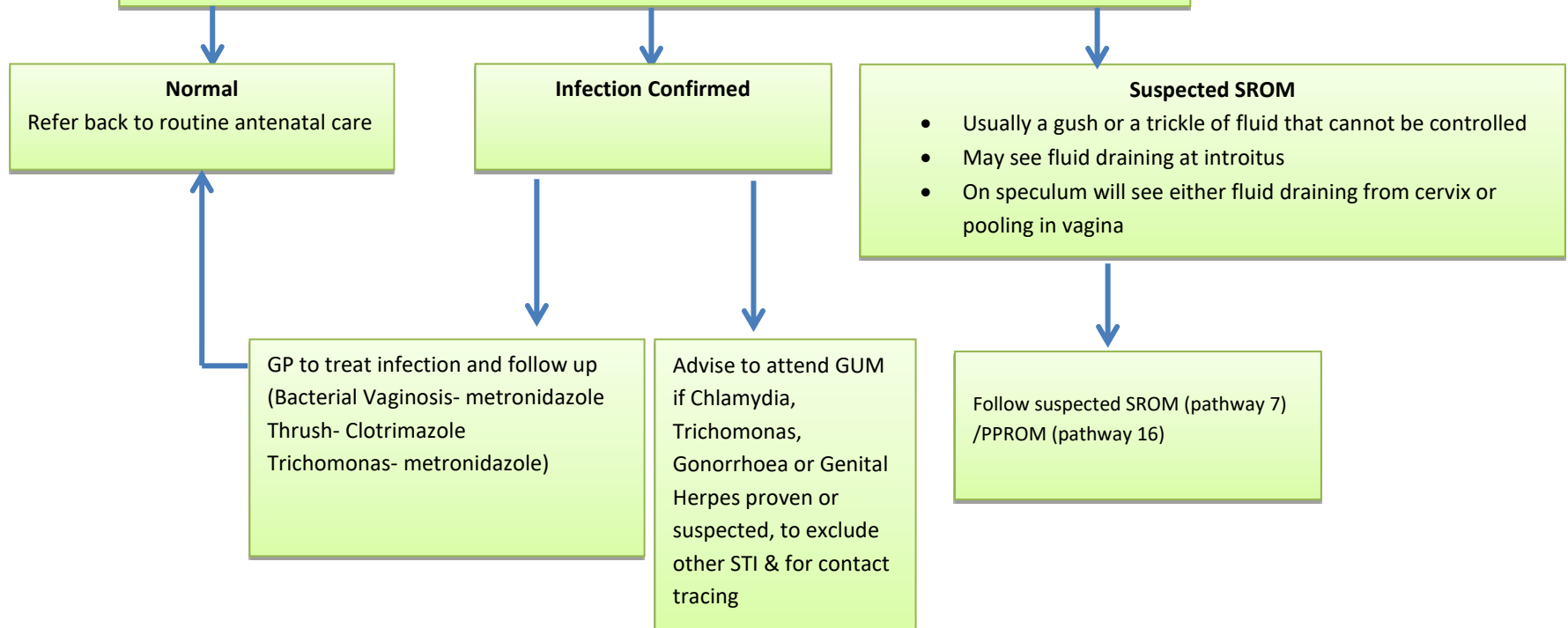




No14 COMMUNITY CARE PATHWAY FOR VAGINAL DISCHARGE IN PREGNANCY

Consider the following when taking history

- Type - Watery, no smell normal
 - Thick white (cottage cheese like), no smell, itching - Thrush (Candidiasis)
 - White or grey with fishy smell - Bacterial Vaginosis
 - Green, yellow / frothy discharge - Trichomoniasis (STI) / GBS (non STI)
- Presence or absence of abdominal pain - consider preterm labour, PPRM (refer to obstetrics)
- Discharge with urinary symptoms (Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea, STIs)
- Bleeding (usually contact following sex): Chlamydia, Cervical Ectropion, Polyp, rarely Cervical Cancer (ask for smear history, any treatment to cervix)
- Painful red blisters / sores around Genitals – Herpes
- Consider LVS or HVS if doing a speculum



References:

SCAN (2018) South Central Antimicrobial Network. Guidelines for antibiotic prescribing in the community 2018.

Further resources: British Association for Sexual Health and HIV includes section on pregnancy- www.bashhguidelines.org

This guidance does not replace the need for application of clinical judgment by clinicians to each individual presentation and specifics of the situation. Pathways current at time of Publication.