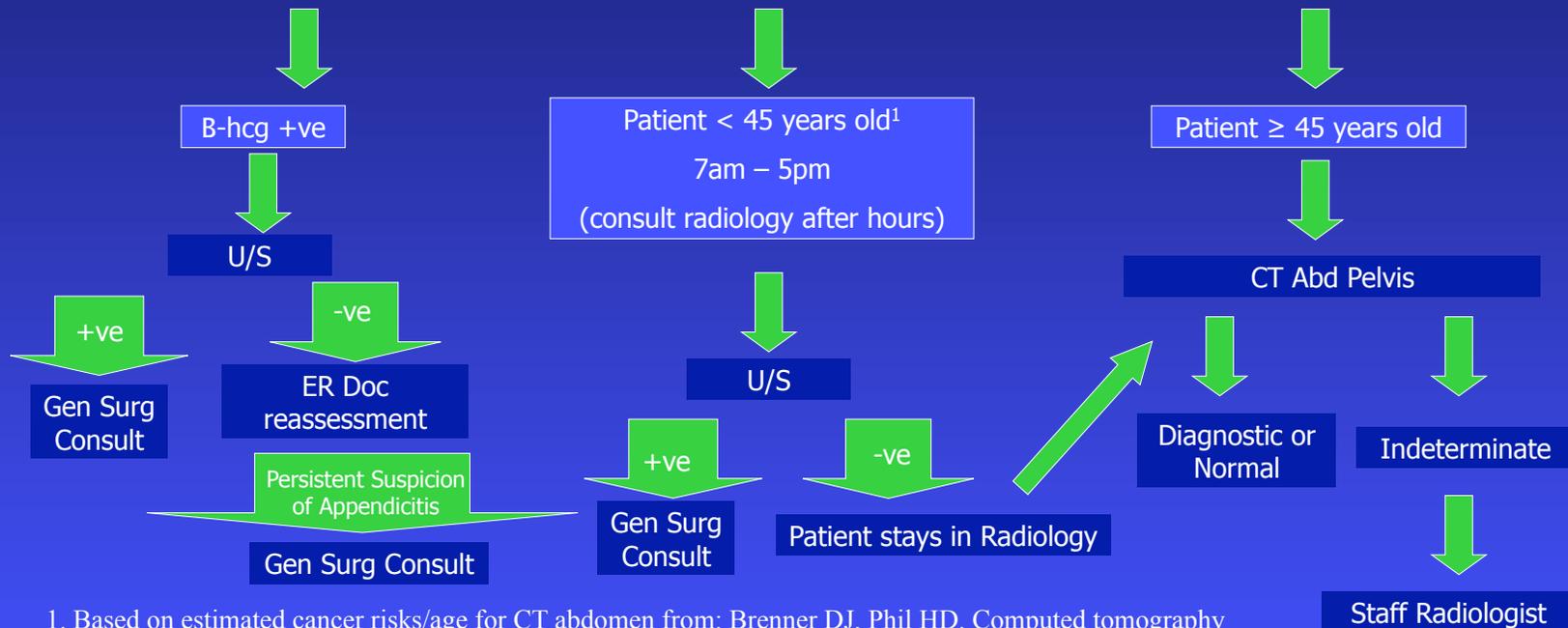
Moderate

Low

Appendicitis Protocol

- Oral contrast given immediately in ER
- "Appendicitis Protocol" radiology requisition sent

Observe or D/C Home



1. Based on estimated cancer risks/age for CT abdomen from: Brenner DJ, Phil HD. Computed tomography – An increasing source of radiation exposure. NEJM. 2007;357:2277-84.