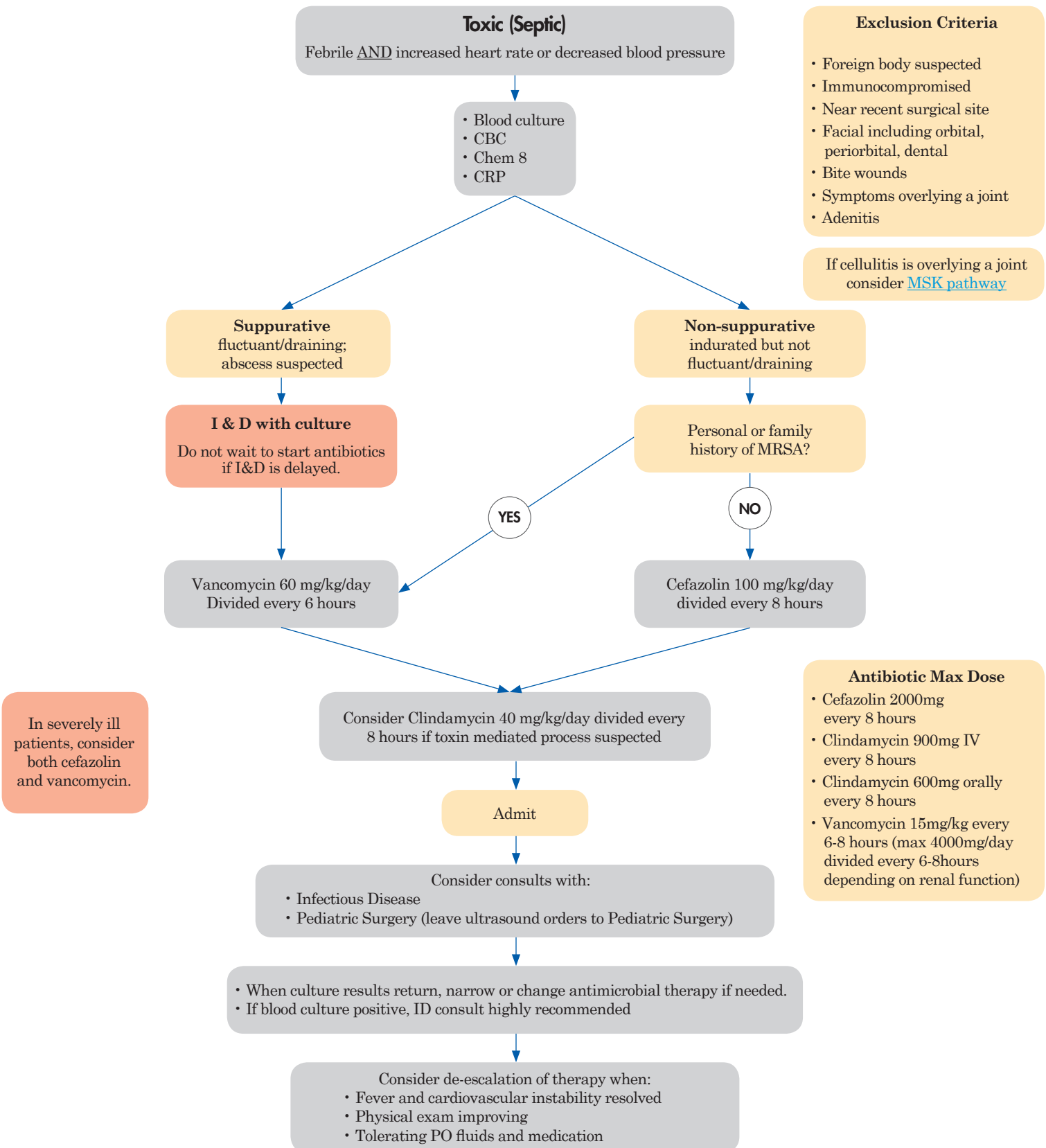


# Skin Infections: Cellulitis & Abscess (Toxic Patient)



### Exclusion Criteria

- Foreign body suspected
- Immunocompromised
- Near recent surgical site
- Facial including orbital, periorbital, dental
- Bite wounds
- Symptoms overlying a joint
- Adenitis

If cellulitis is overlying a joint consider [MSK pathway](#)

### Antibiotic Max Dose

- Cefazolin 2000mg every 8 hours
- Clindamycin 900mg IV every 8 hours
- Clindamycin 600mg orally every 8 hours
- Vancomycin 15mg/kg every 6-8 hours (max 4000mg/day divided every 6-8hours depending on renal function)

In severely ill patients, consider both cefazolin and vancomycin.

Disclaimer: Pathways are intended as a guide for practitioners and do not indicate an exclusive course of treatment nor serve as a standard of medical care. These pathways should be adapted by medical providers, when indicated, based on their professional judgement and taking into account individual patient and family circumstances.