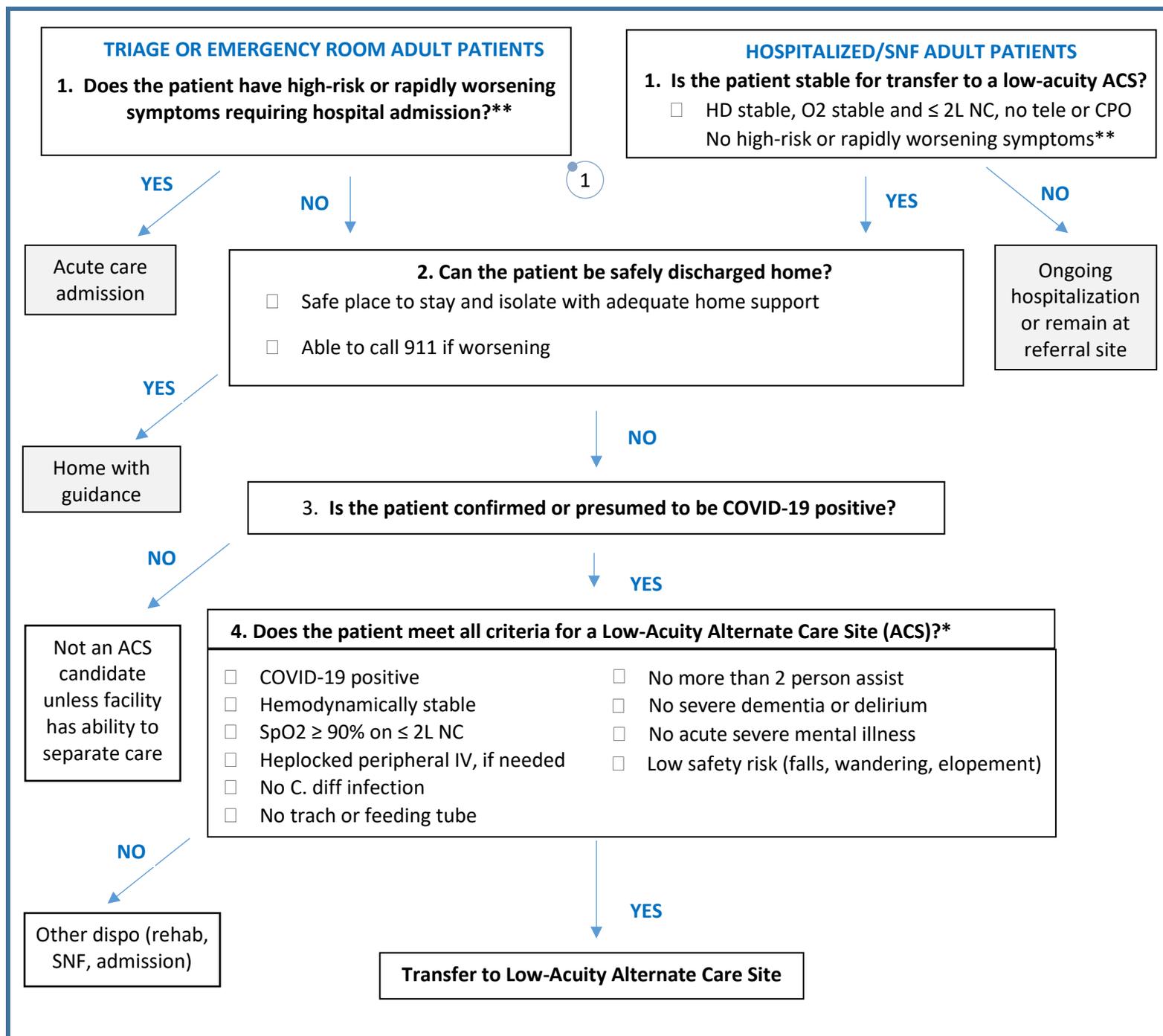


GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTANCE TO AN ALTERNATE CARE SITE (ACS)* FROM TRIAGE, EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT, POST-HOSPITAL DISCHARGE, OR OTHER REFERRAL SITES



*An **Alternate Care Site** is a nontraditional care site that provides care for low-acuity, semi-ambulatory patients when hospitals are at or past capacity.

Indications may include:

- Patients with no safe place to stay or quarantine
- Patients requiring low-acuity clinical care (≤2L NC)
- Patients requiring extended observation due to:
 - o High-risk comorbidities
 - o Inadequate home support
 - o Barriers to returning to the ER or calling 911

****High risk clinical features may include, but are not limited to:**

- Escalating O2 needs, HR >115, BP below baseline, or arrhythmia
- Age ≥ 65
- Asthma, COPD, or other lung disease
- Heart failure or other cardiovascular condition
- Immunocompromised (HIV, high-dose steroids, TNF-alpha, etc.)
- Current solid organ or hematologic malignancy
- End-stage renal disease or end-stage liver disease
- Active alcohol use disorder with prior withdrawal, DTs, or seizures
- Other concerning or undifferentiated symptoms