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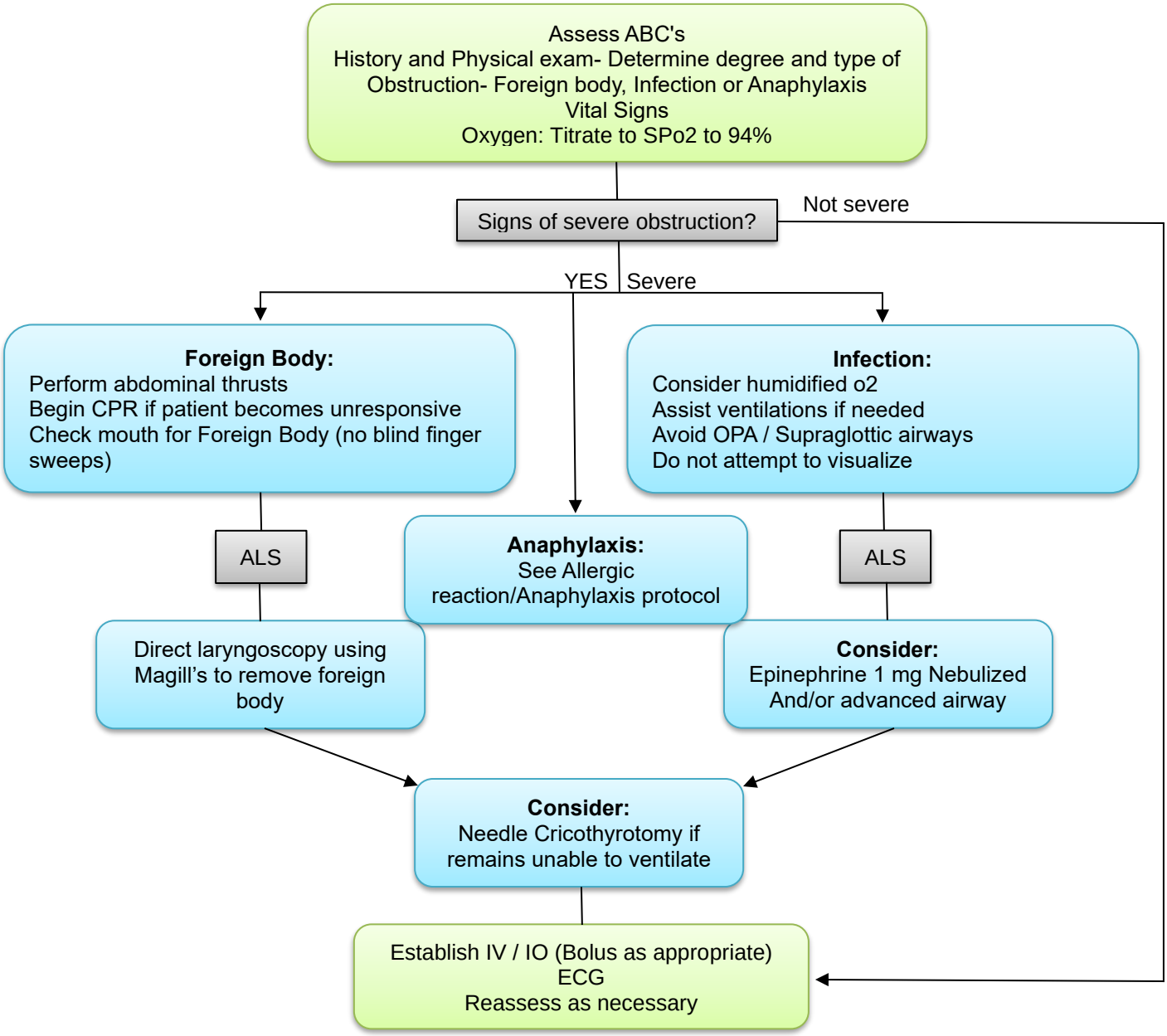

Signs of severe obstruction:
Poor air exchange
Cyanosis
Silent cough
Increased difficulty breathing

Indications for Needle Cricothyrotomy:
Complete airway obstruction with inability to remove Foreign body by other means

Contraindications for Needle Cricothyrotomy:
Less than 3 years old
Less than 15 kg