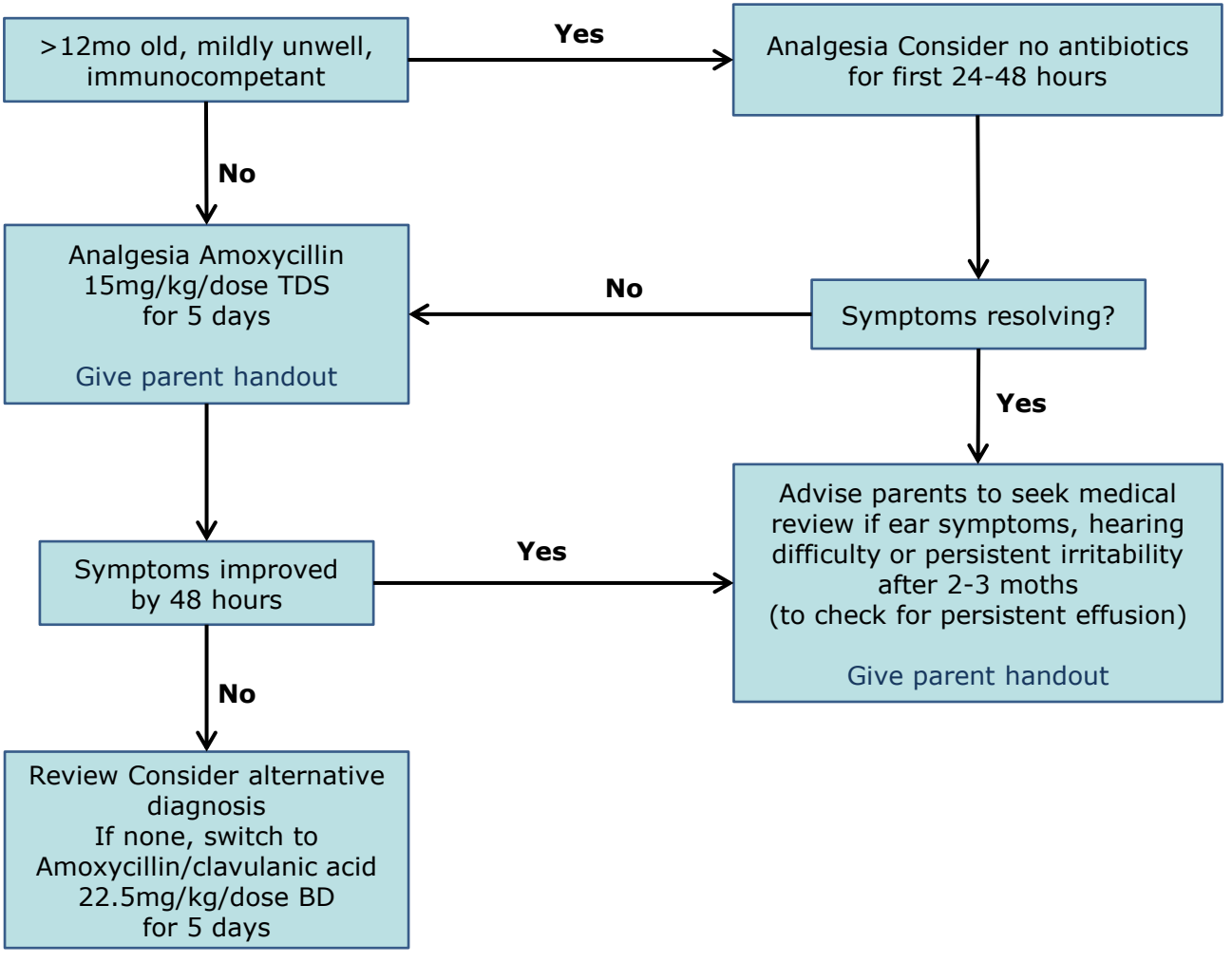
>12mo old, mildly unwell, immunocompetant
Yes
Analgesia Consider no antibiotics for first 24-48 hours
No
Analgesia Amoxycillin 15mg/kg/dose TDS for 5 days
Give parent handout
No
Symptoms resolving?
Yes
Advise parents to seek medical review if ear symptoms, hearing difficulty or persistent irritability after 2-3 moths (to check for persistent effusion)
Give parent handout
Symptoms improved by 48 hours
Yes
No
Review Consider alternative diagnosis
If none, switch to Amoxycillin/clavulanic acid 22.5mg/kg/dose BD for 5 days