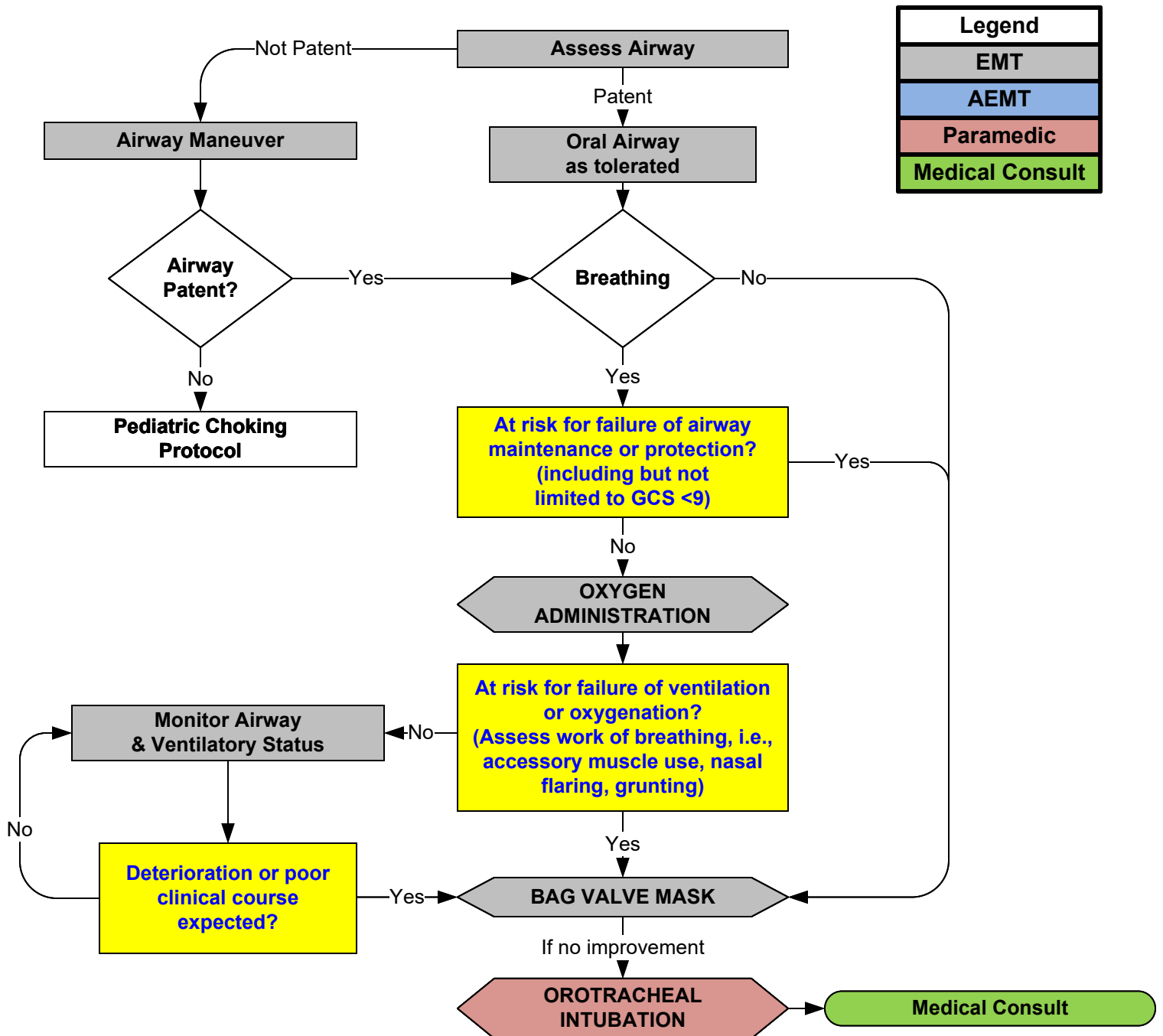


PEDIATRIC AIRWAY



Pearls:

- Intubation should be considered only when there is no response to bag valve mask procedure.
- The three indications for intubation are:
 1. Risk for failure of airway maintenance and protection: no swallowing reflex, altered LOC, GCS <9
 2. Risk for failure of ventilation or oxygenation: ABNORMAL WORK OF BREATHING AS EVIDENCED BY increased or poor respiratory effort, hypoxia, accessory muscle use, nasal flaring, poor peripheral circulation, poor responsiveness to touch or voice, tachycardia, grunting, or poor muscle tone)
 3. Deterioration or poor clinical course expected: airway burns, anaphylaxis
- Respiratory rate is secondary to the assessment of the work of breathing. Here are the age-specific “normal” ranges (in breaths per minute):
 - Toddlers & Preschoolers (1-12 years): 15 to 30
 - Infant: (1-12 months): 25-50
 - Neonate: (1-30 days): 40-60