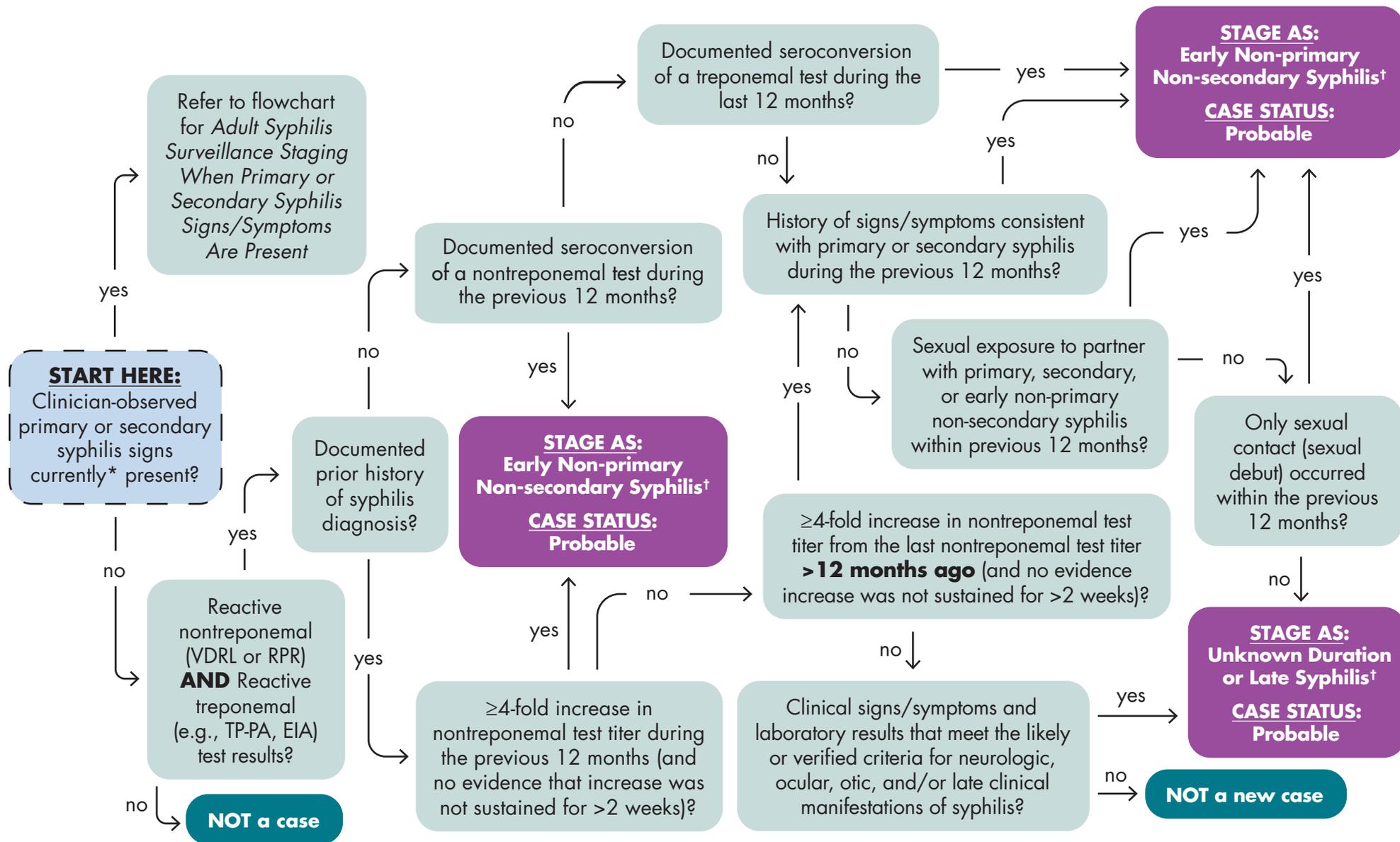


ADULT SYPHILIS SURVEILLANCE STAGING WHEN PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SIGNS/SYMPTOMS NOT PRESENT

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*Current refers to the anchoring date of the original diagnosis, such as at time of original clinical diagnosis or positive screening test.

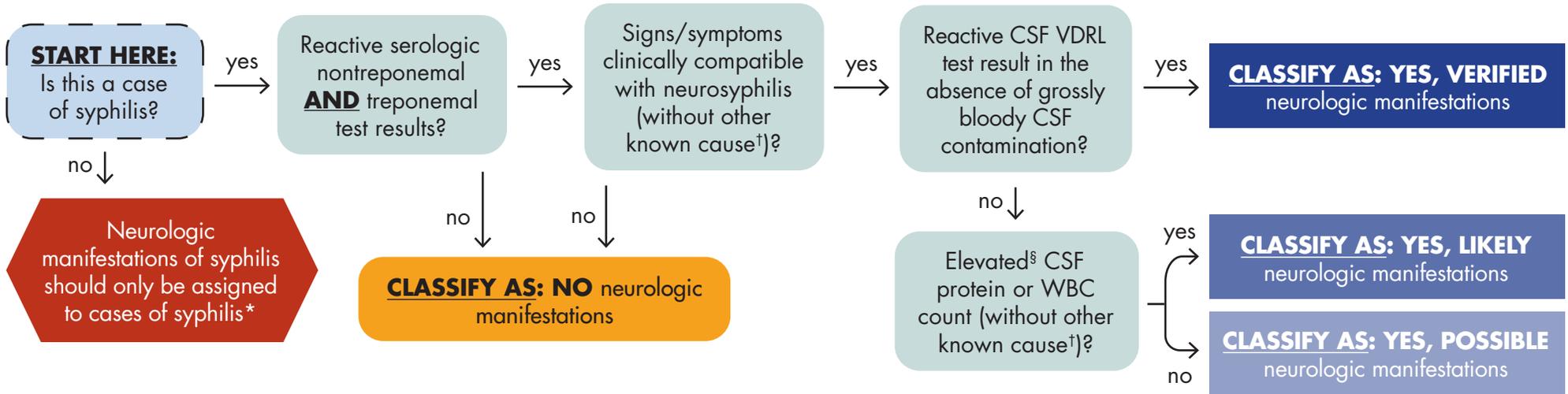
†Neurologic, ocular, and otic manifestations of syphilis can occur at any stage. After assigning syphilis stage, assess all cases for these clinical manifestations and classify separately as “No,” “Verified,” “Likely,” “Possible,” or “Unknown.” Late clinical manifestations of syphilis are classified separately as “No,” “Verified,” “Likely,” or “Unknown.” For assistance with classification of these manifestations, please see clinical manifestations algorithms.

ACRONYMS: VDRL = Venereal Disease Research Laboratory; RPR = rapid plasma reagin; TP-PA = *Treponema pallidum* particle agglutination; EIA = enzyme immunoassay.

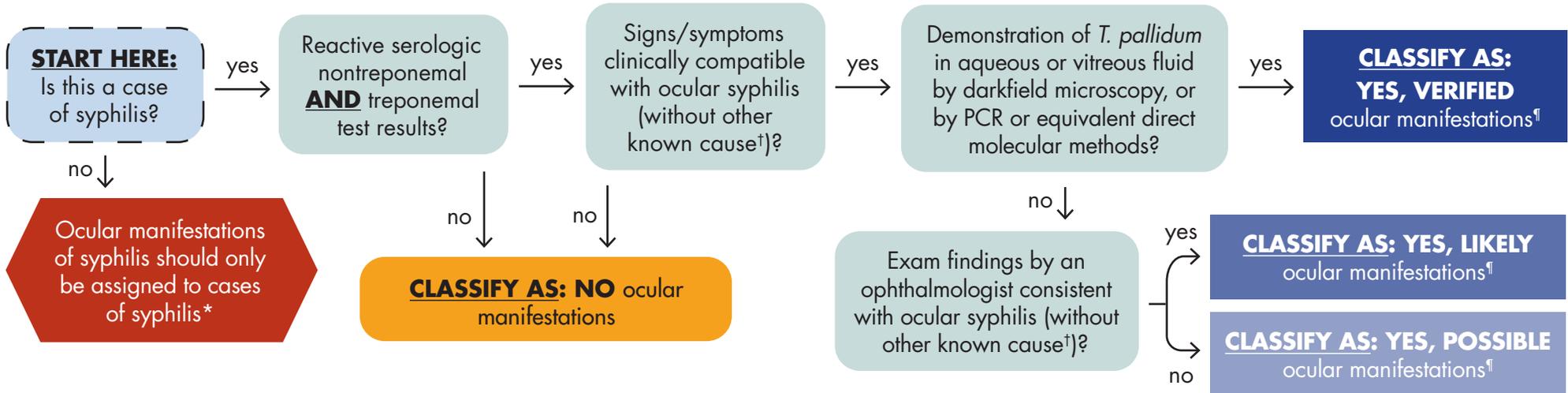
RESOURCES: [Syphilis case definitions](#); [Syphilis treatment guidelines](#); [Partner services](#)



SURVEILLANCE CLASSIFICATION OF **NEUROLOGIC** MANIFESTATIONS OF SYPHILIS *(Not to be used as guidance for treatment)*



SURVEILLANCE CLASSIFICATION OF **OCULAR** MANIFESTATIONS OF SYPHILIS *(Not to be used as guidance for treatment)*



*Any case with clinical signs/symptoms and laboratory results that meet the likely or verified criteria for neurologic, ocular, otic, or late clinical manifestations of syphilis and that has no evidence of having acquired the disease within the preceding 12 months meets the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists case definition for unknown duration or late syphilis.

[†]Clinician input may be needed to rule out other possible causes.

[§]The Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists case definition for neurologic manifestations of syphilis defines elevated CSF protein as >50 mg/dL and elevated CSF WBC count as >5 WBCs/mm³. Additional guidance for interpretation of CSF results is available in [CDC's STI Treatment Guidelines](#).

[¶]Because ocular manifestations are considered signs/symptoms clinically compatible with neurosyphilis, cases classified as having ocular manifestations should also be classified as having neurologic manifestations.

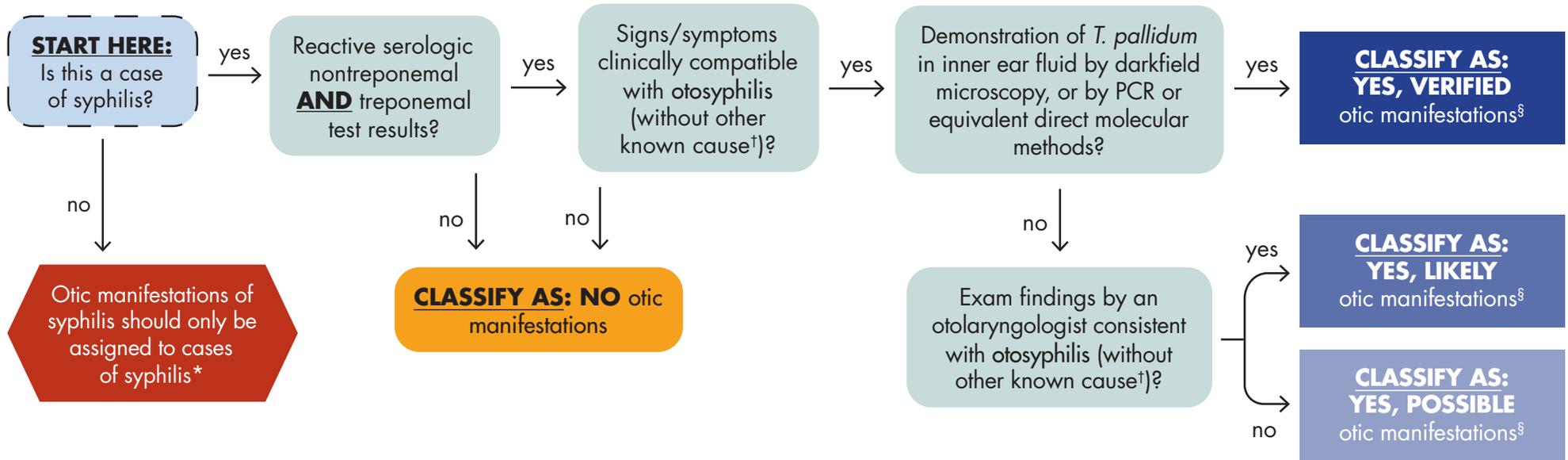
ACRONYMS: CSF = cerebrospinal fluid; VDRL = Venereal Disease Research Laboratory; WBC = white blood cell; *T. pallidum* = *Treponema pallidum*; PCR = polymerase chain reaction

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SURVEILLANCE CLASSIFICATION OF **OTIC** MANIFESTATIONS OF SYPHILIS *(Not to be used as guidance for treatment)*



*Any case with clinical signs/symptoms and laboratory results that meet the likely or verified criteria for neurologic, ocular, otic, or late clinical manifestations of syphilis and that has no evidence of having acquired the disease within the preceding 12 months meets the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists case definition for unknown duration or late syphilis.

†Clinician input may be needed to rule out other possible causes.

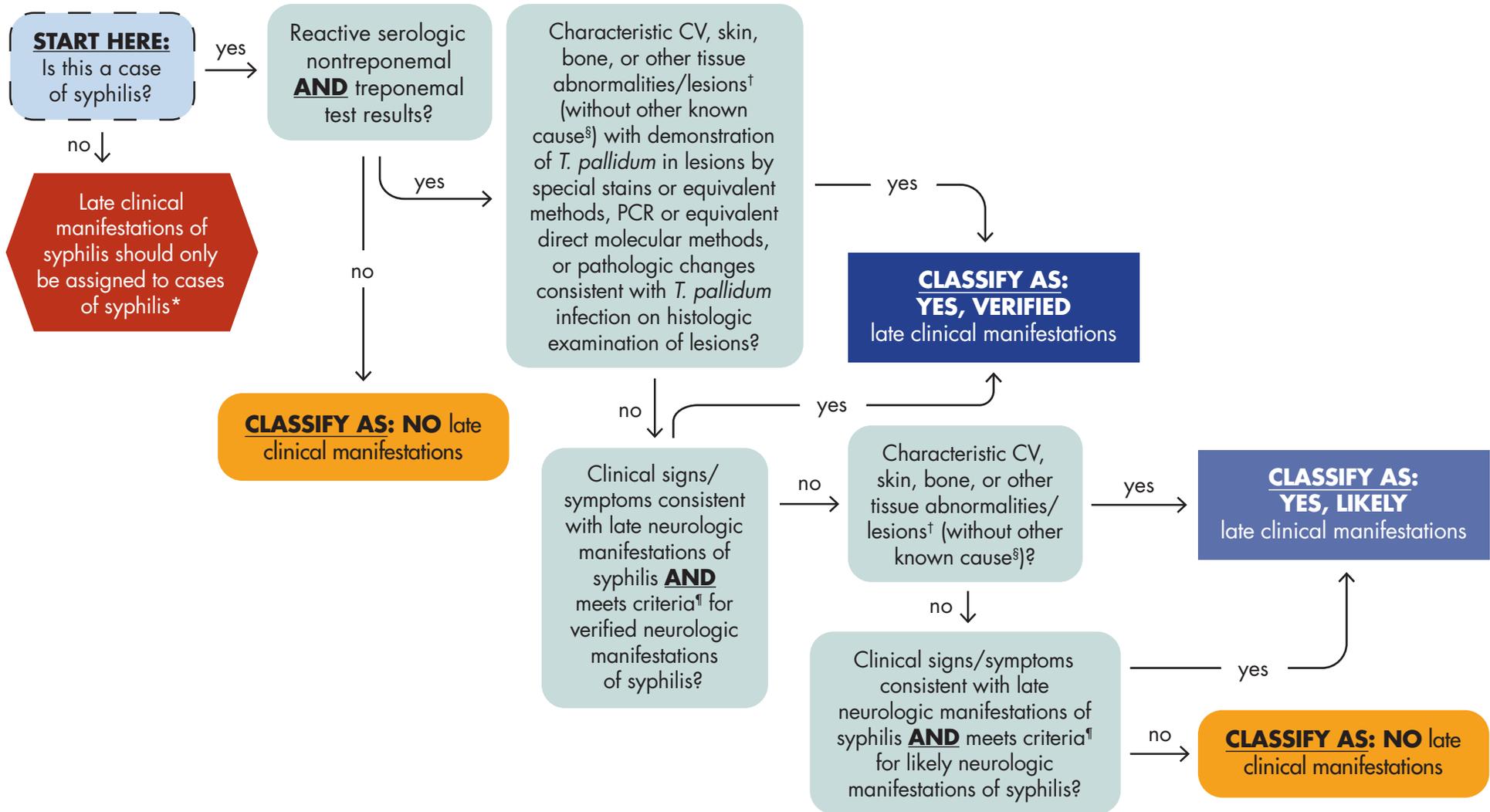
§Because otic manifestations are considered signs/symptoms clinically compatible with neurosyphilis, cases classified as having otic manifestations should also be classified as having neurologic manifestations.

ACRONYMS: *T. pallidum* = *Treponema pallidum*; PCR = polymerase chain reaction

RESOURCES: [Syphilis case definitions](#); [Syphilis treatment guidelines](#); [Partner services](#)



SURVEILLANCE CLASSIFICATION OF LATE CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS OF SYPHILIS (Not to be used as guidance for treatment)



*Any case with clinical signs/symptoms and laboratory results that meet the likely or verified criteria for neurologic, ocular, otic, or late clinical manifestations of syphilis and that has no evidence of having acquired the disease within the preceding 12 months meets the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists case definition for unknown duration or late syphilis.

†Additional information about characteristic lesions associated with late clinical manifestations of syphilis is available in [CDC's STI Treatment Guidelines](#).

§Clinician input may be needed to rule out other possible causes.

¶Please see [syphilis surveillance case definitions](#) and neurologic manifestations classification algorithm for additional assistance.

ACRONYMS: CV = cardiovascular; *T. pallidum* = *Treponema pallidum*; PCR = polymerase chain reaction

RESOURCES: [Syphilis case definitions](#); [Syphilis treatment guidelines](#); [Partner services](#)

