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Care Process Models

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### Appendicitis

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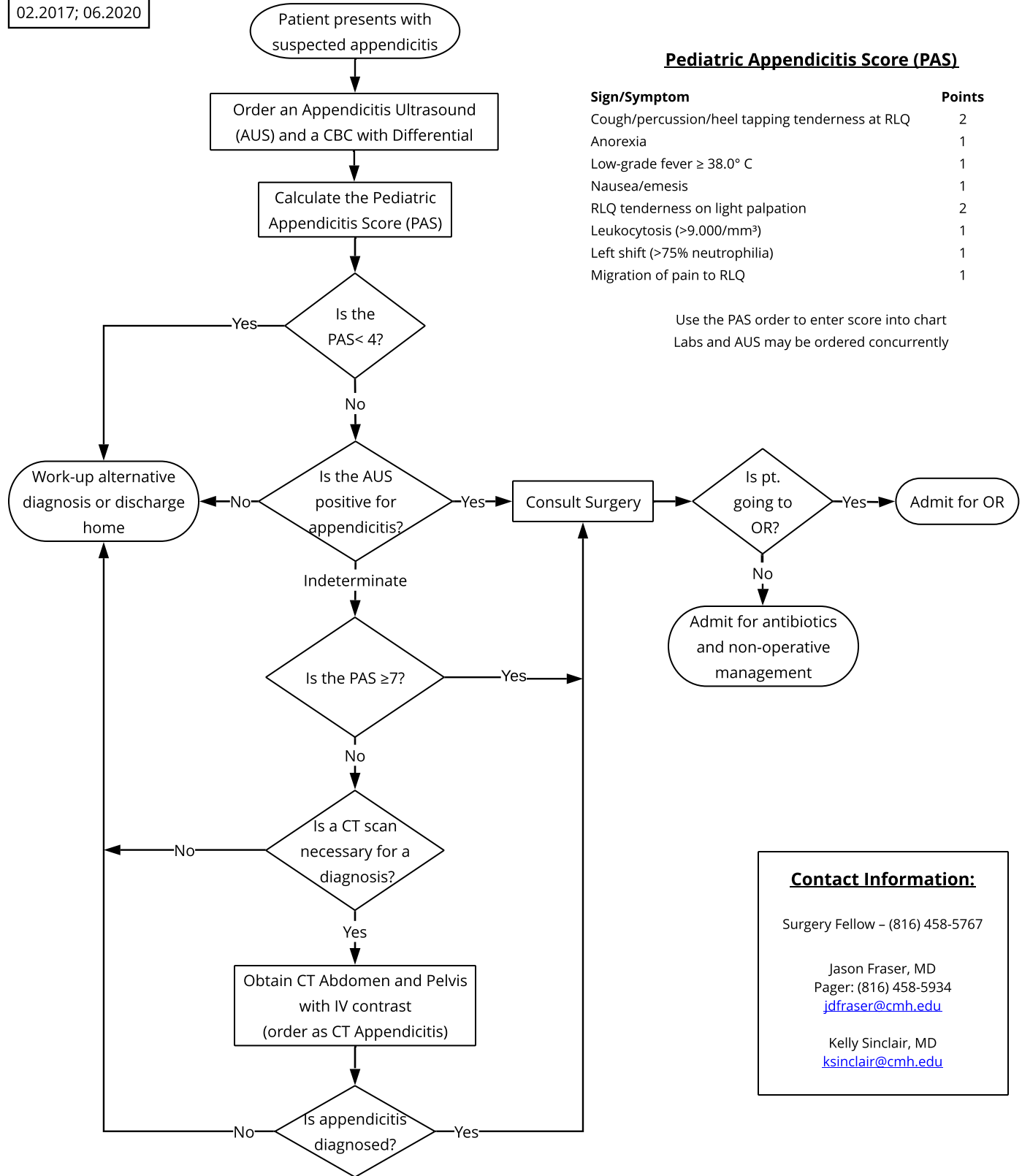


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These guidelines do not establish a standard of care to be followed in every case. It is recognized that each case is different and those individuals involved in providing health care are expected to use their judgment in determining what is in the best interests of the patient based on the circumstances existing at the time. It is impossible to anticipate all possible situations that may exist and to prepare guidelines for each. Accordingly, these guidelines should guide care with the understanding that departures from them may be required at times.

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Algorithm  
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**Pediatric Appendicitis Score (PAS)**

Sign/Symptom	Points
Cough/percussion/heel tapping tenderness at RLQ	2
Anorexia	1
Low-grade fever ≥ 38.0° C	1
Nausea/emesis	1
RLQ tenderness on light palpation	2
Leukocytosis (>9,000/mm <sup>3</sup> )	1
Left shift (>75% neutrophilia)	1
Migration of pain to RLQ	1

Use the PAS order to enter score into chart  
Labs and AUS may be ordered concurrently

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