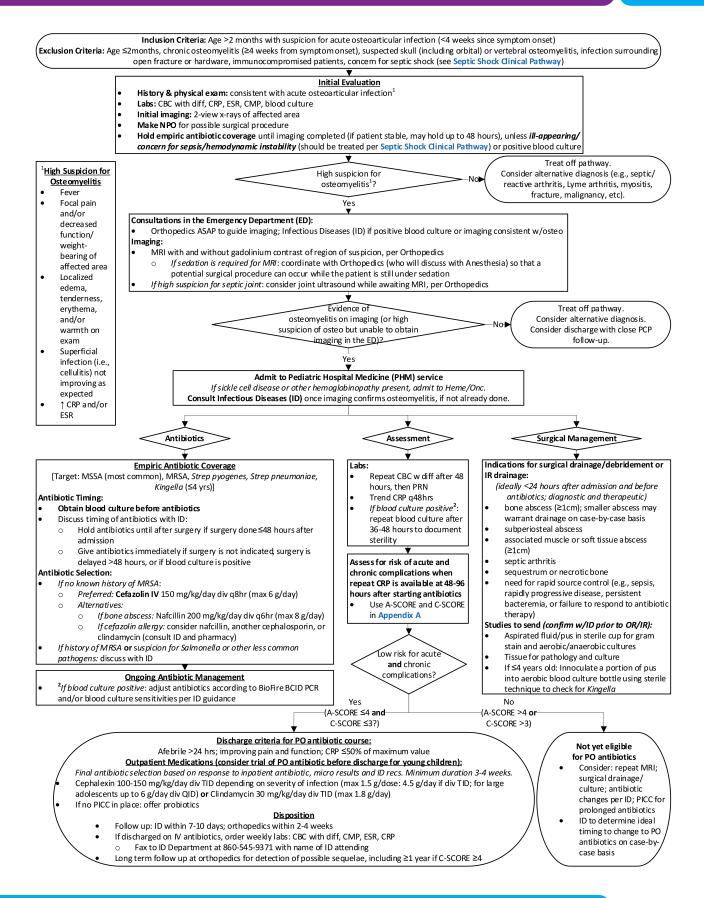
CLINICAL PATHWAY: Osteomyelitis





Acute and Chronic Scores for Complications of Osteomyelitis Risk Evaluation

A-SCORE:	
Acute Score for Complications of	
Osteomyelitis Risk Evaluation	
(≤4 has negative predictive value of ≥91%)	
Complication	A-SCORE
-	Points
Bone abscess	2
Prolonged fever > 48	2
hours after starting	
antibiotics	
Suppurative arthritis	3
Disseminated disease ¹	4
Delayed source control ²	4
Maximum score	15
A-SCORE interpretation	≤4 = low risk
-	for acute
	complications

C-SCORE	
Chronic Score for Complications of	
Osteomyelitis Risk Evaluation	
(≤3 has negative predictive value of ≥95%)	
Complication	C-SCORE
	Points
CRP ≥ 10mg/dL at 2-4	1
days after starting	
antibiotics	
Disseminated disease ¹	1
Bone	2
drainage/debridement	
Maximum score	4
C-SCORE interpretation	≤3 = low risk
	for chronic
	complications

¹Disseminated disease: multifocal infection, pneumonia, septic pulmonary embolism, deep vein thrombosis, or endocarditis

²Delayed source control: >72 hours after admission

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