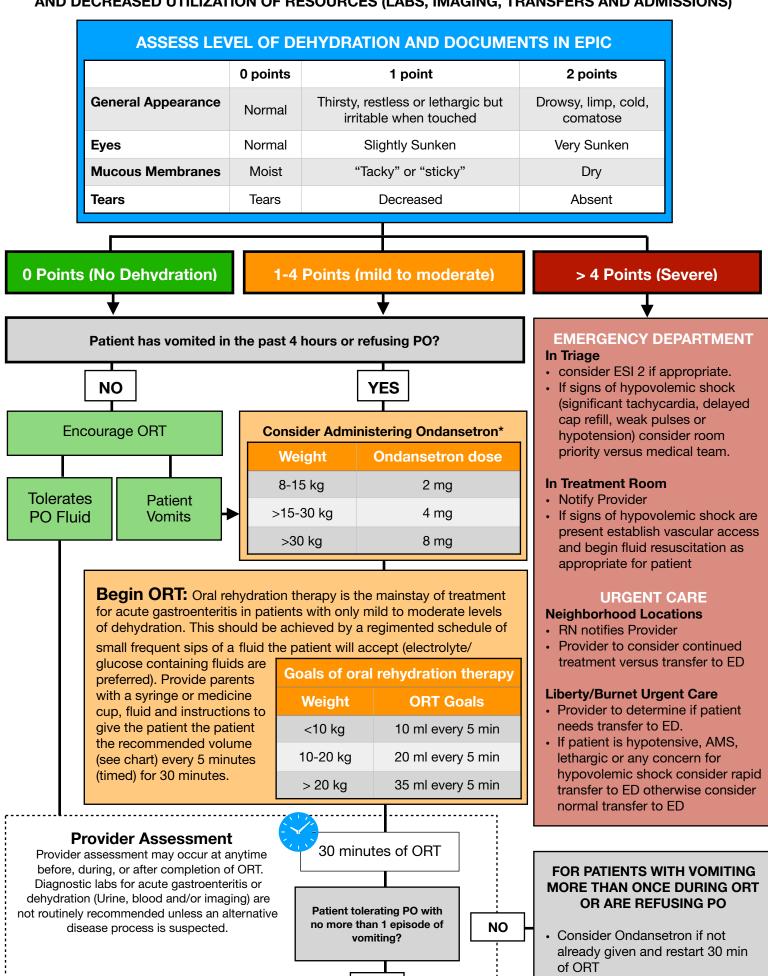
2019 ACUTE GASTROENTERITIS TREATMENT GUIDELINE

POPULATION: Otherwise healthy children 6 months to 21 years presenting with complaints of diarrhea with or without vomiting for less than 7 days or in whom the diagnosis of acute gastroenteritis is suspected

EXCLUSION CRITERIA: Patients with extensive chronic medical problems, diabetes, significant GI history or suspected hypovolemic shock, concerns for significant obstruction or 'surgical abdomen' (bloody or bilious vomiting, firm/distended abdomen etc.)

<u>GUIDELINE GOAL</u>: PROMPT INITIATION OF ORAL REHYDRATION THERAPY (ORT) FOR APPROPRIATE PATIENTS AND DECREASED UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES (LABS, IMAGING, TRANSFERS AND ADMISSIONS)



YES

DISCHARGE CRITERIA

- · VS are within normal limits or improving for age
- Parents able to follow standardized discharge instruction
- Reliable f/u is available
- Clinical improvement with reassuring physical exam

- Attempt 15 minutes of ORT with half the recommended volume per aliquot.
- Consider alternative antiemetic
- If severe dehydration is suspected or any significant deterioration in clinical status consider alternative diagnoses and/or transfer to ED if in urgent care location.