

Hyperemesis gravidarum and the liver

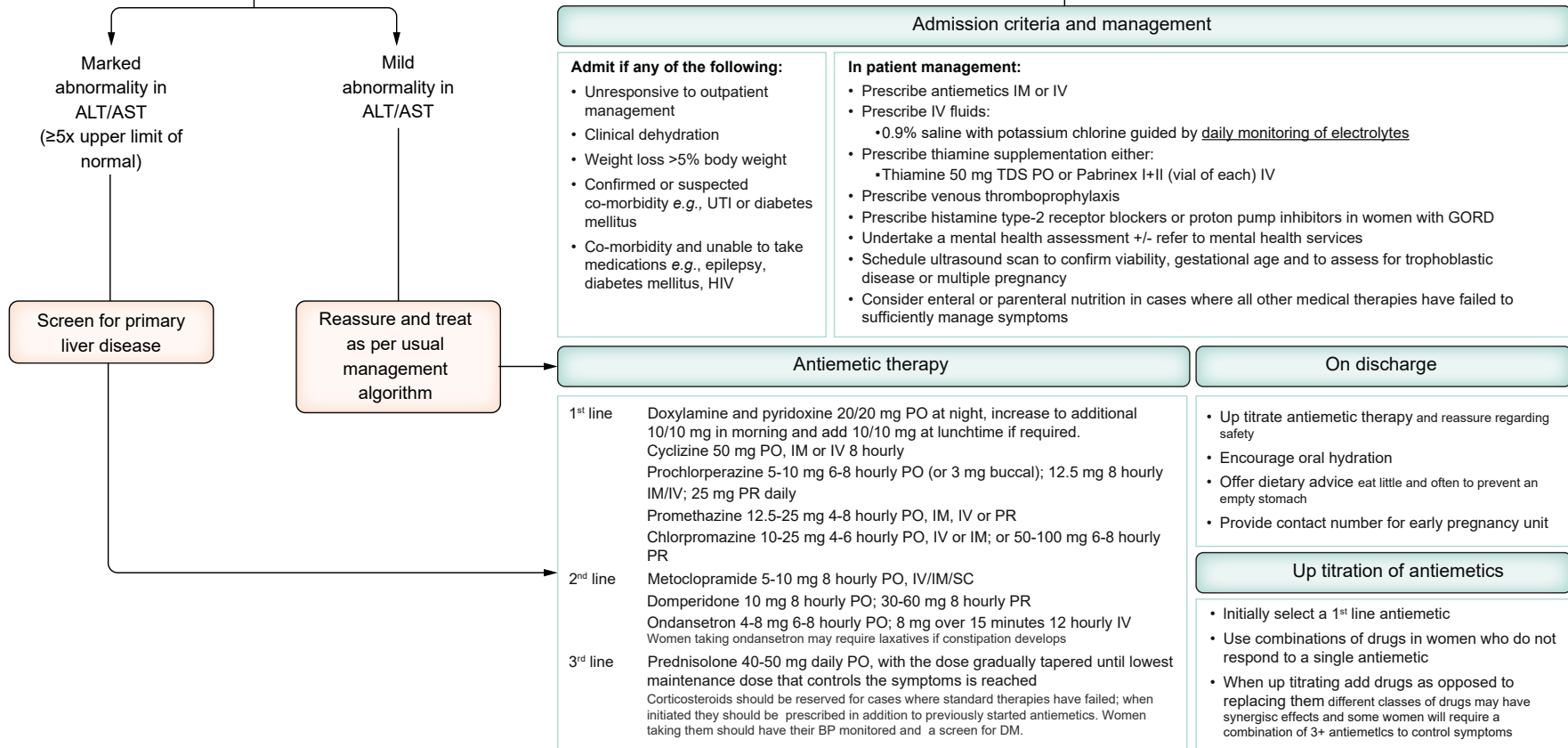
Does the patient meet the definition for HG?

- Symptom onset <16 weeks' gestation of pregnancy
- Nausea and vomiting; at least one of which is severe
- Inability to eat +/- drink normally
- Symptoms have significant effect on daily living

Is ALT or AST abnormal?

Yes

No



Patients with a history of severe HG may be offered doxylamine/pyridoxine preemptively. In such cases 20 mg of doxylamine combined with 20 mg of pyridoxine should be started on confirmation of pregnancy, with gradual increase of dose when symptoms occur/escalate to a maximum dose of 40/40 mg per day.

HG, hyperemesis gravidarum; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; UTI, urinary tract infection; HIV, human immunodeficiency virus; IM, intramuscular; IV, intravenous; TDS, three times a day; PO, orally; GORD, gastroesophageal reflux disease; PR, per rectum; SC, subcutaneous!

