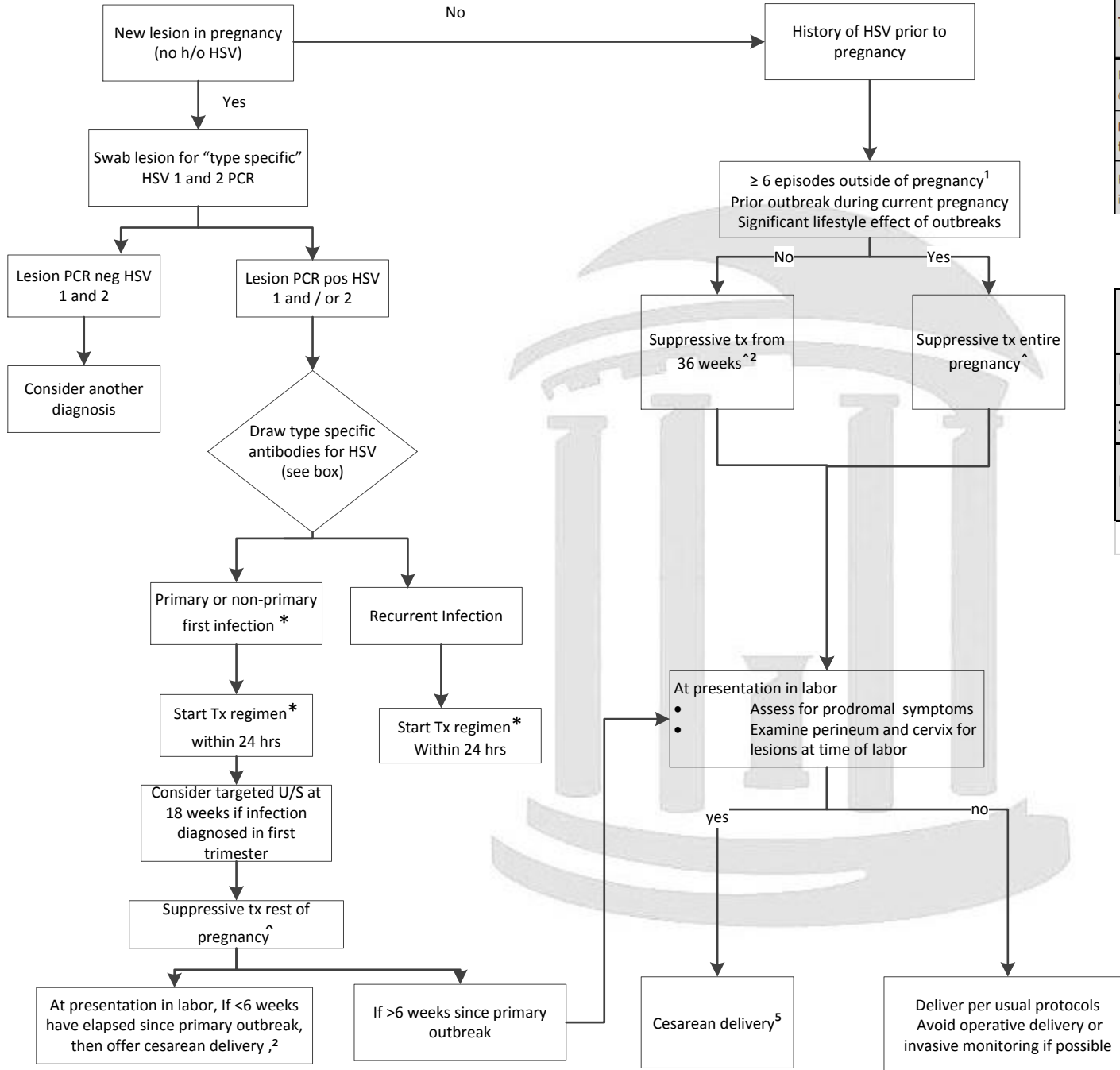


# Genital Herpes: HSV



| Type Specific Antibodies |                  | Lesion PCR result                  |                                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                          |                  | HSV 1+                             | HSV 2+                           |
| Primary outbreak         | Serum antibodies | HSV 1 IgG neg<br>HSV 2 IgG neg     | HSV1 IgG neg<br>HSV2 IgG neg     |
| Non-primary first        | Serum antibodies | HSV 1 IgG neg<br>HSV 2 IgG pos     | HSV1 IgG neg<br>HSV2 IgG pos     |
| Recurrent infection      | Serum antibodies | HSV 1 IgG pos<br>HSV 2 IgG neg/pos | HSV1 IgG neg/pos<br>HSV2 IgG pos |

|                   | Primary Infection or non-primary first <sup>‡</sup>              | Recurrent <sup>⊙</sup>                   |
|-------------------|--|--|
| Initial diagnosis | Treat with antivirals 10 days                                    | Treat with antivirals 5 days             |
| Suppressive tx    | same   | same                                     |
| Deliver by C/S    | -Active lesions labor or prodromal sx<br>-<6 wks since diagnosis | -Active lesions in labor or prodromal sx |

PPROM<sup>4</sup> · Give antenatal steroids & antibiotics per usual hospital protocols · Treat with appropriate antiviral · If primary infection and <6 weeks since outbreak, deliver by cesarean

**Treatment Options\***  
 First Episode:  
 Acyclovir 400 mg TID x 7-10 days  
 Valacyclovir 1 g BID x 7-10 days

**Suppressive Options^**  
 Acyclovir 400 mg BID  
 Valacyclovir 500mg or 1000 mg once a day

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