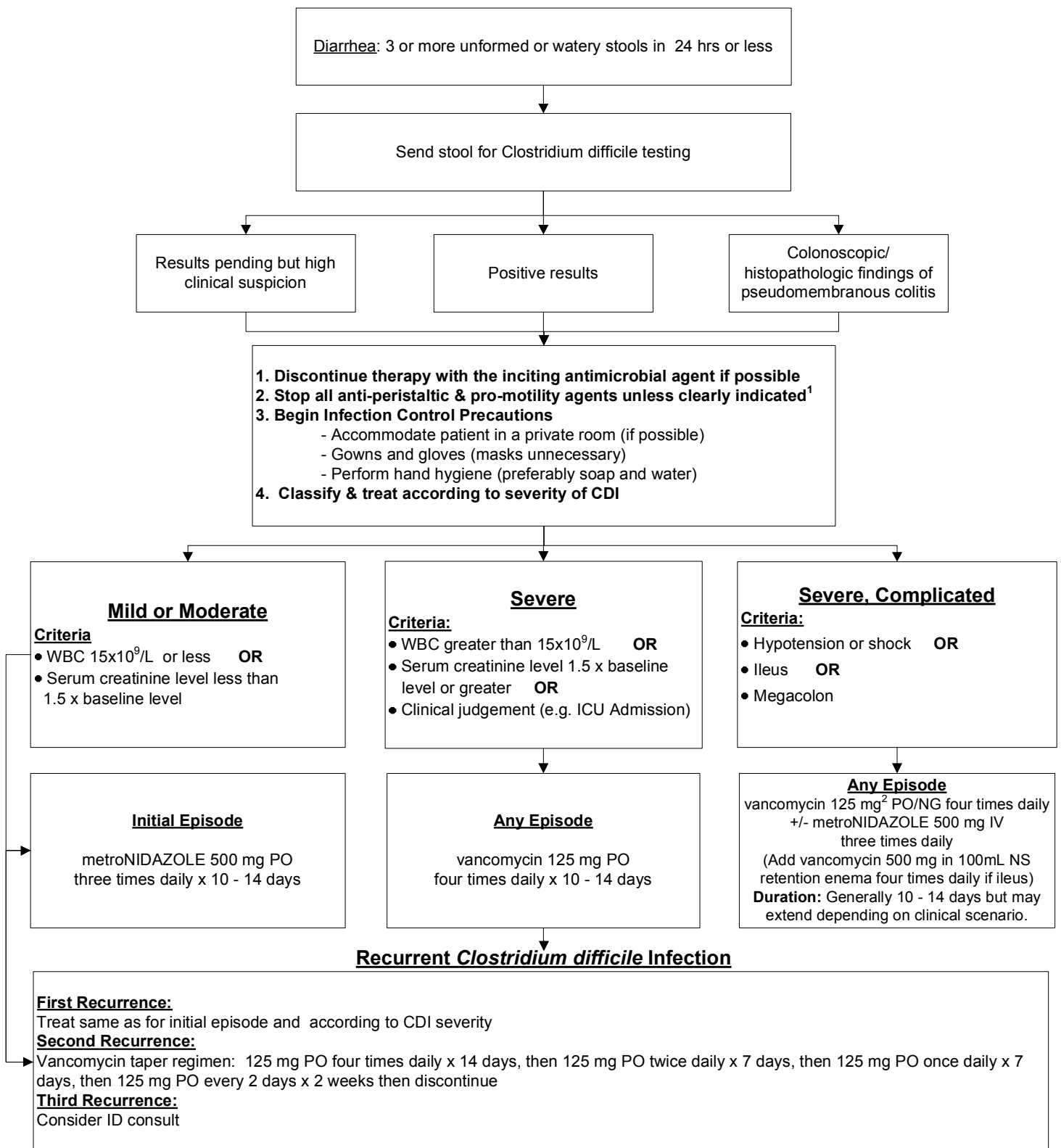


**Antimicrobial Management of *Clostridium difficile* Infection (CDI)**  
(NB Provincial Health Authorities Anti-Infective Stewardship Committee, May 2014)



**Clinical Pearls**

- Pregnancy/breast feeding: use vancomycin PO (avoid metroNIDAZOLE)
- Symptoms of CDI usually begin 2 - 3 days after colonization
- Test for cure is not recommended
- Vancomycin administered intravenously is ineffective for CDI
- Fidaxomicin is a non-formulary item that should only be considered under extenuating clinical circumstances, ID consultation required

<sup>1</sup>Examples: loperamide, diphenoxylate, opioids, metoclopramide, domperidone, etc

<sup>2</sup>For complicated severe episodes some authorities recommend vancomycin doses up to 500 mg; appropriate dose has not been established in clinical trials