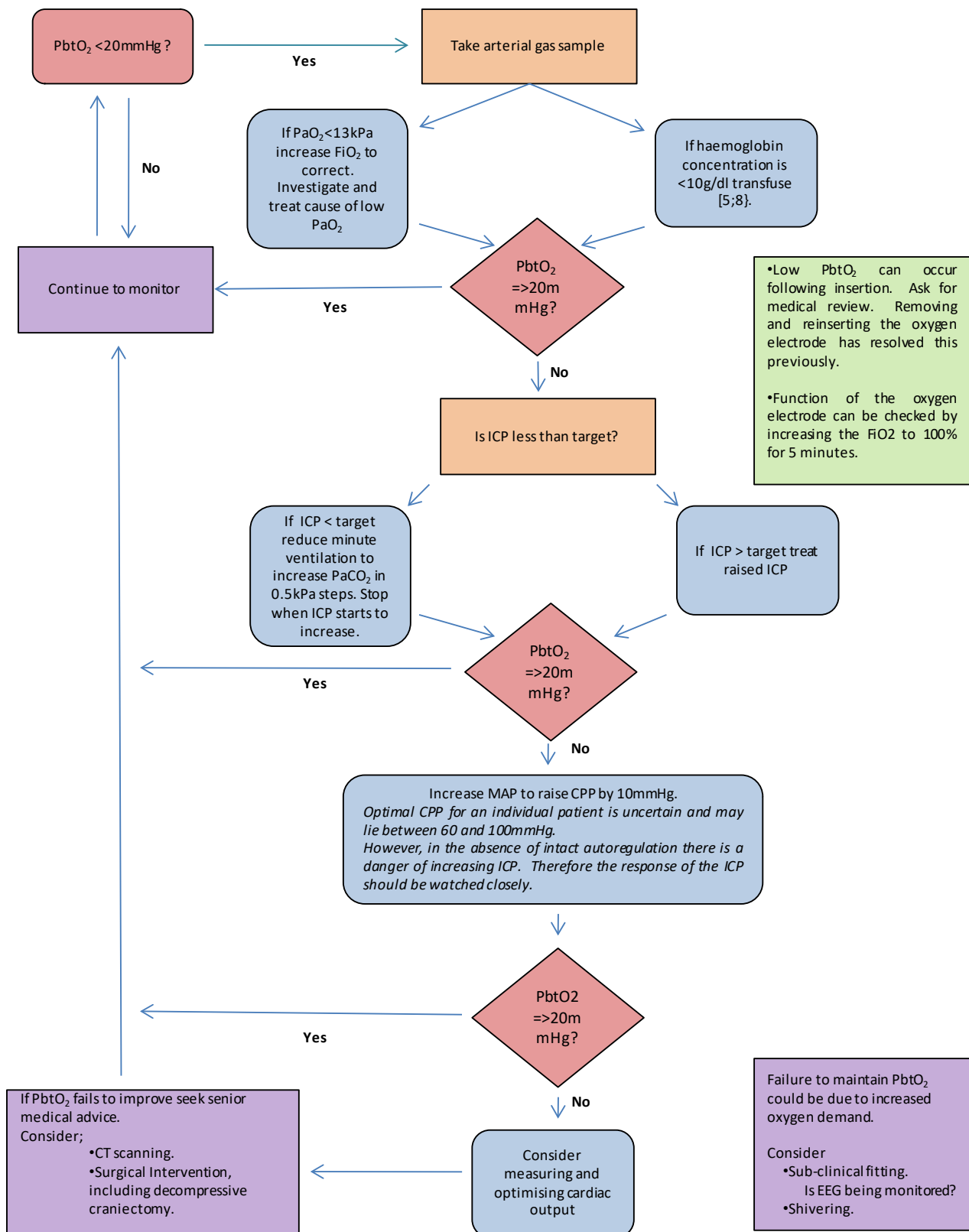


**Licox Brain Tissue Oxygen Monitoring Algorithm**

We aim to keep  $\text{PbtO}_2 \Rightarrow 20\text{mmHg}$ . There are several steps that can be taken to correct a low  $\text{PbtO}_2$ .



## Notes

The integrated Licox brain tissue oxygen tension (PbtO<sub>2</sub>), temperature and intracranial pressure (ICP) monitoring system should be the standard form of invasive ICP monitoring in patients with traumatic brain injury (TBI).

- The literature and our own clinical experience demonstrate that significant cerebral hypoxia can exist despite achieving guideline values of cerebral perfusion pressure (CPP) and intracranial pressure (ICP) [1;2].
- Although the use of PbtO<sub>2</sub> monitoring is not supported by randomised controlled trials there are published studies in which the measurement and correction of PbtO<sub>2</sub> is associated with improved outcomes [3-5].
- Episodes of low PbtO<sub>2</sub> are associated with death. Early studies demonstrated this association for very low PbtO<sub>2</sub> (<6mmHg) [6;7]. More contemporary work suggests that the threshold for concern is much higher, between 15 and 25mmHg [4;5;8].
- Management of CPP, ICP, haemoglobin, fever, fitting and shivering have been used to help correct a low PbtO<sub>2</sub> [5;9].
- The Licox system is **NOT** MRI compatible.

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## New Patient with Licox - Standard Operating Procedure

1. If the patient has had a LICOX inserted in DCN theatre, get the Licox monitor from the drawer in the lab, and the blue cable and the green cable also in the drawer
- 2.. Ensure the green card has come with the patient to insert into the monitor, if it has not (its usually stuck in to the patient's notes) then you need to phone DCN theatre to find the card and send it here.
3. Connect the cables (be gentle!).  $P_{bt}O_2$  and brain temp will now be displayed.
4. The  $P_{bt}O_2$  will often start at a high number  $>150\text{mmHg}$  and then over the course of 30 mins will settle to its **actual** value.
5. If this value is not  $> 20\text{mmHg}$  after 30 minutes follow the **LICOX flow chart**. It is on the other side of this card. It is also in the green head injury folder or on the intranet in the TBI guidelines under neuro.

PHONE JONATHAN ANYTIME TO LET HIM KNOW THAT A TBI WITH LICOX IS HERE; he will come in when he can to connect his research laptop.

THERE IS NO NEED TO WAIT FOR JONATHAN IF THE PATIENT ALREADY HAS A LICOX, JUST CONNECT AND START MONITORING.

If the TBI patient admitted has a Camino and not a LICOX phone Jonathan who may come and change it for a LICOX if he is available.

