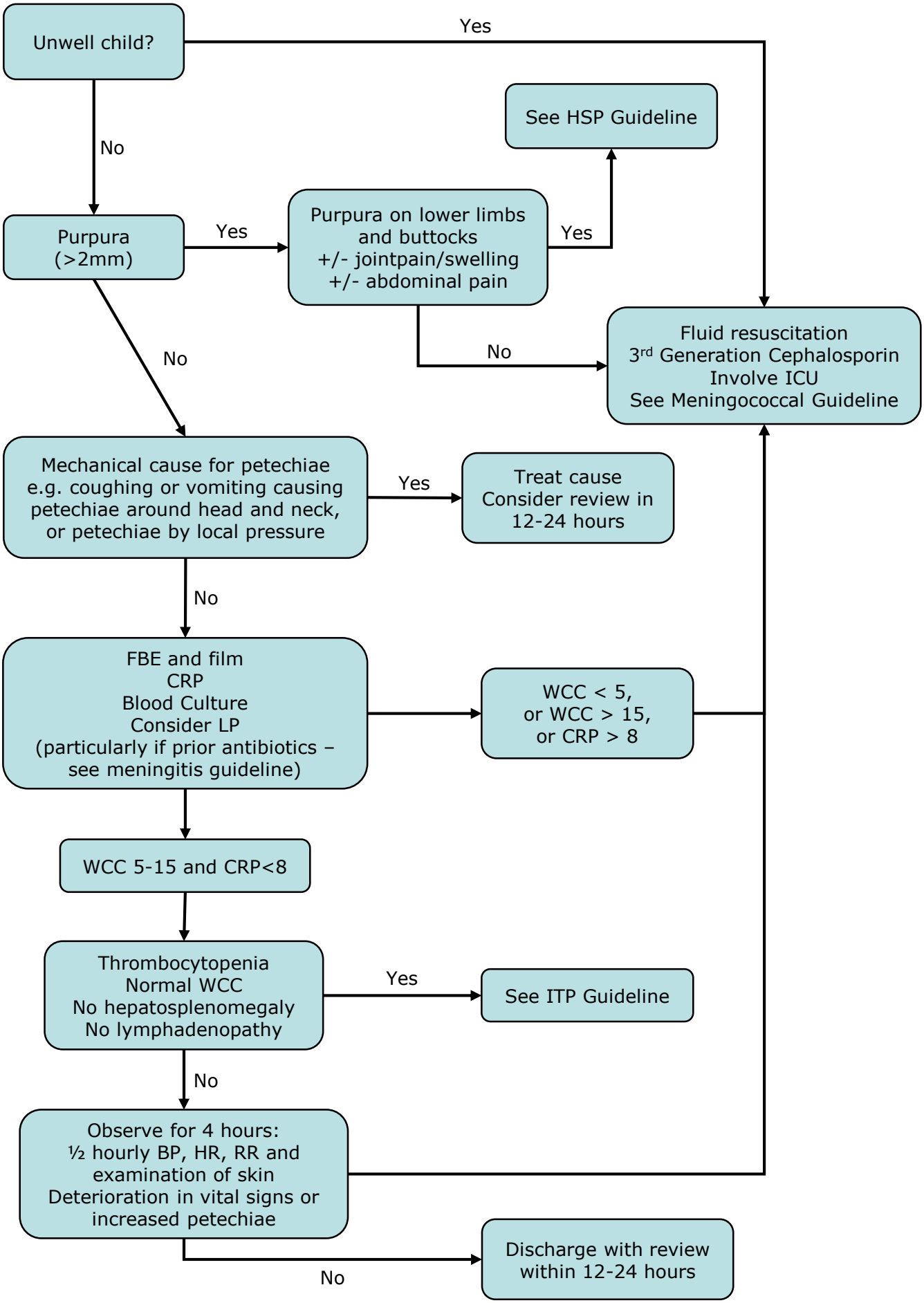
Unwell child?
Yes
No
See HSP Guideline
Purpura
(>2mm)
Yes
Purpura on lower limbs
and buttocks
+/- jointpain/swelling
+/- abdominal pain
Yes
No
Fluid resuscitation
3rd Generation Cephalosporin
Involve ICU
See Meningococcal Guideline
No
Mechanical cause for petechiae
e.g. coughing or vomiting causing
petechiae around head and neck,
or petechiae by local pressure
Yes
Treat cause
Consider review in
12-24 hours
No
FBE and film
CRP
Blood Culture
Consider LP
(particularly if prior antibiotics –
see meningitis guideline)
WCC < 5,
or WCC > 15,
or CRP > 8
WCC 5-15 and CRP<8
Thrombocytopenia
Normal WCC
No hepatosplenomegaly
No lymphadenopathy
Yes
See ITP Guideline
No
Observe for 4 hours:
½ hourly BP, HR, RR and
examination of skin
Deterioration in vital signs or
increased petechiae
No
Discharge with review
within 12-24 hours