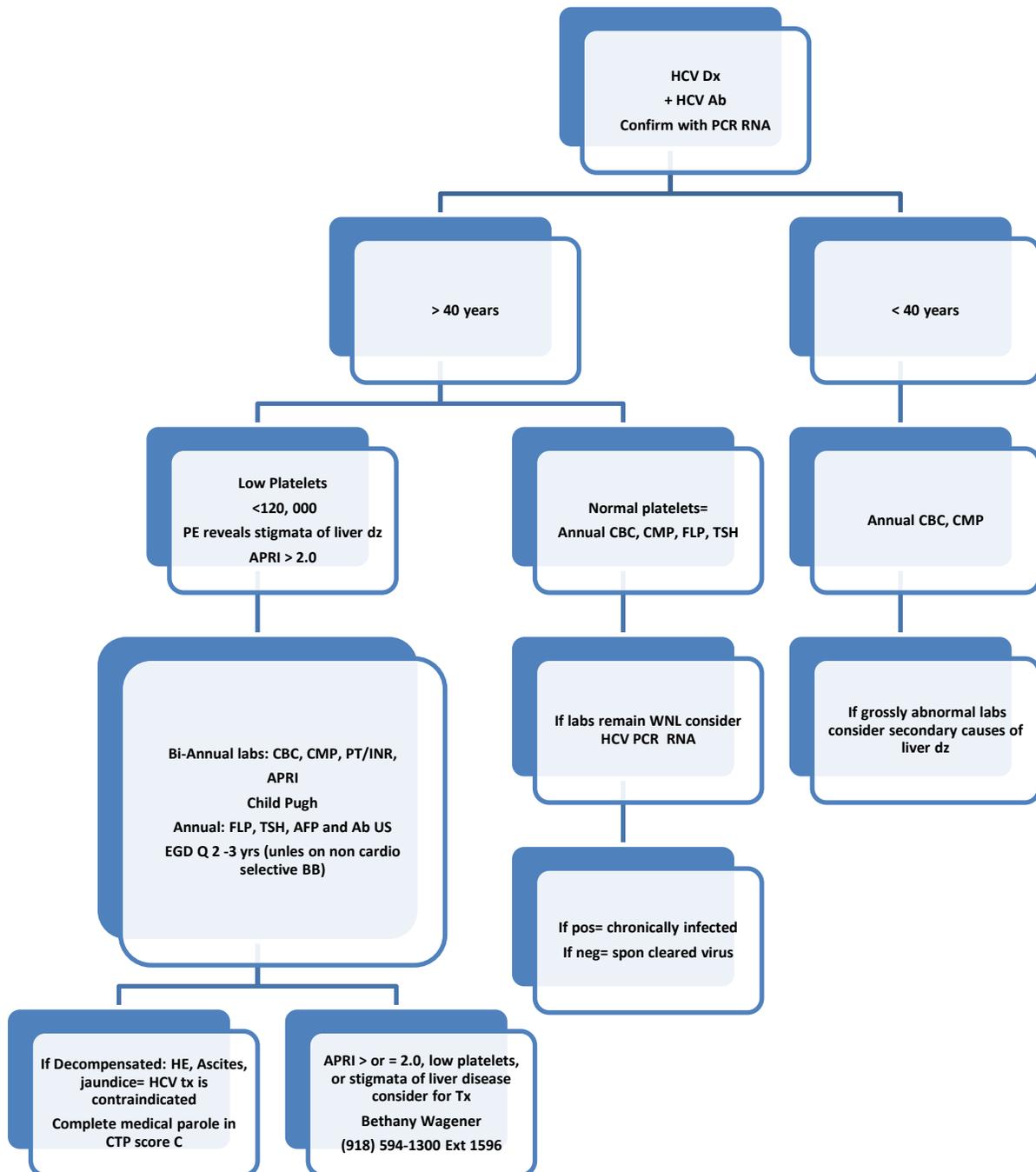


OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS Hepatitis C Algorithm



Stigmata of Liver Disease: Caput Medusa, Loss of body/pubic hair, Hepatic Encephalopathy (HE), Gynecomastia, Ascites, Spider Angiomata, palmar erythema, Jaundice/Scleral icterus, Liver stiffness

Secondary causes of Liver Disease: ETOH (CAGE screen), NAFLD (US screen), Alpha-1 Antitrypsin (AAT) Deficiency (Serum AAT levels screen), Hemochromatosis (Serum Fe studies, liver bx screen), Autoimmune Hepatitis (ANA, SMA, anti-LKM1, SPEP, liver bx screen)

HCV PCR RNA: If destined to clear the virus- 90 % will do so by 12 weeks after acute infection; 100 % by 1 year- so unless pt re-infects, a 1 time screen is sufficient to assess for spon clearance if done > 1 year after acquisition of HCV.