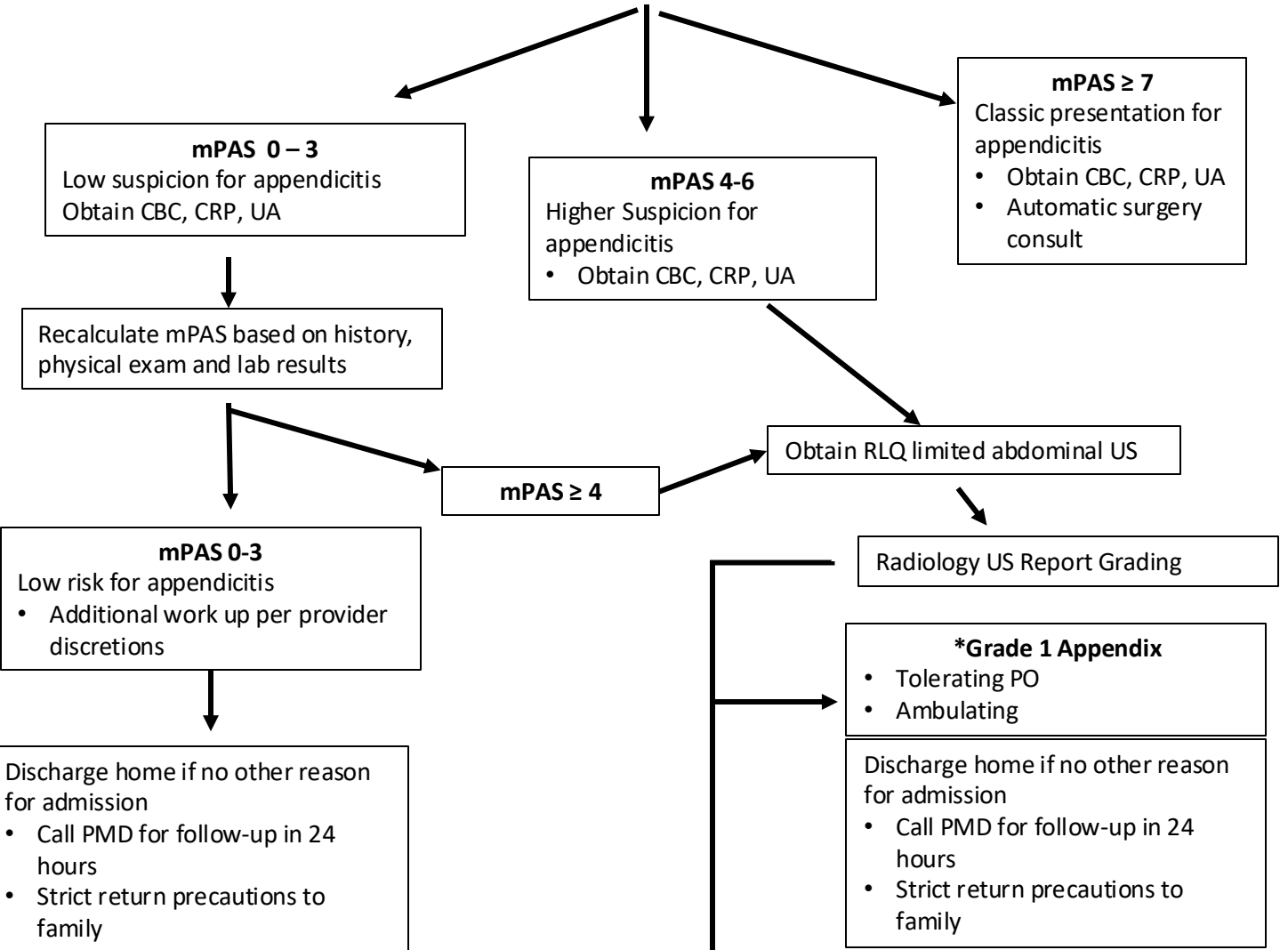


# NCH ONLY: Appendicitis Evaluation Algorithm

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Abdominal pain and concern for appendicitis based on history and physical exam



## Modified Pediatric Appendicitis Score (mPAS)

### Historical Items:

- Anorexia – 1 point
- Fever (≥ 100.4 / 38 C)
- Nausea and/or vomiting – 1 point
- Migration of pain – 1 point

### Exam Items:

- Peritoneal signs – 2 points
- RLW tenderness – 2 points

### Laboratory Items:

- WBC > 10,000 or CRP >1 – 1 point
- ANC . 7500 – 1 point

## \*Ultrasound grading:

Grade 1: No signs of appendicitis

Grade 2: Appendix not fully visualized

Grade 3: Consistent with appendicitis

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