

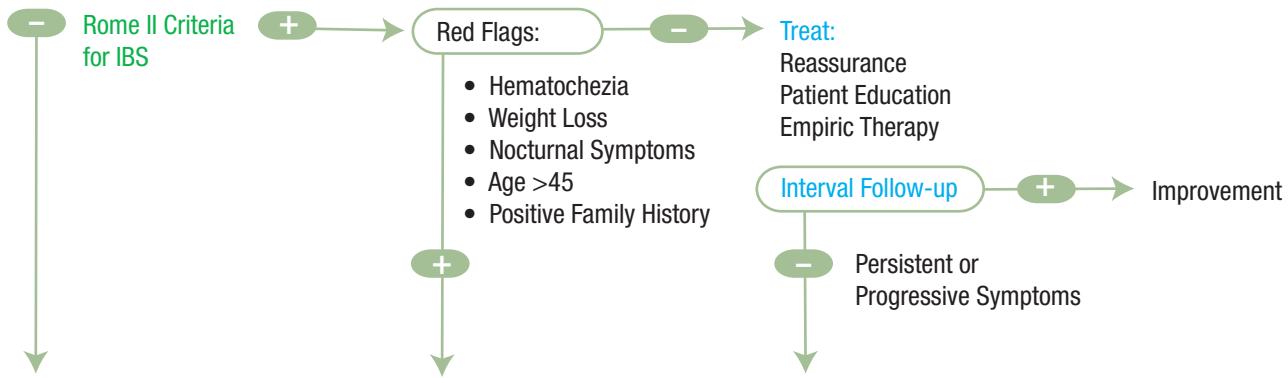
Diagnostic Algorithm for Chronic Diarrhea

Patient Presentation

CHRONIC DIARRHEA

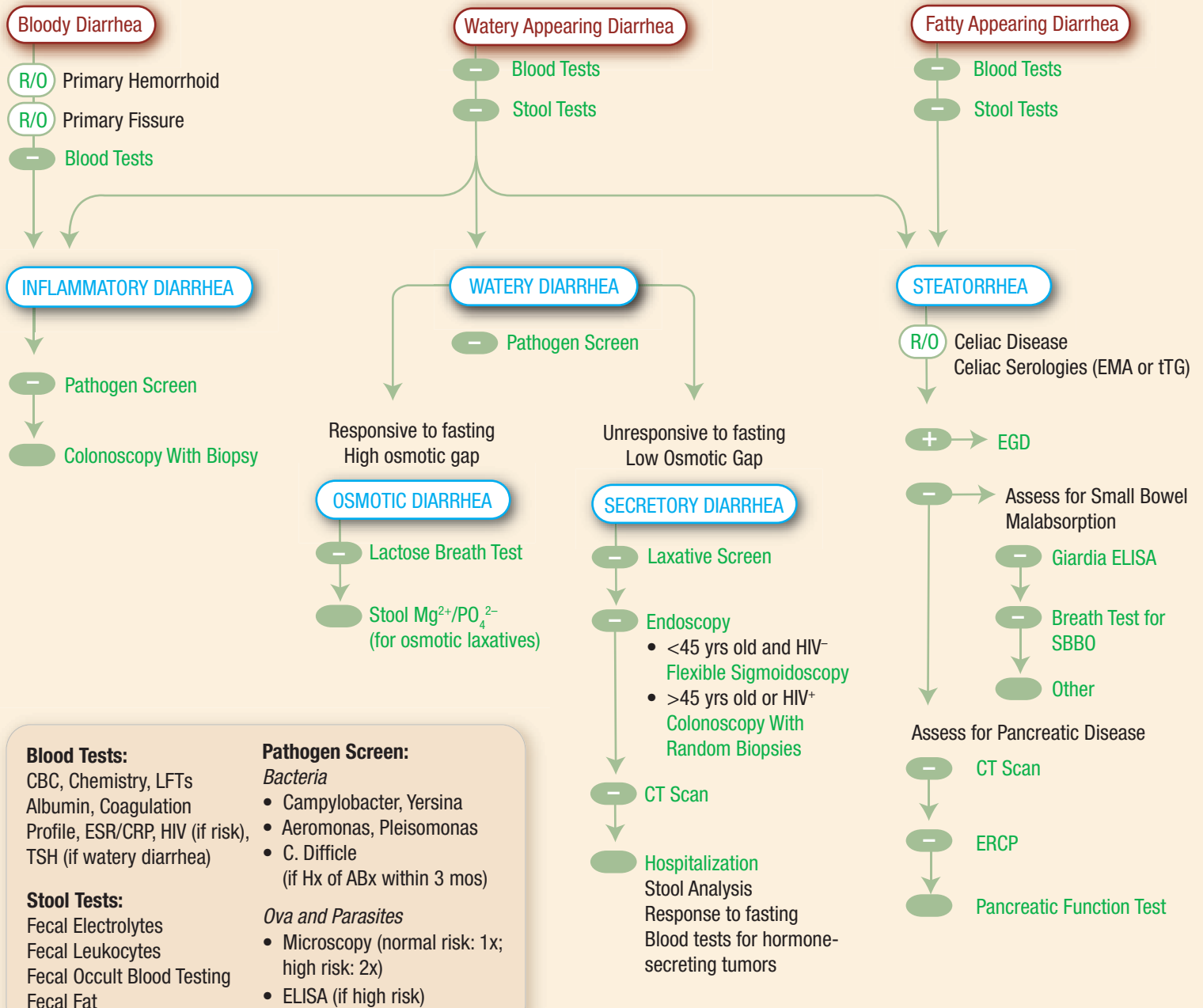
History
Physical Examination

1 FREQUENT SMALL VOLUME STOOLS



2 PRIMARY FECAL INCONTINENCE (+) → Evaluate and Treat

Gross Appearance of Stool



Blood Tests:

CBC, Chemistry, LFTs
Albumin, Coagulation
Profile, ESR/CRP, HIV (if risk),
TSH (if watery diarrhea)

Stool Tests:

Fecal Electrolytes
Fecal Leukocytes
Fecal Occult Blood Testing
Fecal Fat

Pathogen Screen:

Bacteria

- Campylobacter, Yersinia
- Aeromonas, Pleisomonas
- C. Difficile (if Hx of ABx within 3 mos)

Ova and Parasites

- Microscopy (normal risk: 1x; high risk: 2x)
- ELISA (if high risk)