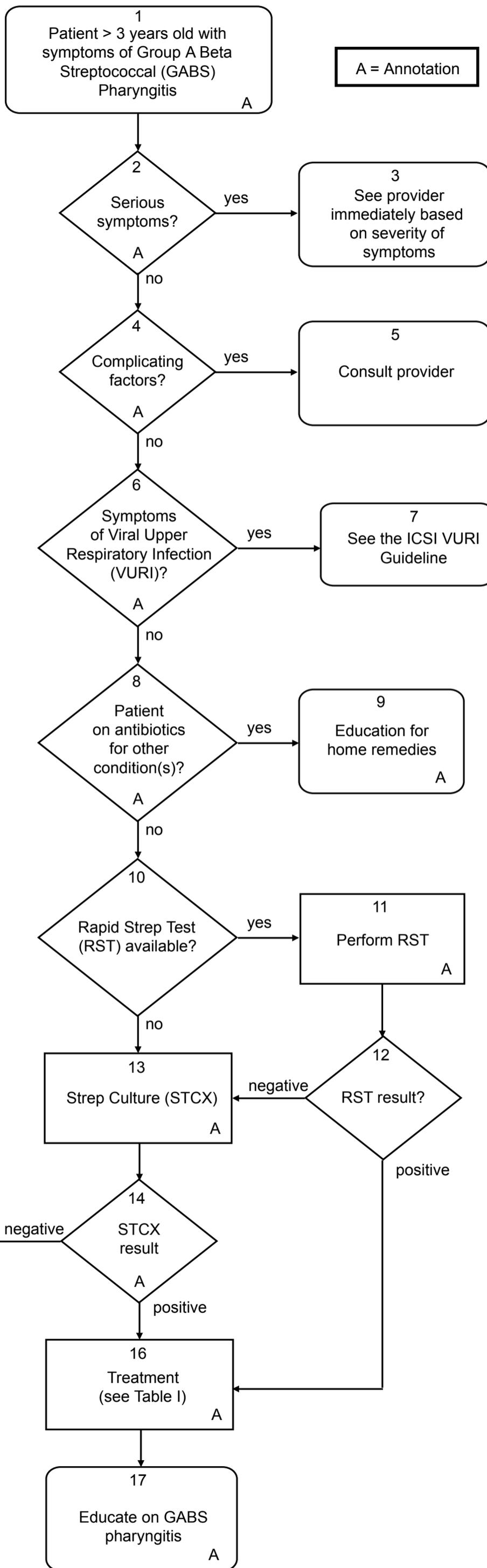


## Acute Pharyngitis



A = Annotation

**1**  
**Classic Group A Strep Symptoms:**

- Sudden onset of sore throat
- Exudative tonsillitis
- Tender anterior cervical adenopathy
- History of fever
- No rhinorrhea, cough, hoarseness, or diarrhea

**2**  
**Serious Symptoms:**

- Stridor
- Respiratory distress (not due to congestion)
- Air hunger
- Drooling
- Inability to swallow liquids
- Trismus (inability to open mouth fully)
- Severity of symptoms judged worrisome at triage

See Annotations.

**4**  
**Complicating factors:**

- History of rheumatic fever (RF)
- HIV positive
- Patient on chemotherapy
- Immunosuppressed
- Diabetes mellitus
- Pregnant
- Patient started antibiotics prior to diagnosis
- Sore throat for >5 days duration
- Persistent infection/treatment failure
- Recurrent strep pharyngitis

See Annotations.

**6**  
**Symptoms of VURI:**

1. Nasal congestion and discharge
2. Cough
3. Hoarseness

**8**  
**Commonly Prescribed Antibiotics Not Reliably Anti-Streptococcal:**

1. Sulfa medications (Septra, Bactrim, Gantrisin)
2. Nitrofurantoin (Macrochantin)
3. Tetracycline

**16**  
**Treatment**  
 Penicillin is the drug of choice.  
 See Annotations.