

Exclusion Criteria

- Less than 60 days of age with fever ([Febrile Infant Clinical Pathway](#))
- Mastoiditis ([Mastoiditis: Acute Clinical Pathway](#))

Special Considerations

- Anatomic/craniofacial abnormalities or cochlear implants: Not candidates for 'watchful waiting.' *Recommend 10 days of antibiotics*
- Immunodeficiency: May be at risk for infection not treated by amoxicillin. *Tailor treatment accordingly.*

Criteria for diagnosis for Acute Suppurative Otitis Media (AOM)

Middle ear effusion **PLUS** one of the following:

- Moderate/severe bulging of TM ([image](#))
- Mild bulging of TM and 48 hours of otalgia
- Mild bulging of TM ([image](#)) and intense erythema of the TM
- New onset otorrhea **NOT** caused by otitis externa

Non-Severe Symptoms

- Mild otalgia <48 hours **AND**
- Temperature < 39°C (102.2°F)

Severe Symptoms

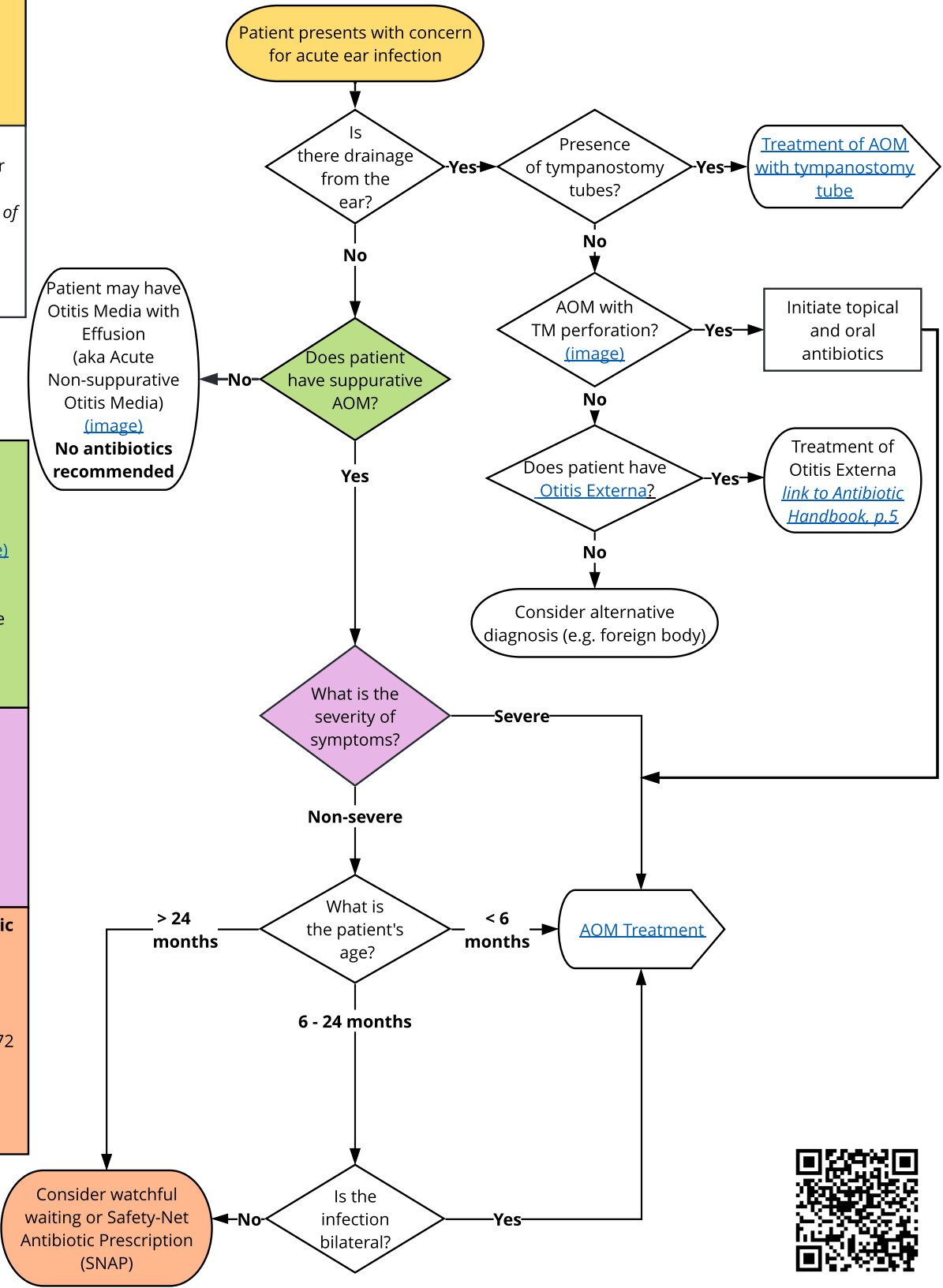
- TM perforation
- Moderate/severe otalgia **OR**
- Otalgia ≥ 48 hours **OR**
- Temperature ≥ 39°C (102.2°F)

Watchful waiting/Safety-Net Antibiotic Prescription (SNAP)

- Joint decision between provider and caregiver
- Emphasize appropriate pain control
- Must have close follow-up (within 48-72 hours) if SNAP not given
- Must be able to fill prescription if signs/symptoms worsen or fail to improve in 48-72 hours

Education Handouts

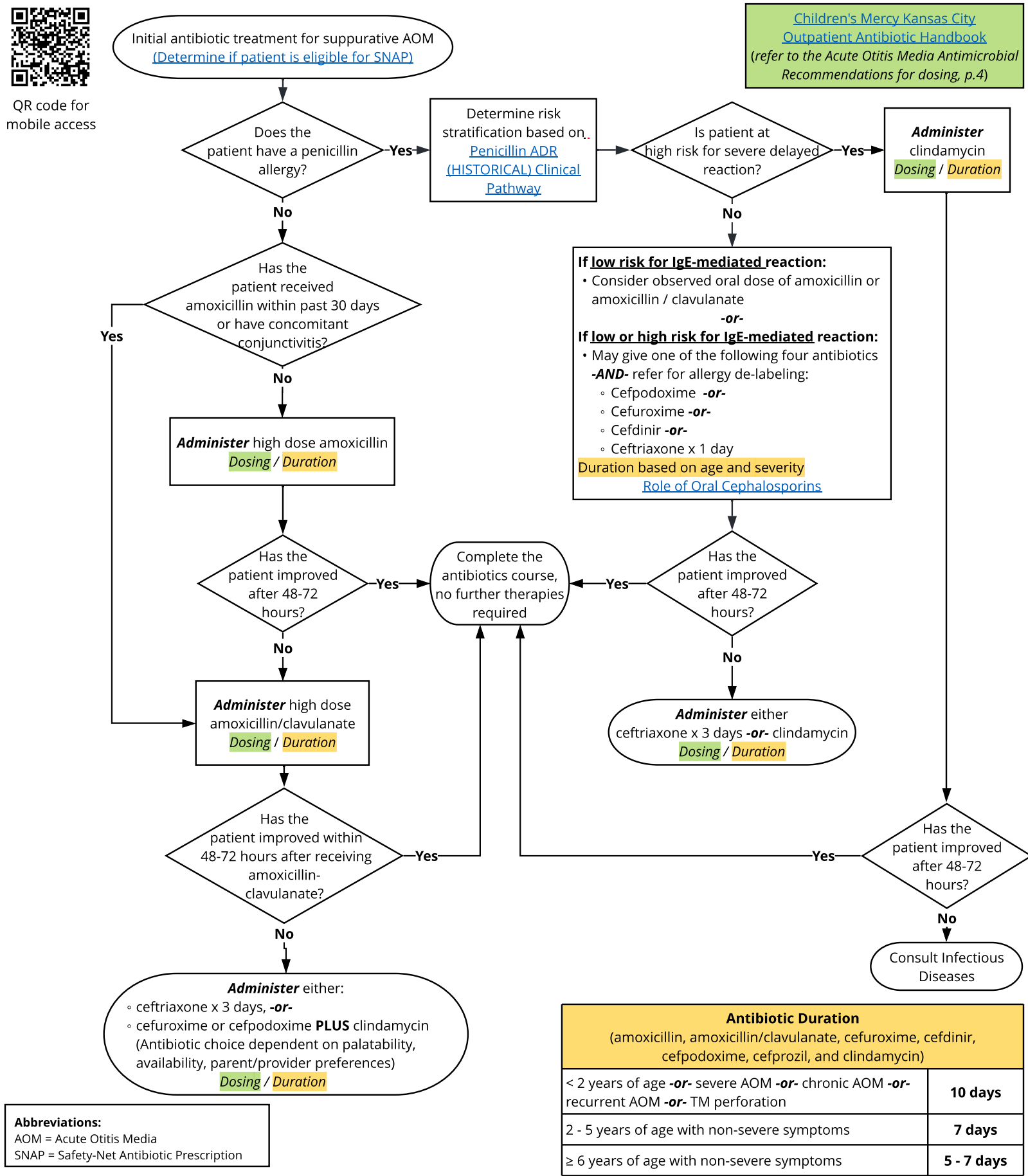
- Otorrhea with Tubes ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))
- Otorrhea with tympanic membrane perforation ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))
- Watchful Waiting ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))
- [SNAP Flyer for Providers](#)
- [SNAP Visual Aid](#)



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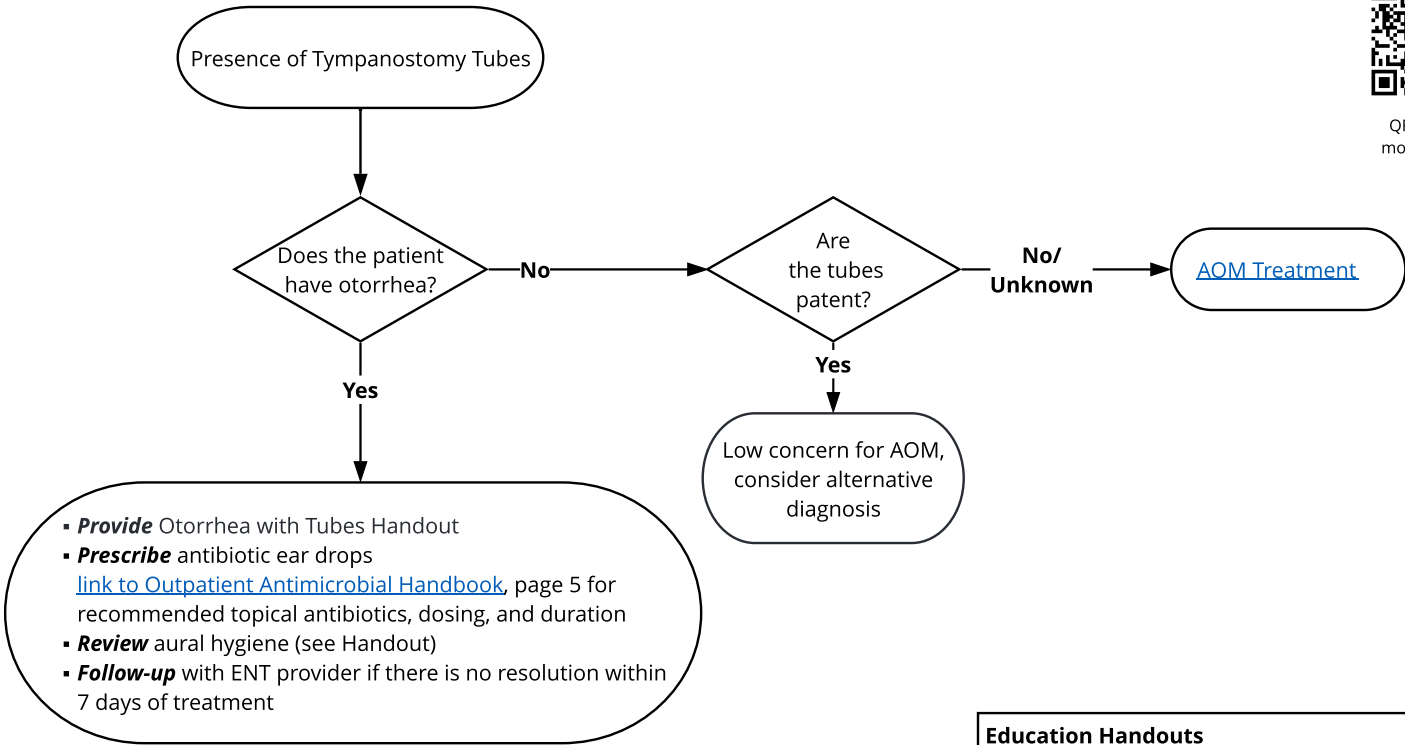
Abbreviations

AOM = Acute Otitis Media
TM = Tympanic membrane





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Abbreviations:

ENT = Ears, Nose, and Throat
BID = Twice per day

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