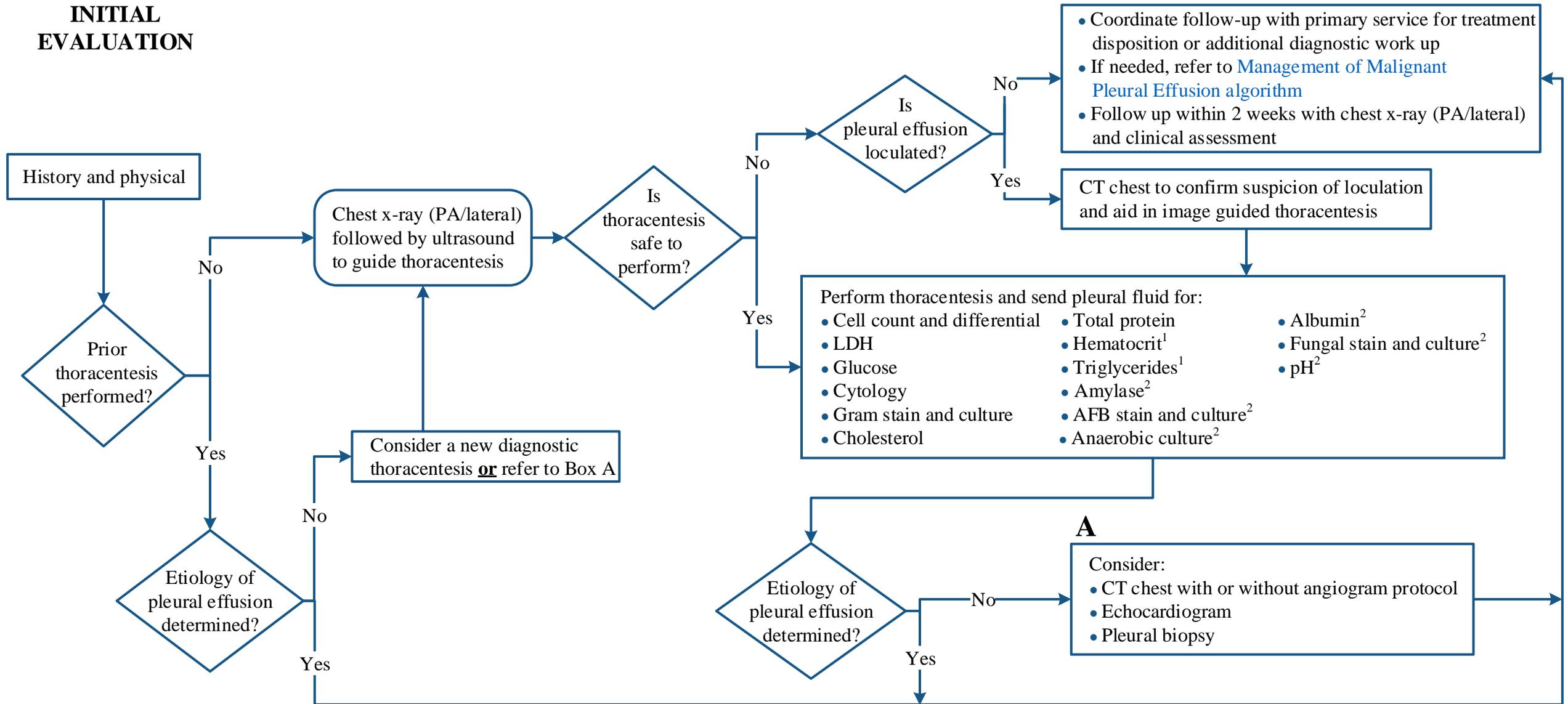


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INITIAL EVALUATION



¹ If pleural effusion is blood-tinged or serosanguinous, add hematocrit and triglycerides. If pleural fluid is milky or there is clinical suspicion of chylothorax, add triglycerides.

² If clinically indicated

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