Procalcitonin (PCT)

Responsible use of antibiotics in older adult patients

B·R·A·H·M·S PCT-aided stewardship can help to reduce diagnostic uncertainty and improve antibiotic decisions

Timely recognition of infection in the older adult patient is challenging

Shorter window of opportunity

Early identification of the infection and timely therapeutic management is crucial to the outcome [8-9]

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A valuable tool to improve antibiotic decision making

Thermo Scientific™ B·R·A·H·M·S PCT™ is the only assay proven to be useful for antibiotic stewardship in the older adult patient

PCT helps to early exclude severe bacterial infection in the elderly with a high negative predictive value (NPV 95-98% to rule out bloodstream infection), reducing unnecessary use of antibiotics [10-11]

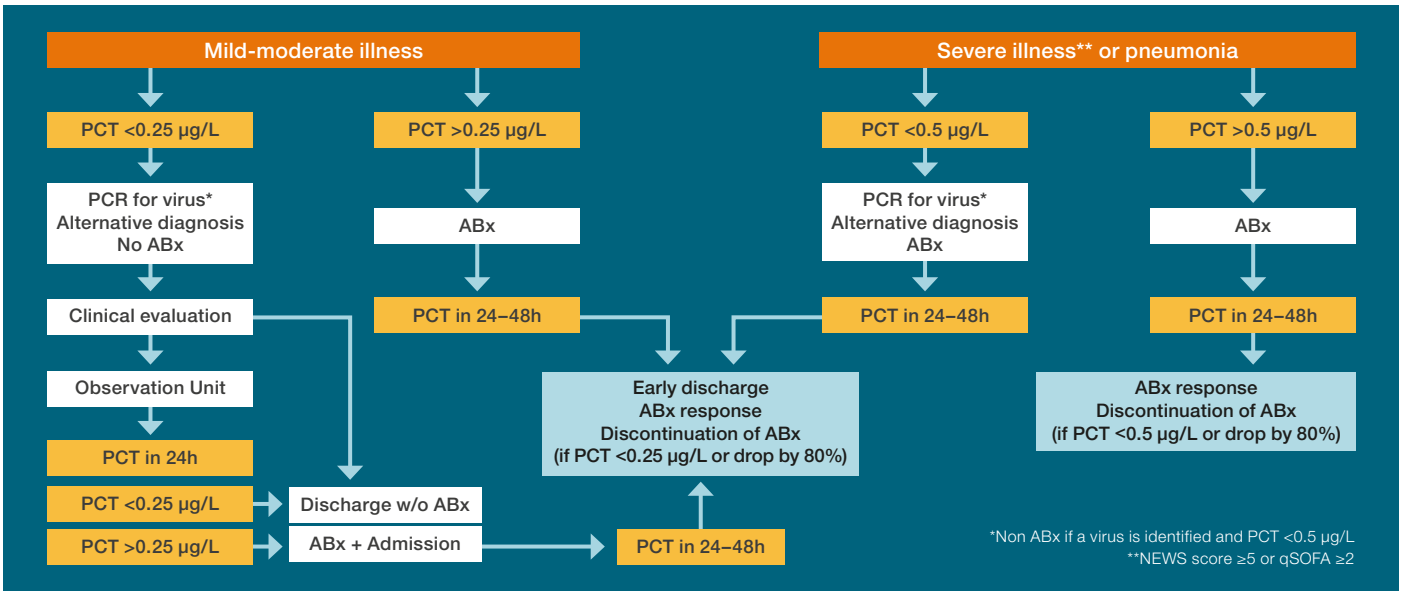
PCT helps to differentiate bacterial etiology of respiratory infection from other causes in patients presenting with:

- Sepsis suspicion [12]
- CAP suspicion [13]
- AECOPD [14]
- Acute Heart Failure [15]

PCT-aided antibiotic stewardship helps to safely reduce antibiotic exposure in the elderly by 2 days with no negative impact on outcome and mortality [16-17]

PCT algorithm recommended by clinical experts for use in elderly patients with mild or severe respiratory infection[18]

A multi-disciplinary group of clinical experts from geriatrics, infectious diseases, emergency and intensive care medicine have proposed an algorithm for optimal use of PCT to improve clinical decision making and to reduce unnecessary antibiotic exposure in elderly patients[18]



The PCT algorithm mentioned depict the information from the quoted opinion paper. It reflects the opinion of the authors and not necessarily that of Thermo Fisher Scientific.

CAP Community-Acquired Pneumonia **AECOPD** Acute Exacerbations of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease **ABx** Antibiotics

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