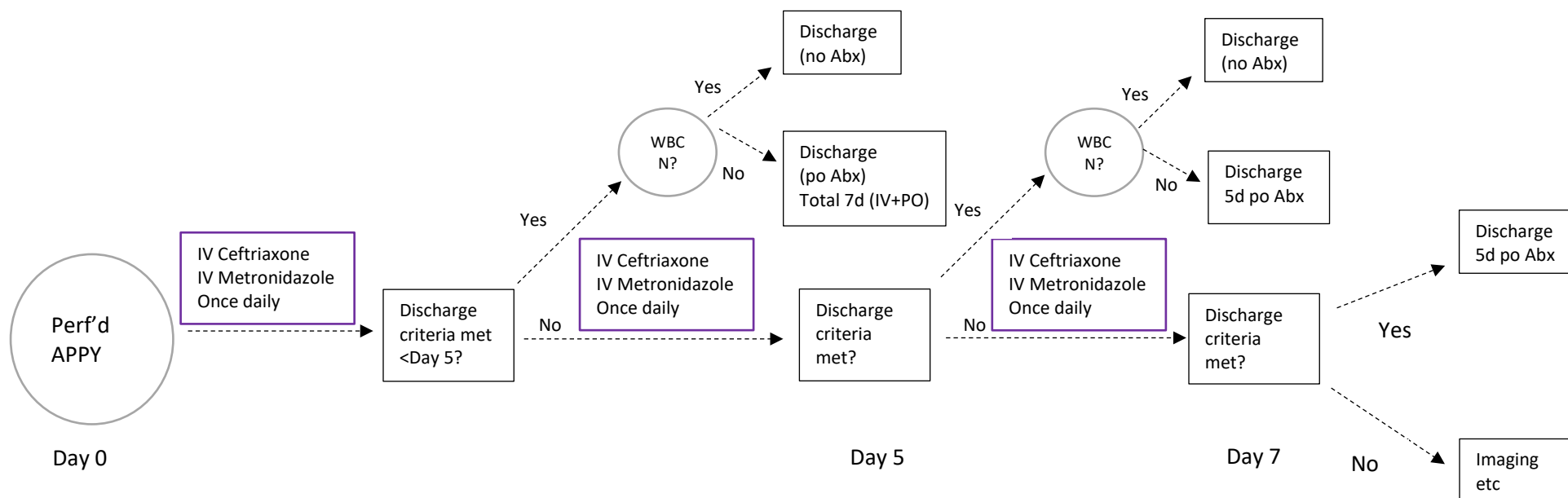


Pediatric Perforated Appendicitis Pathway v2

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Discharge Criteria:
1. Afebrile >24h
2. Tolerating oral diet
3. Oral analgesics

Normal WBC
count:
<11,000 per ul

IV Antibiotics:
Ceftriaxone: 50mg/kg
(max 2g) IV q 24h
Metronidazole: 30mg/kg
(max 1g) IV q24h

Ceftriaxone allergic
patients:
Ciprofloxacin 15
mg/kg/dose IV Q12H, max
dose 400 mg
Metronidazole: 30mg/kg
(max 1g) IV q24h

Immediate preop dosing:
Ceftriaxone-redose if >60
min since last dose
Metronidazole-redose if
>24h since last dose
If unexpected finding of
perforated appendix at
surgery after preop dose of
cefotixin, OK to redose with
IV ceftriaxone

PO Antibiotics:
Amoxicillin Clavulanic acid
7:1 formulation
25mg/kg dose amoxicillin
Max 875/125 mg po tid