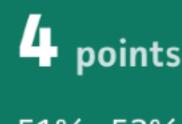
CLINICAL SCENARIO

A 19-year-old college student has a severe sore throat and a mild fever (temperature 38.3°C), and he feels bad. The symptoms have been present for 4 days and initially started with a dry cough. There is a pharyngeal exudate, but only on the left side of the posterior pharynx. His neck reveals tender adenopathy. Should you assume he has streptococcal pharyngitis and start treatment?

Age Group A streptococcus (GAS) rare under 3	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



51% - 53% likelihood of strep

Consider rapid strep testing and/or culture. Empiric antibiotics may be appropriate depending on the specific scenario.