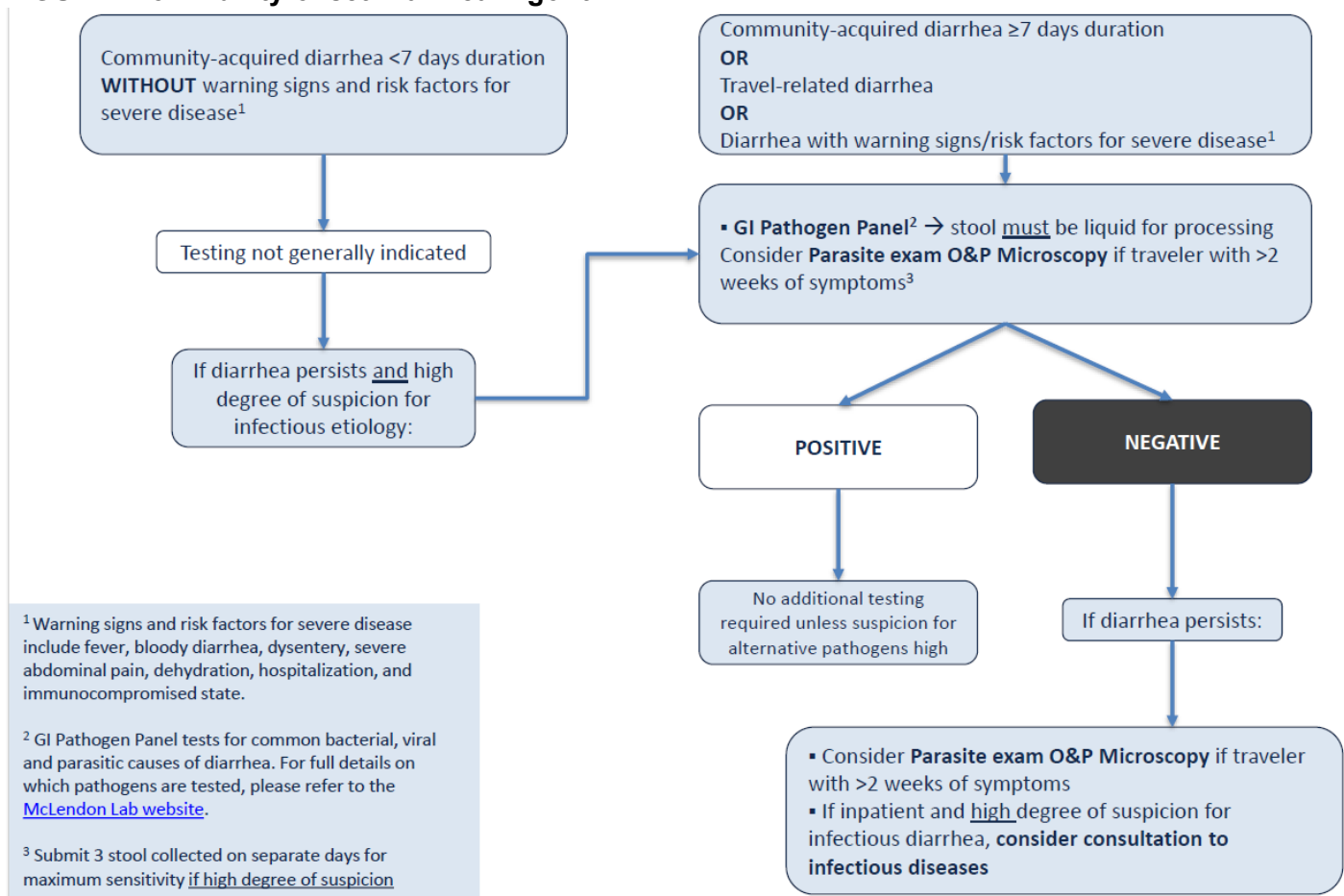


Community-onset Diarrhea Pathway - Adults

Evidence shows that gastrointestinal pathogen panels (GIPPs) may be overused. Community-onset diarrhea often is self-limiting. GIPPs are very sensitive, leading to overdiagnosis and unnecessary antibiotic treatment. Using the test judiciously maintains its diagnostic usefulness. The algorithm below offers evidence-based guidance for assessing patients presenting with community-onset diarrhea.

Please note that the [Diagnosis and Management of Clostridioides difficile Infection in Adult and Pediatric Patients](#) guideline is addressed separately.

FIGURE: Community-onset Diarrhea Algorithm



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