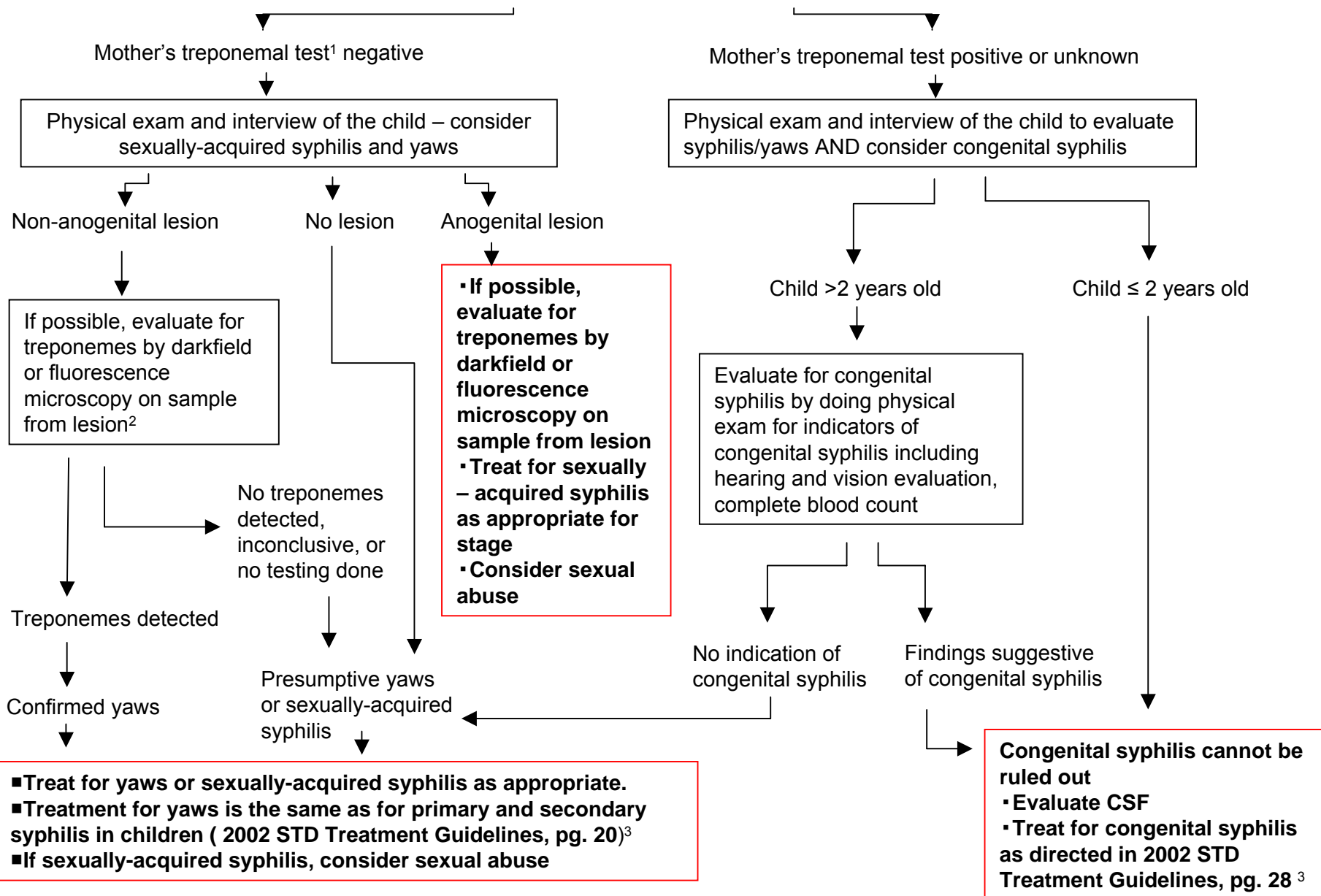


Algorithm for evaluation and treatment of refugee child with positive RPR and treponemal tests

Reactive RPR/treponemal test¹ in child from treponeme-endemic area



1. Screening is usually performed by the Rapid Plasma Reagin (RPR) or Venereal Disease Research Laboratory (VDRL) tests for treponemal infection. If the screening test is positive (irrespective of titer), a treponemal confirmatory test (e.g., the fluorescent treponemal antibody absorbed test (FTA-ABS) or the *T. pallidum* particle agglutination assay (TP-PA)) should be performed.

2. Darkfield and fluorescence microscopy are techniques which allow visualization of live treponemes in samples of liquid from lesions.

CDC is evaluating a test to differentiate between syphilis, yaws, and other treponemal diseases. If interested in sending a sample to CDC for this research test, please contact Dr. Bret Steiner at **404-639-2868**

3. The 2002 STD Treatment Guidelines can be found at www.cdc.gov/std/Treatment