

INDICATION

Estimates the likelihood that pharyngitis is caused by streptococcus and suggest appropriate management

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Use only in patients with recent onset (≤3 days) acute pharyngitis.

INTERPRETATION

SCORE	PROBABILITY STREP PHARYNGITIS	RECOMMENDATON
0	1-2.5%	No further testing or antibiotics
1	5-10%	
2	11-17%	Optional rapid strep testing and/or culture
3	28-35%	Consider rapid strep testing and/or culture
≥4	51-53%	Consider rapid strep testing and/or culture

CALCULATION

Total score = sum of scores for each question

QUESTION		POINTS
Age	3-14 years	+1
	15-44 years	+0
	≥45 years	-1
Exudate or swelling on tonsils	No	+0
	Yes	+1
Tender/swollen anterior cervical lymph nodes	No	+0
	Yes	+1
Temp >38°C (100.4°F)	No	+0
	Yes	+1
Cough	Cough present	+0
	Cough absent	+1