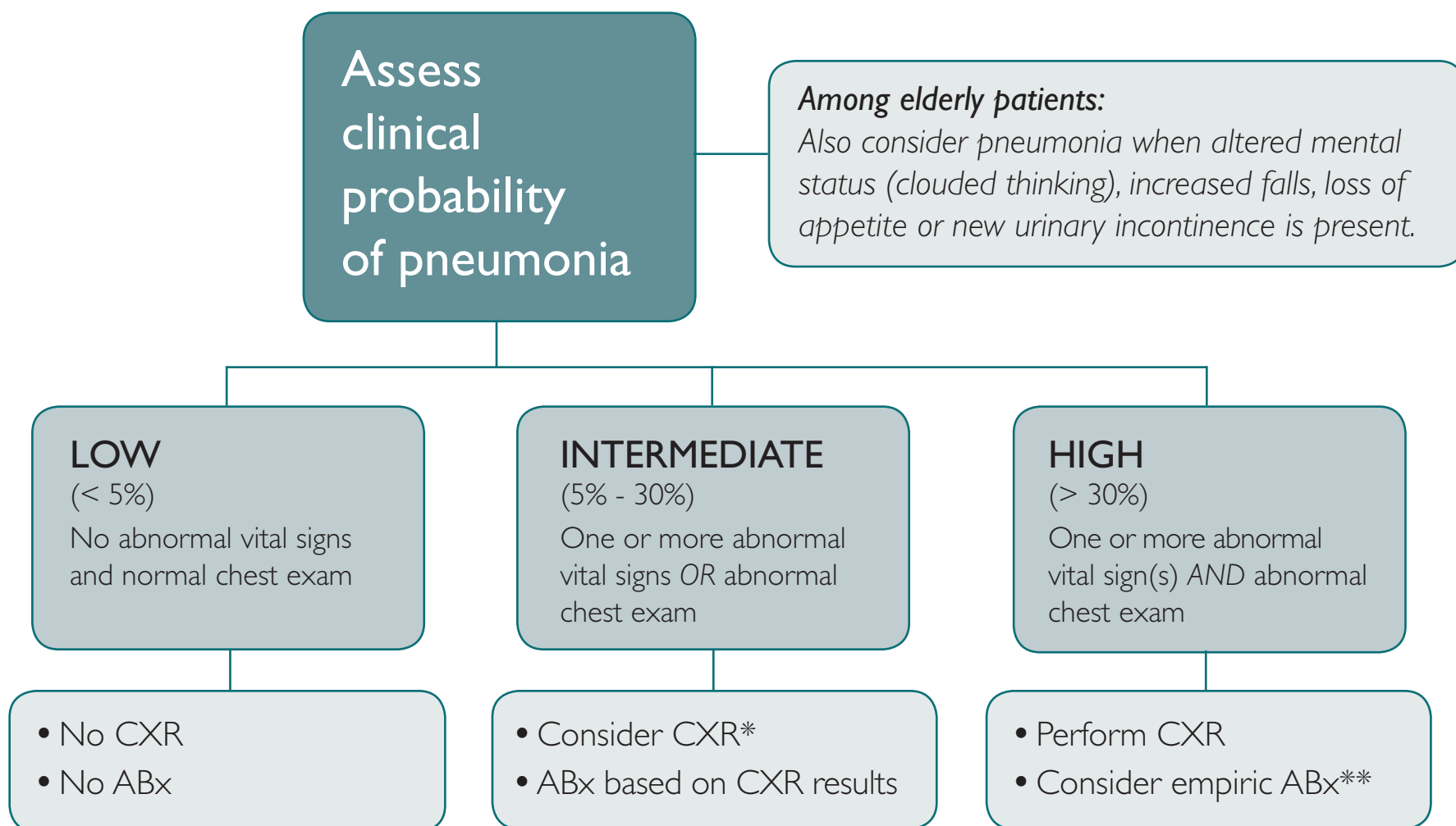


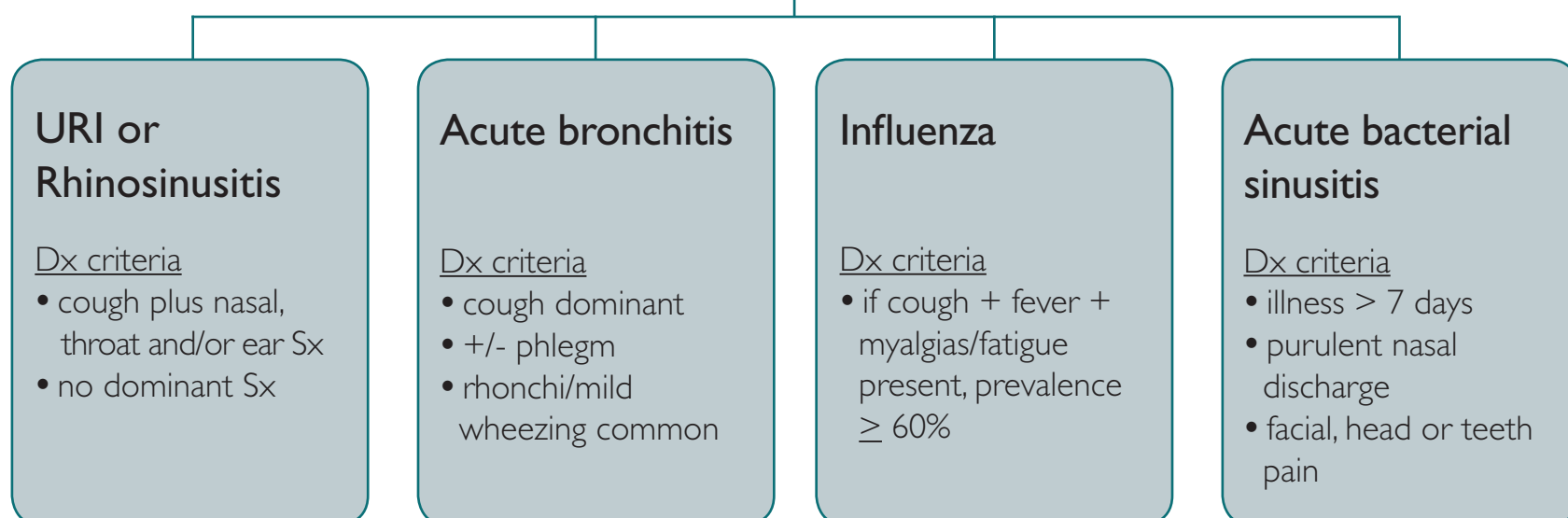
# EVIDENCE-BASED MANAGEMENT OF ACUTE RESPIRATORY TRACT INFECTIONS



\* CXR should be ordered on all patients with focal lung findings on physical examination.

\*\* Abnormal vital signs are common with uncomplicated influenza infection when influenza is circulating in the community.

## In the absence of pneumonia, consider the following diagnoses in adults with acute cough illness



The above algorithm is derived from clinical practice guidelines endorsed by the AAFP, ACP-ASIM, CDC and IDSA.

*This algorithm is designed to assist the clinician in the management of acute cough illness. The recommendations herein are not intended to replace a clinician's judgement or to establish a protocol for all patients with a particular condition.*