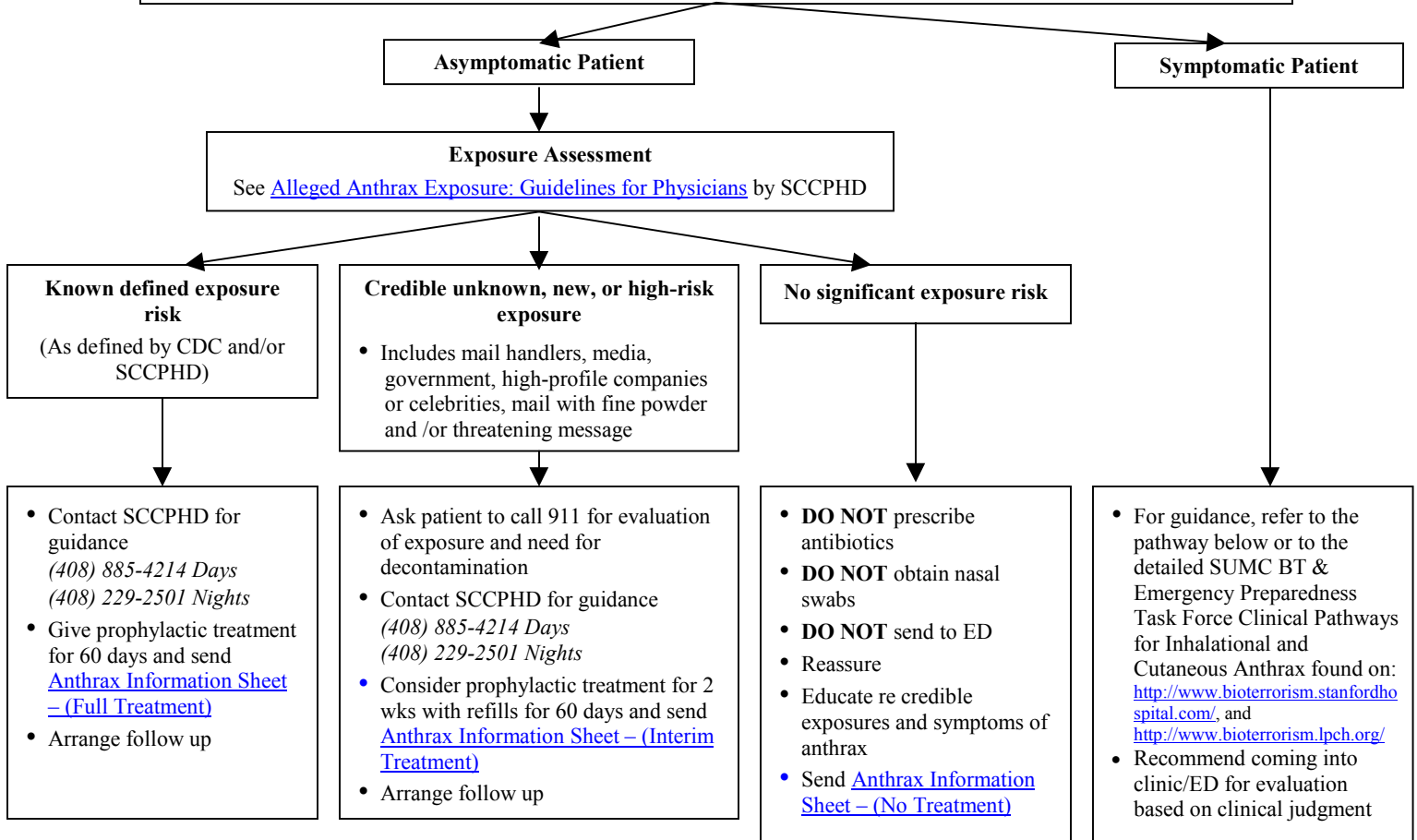


**1. CLINIC ANTHRAX PHONE CALL PATHWAY / “WORRIED WELL” PATHWAY**

**START HERE:** PATIENT PHONE CALLS REGARDING ANTHRAX / “WORRIED WELL” SEEN AT CLINIC  
(e.g. worried re possible exposure, requesting tests, and/or antibiotics)



**2. CLINIC CUTANEOUS/INHALATIONAL ANTHRAX CLINICAL PATHWAYS**

(For detailed pathways, refer to: Clinical Pathways for Inhalational and Cutaneous Anthrax found on <http://www.bioterrorism.stanfordhospital.com/>, <http://www.bioterrorism.lpch.org/>)

**START HERE: INHALATIONAL ANTHRAX**

**Early inhalational anthrax signs/sxs?**

- Fever, sweating, malaise, fatigue, myalgias, headache, nonproductive cough, chest discomfort, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, normal to ↑ WBC with ↑ neut/bands, NOT typically URI symptoms

**Late inhalational anthrax signs/sxs?**

- Fever, sweating, dyspnea, hypoxemia, cyanosis, stridor, cough, confusion, hypotension, mediastinal lymphadenopathy, pl. effusions

**START HERE: CUTANEOUS ANTHRAX**

**Typical appearance and progression of cutaneous anthrax?**

Painless or pruritic papule or pustule  
↓  
Vesicular or ulcerative lesion  
↓  
Black eschar often with edema, erythema, and lymphadenopathy

**+/- complications of cutaneous anthrax?**

- Bullae
- Sweating
- Fever
- Hypotension

**INTERMED/HIGH SUSPICION**

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- Consult ID *Page 14031 (adult) or Call Op 723-6661 (peds)*
- Notify Infection Control *Page 16167(adult) or 18503 (peds)*
- Notify SCCPHD *(408) 885-4214 Days or (408) 229-2501 Nights*
- Notify Clinic Manager

**LOW SUSPICION**

- Consider collection NP swabs (≤ 13 yo) or NP washings (> 13 yo) for DVE Resp Panel (Flu A&B, RSV, Paraflu, CMV, adenovirus) using [Collection of NP Swabs](#) and [Collection of NP Washings](#)
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