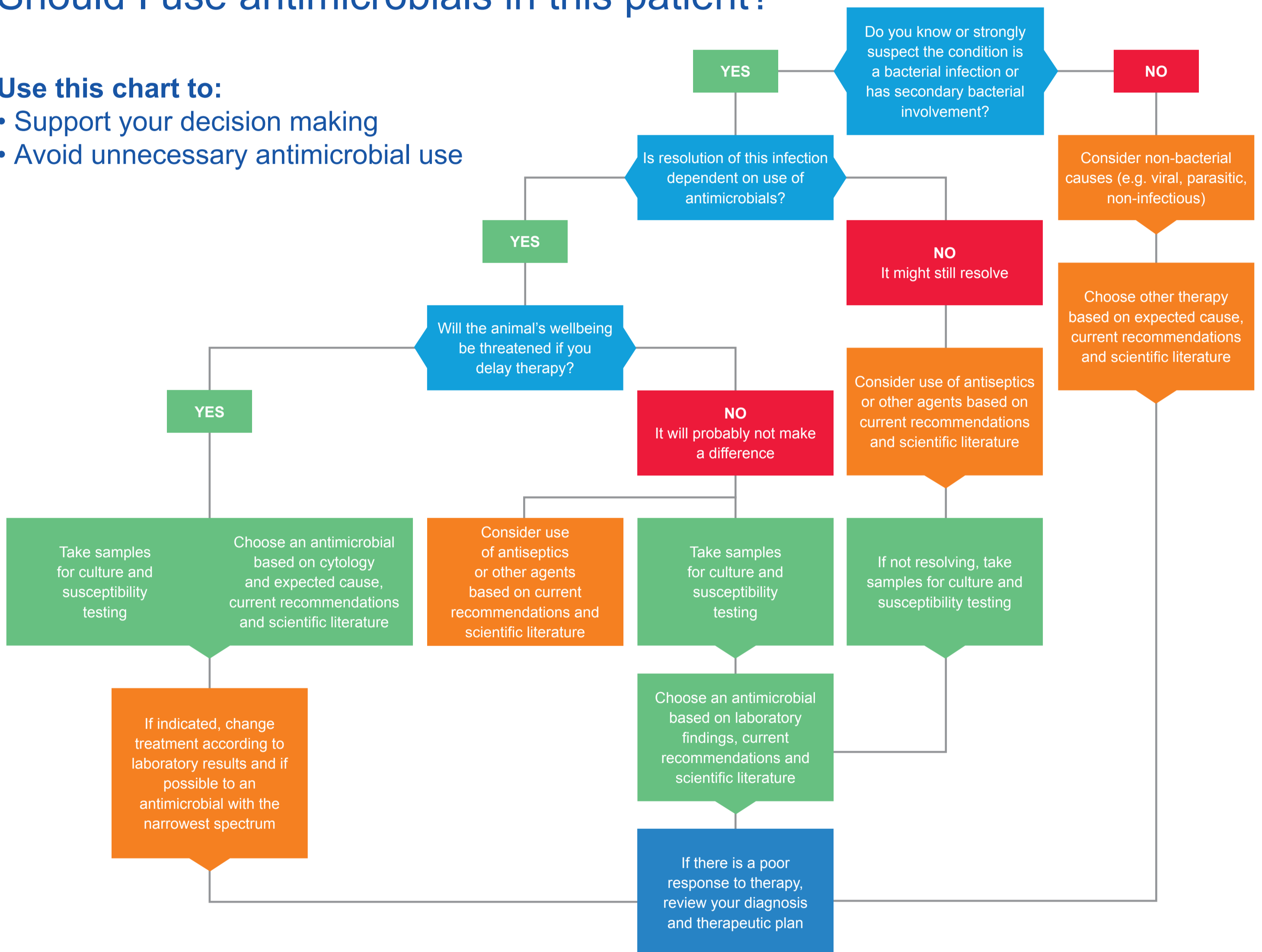


FECAVA Advice on Responsible Use of Antimicrobials

Should I use antimicrobials in this patient?

Use this chart to:

- Support your decision making
- Avoid unnecessary antimicrobial use



Indications where systemic antimicrobial use is normally unnecessary

“Preventive use” in healthy animals

- Routine dental descaling and polishing
- Treatment of in-contact but unaffected cohort animals
- Before mating/at weaning time

Surgery of uninfected / uncontaminated tissue

- Routine castrations and spays
- Routine laparotomy
- Caesarean section
- Removal of non-infected tumours
- Clean orthopaedic surgery of short duration (< 1,5 hours)
- Neurosurgery
- Reconstructive surgery, otoplasty, skin flaps, etc

Uncomplicated conditions of known or suspected viral aetiology

- Acute canine cough
- Acute gastrointestinal infection
- Feline upper respiratory viral infections
- Feline calicivirus infection
- Feline leukaemia virus (FeLV)/ Feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) infections
- Rhinitis

Other conditions without pathogenic bacterial involvement

- Feline lower urinary tract disease (FLUTD)
- Juvenile vaginitis
- Acute conjunctivitis
- Chronic bronchitis
- Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)
- Prostatic hyperplasia or prostatic cysts
- Anal sac inflammation/engorgement without abscessation
- Wounds with well established granulation tissue

Conditions likely to respond to antiseptics or other topical agents

- Uncomplicated skin lesions or mildly infected wounds and bites
- Surface and superficial pyoderma
- Seborrhoeic skin diseases
- Otitis externa
- Periodontal disease

Other uncomplicated conditions with bacterial aetiology

- Bite abscesses in cats
- *Salmonella* gastroenteritis
- *Campylobacter* spp gastroenteritis
- *Clostridium difficile* gastroenteritis