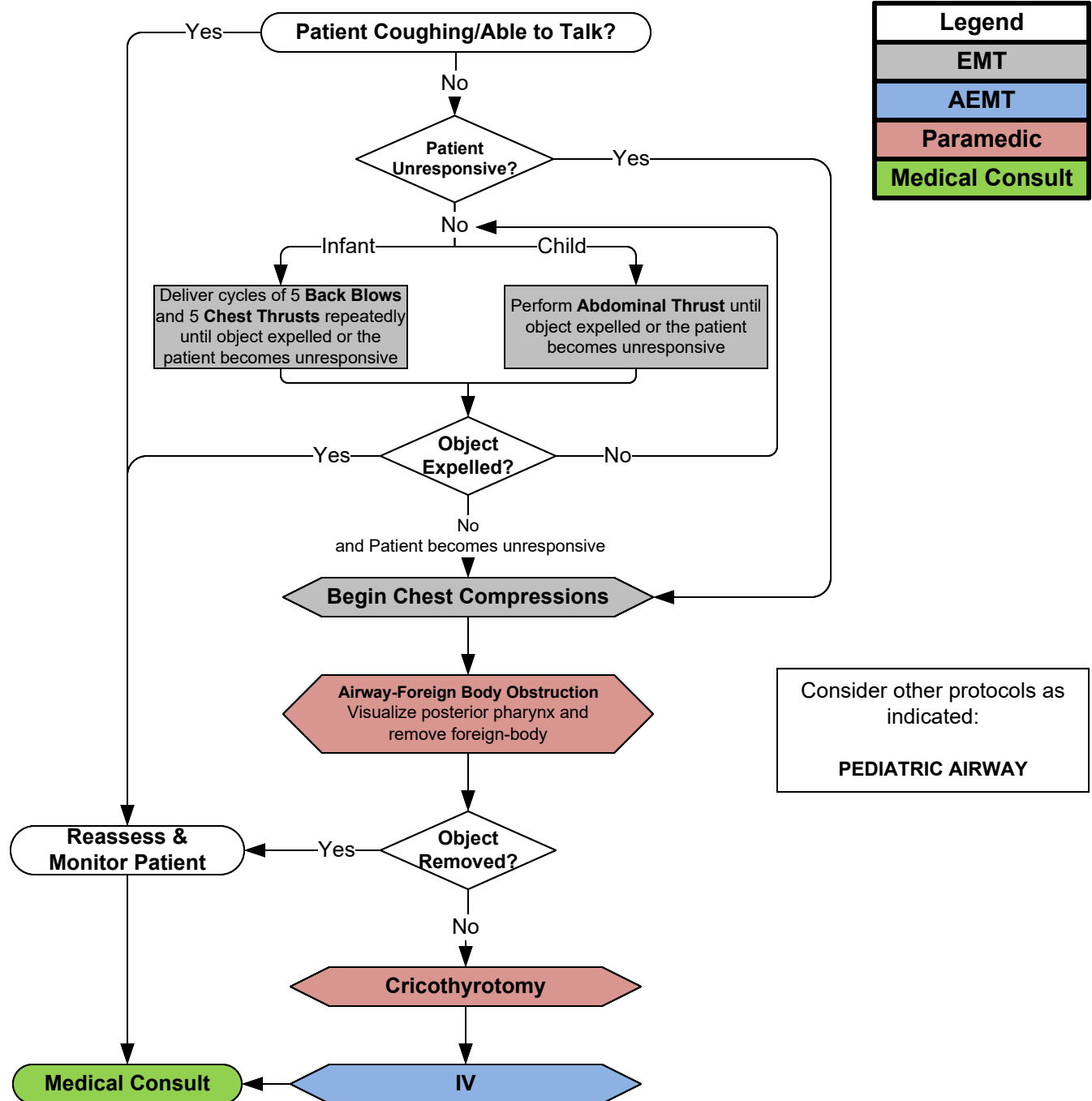


PEDIATRIC CHOKING / FBAO

History: ○ Talking/laughing while eating ○ Alcohol or sedative use ○ Poor dentition ○ Impaired swallow or cough reflex	Signs and Symptoms: ○ Sudden inability to talk ○ Clutching throat (universal choking sign) ○ Coughing or gagging ○ Attempts at coughing are quiet or silent ○ Cyanosis	Differential: ○ Anaphylaxis ○ Complete vs. partial airway obstruction
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Pearls:

- Do not interfere with a mild obstruction, allow the patient to clear their airway by coughing.
- For infants (less than 1 year-old), deliver cycles of 5 back blows and 5 chest thrust repeatedly until object expelled or the patient becomes unresponsive.
- For children (greater than 1 year-old), abdominal thrusts should be used in rapid sequence until the obstruction is relieved or the patient becomes unresponsive.