



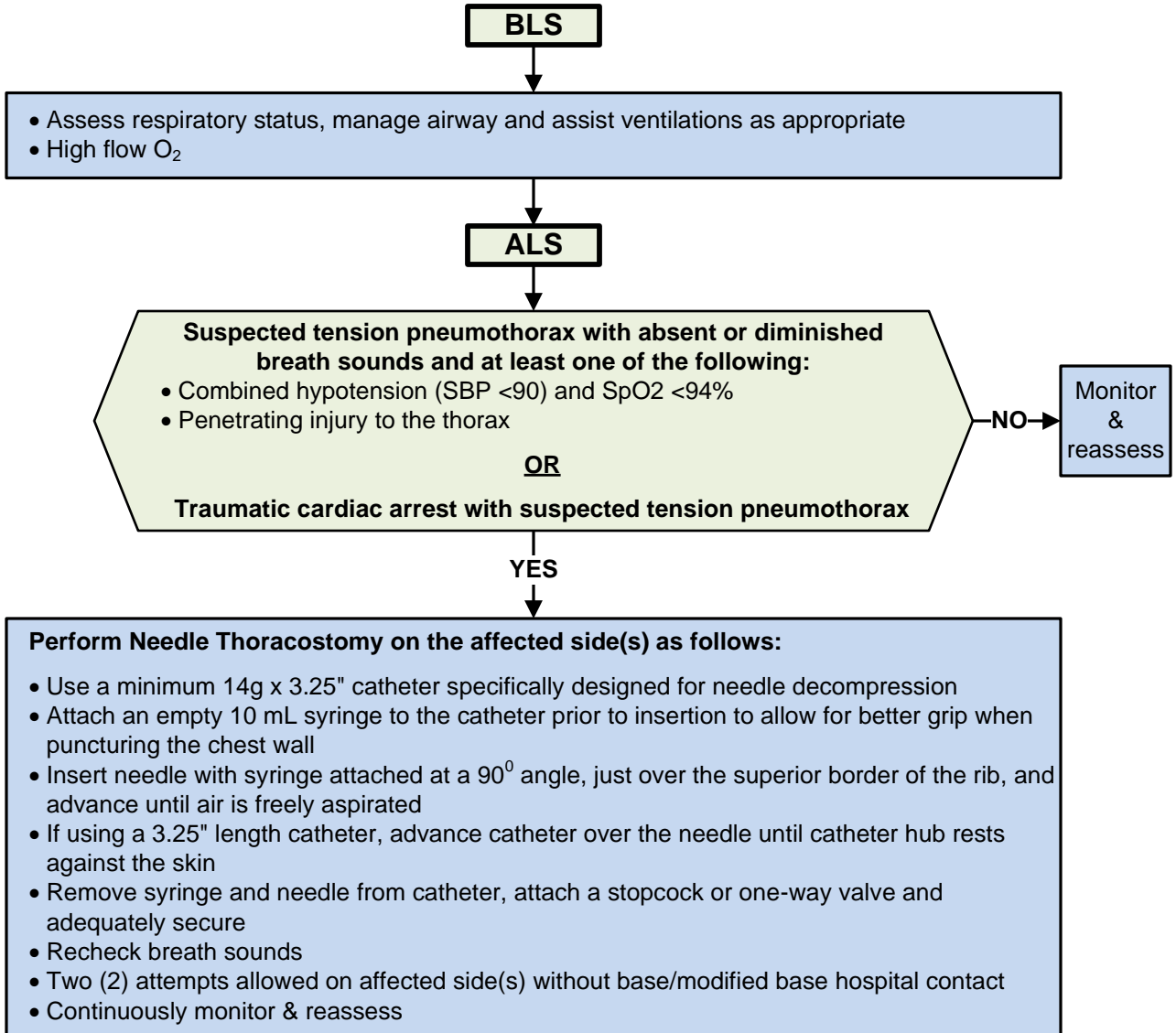
Tension Pneumothorax

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Approved Needle Thoracostomy Sites

- A Mid-clavicular line in the 2nd intercostal space
- B Mid-axillary line in the 4th or 5th intercostal space*
- C Anterior axillary line in the 5th intercostal space*

*Above the anatomic nipple line

Note: If an initial attempt at one approved site is unsuccessful, consider utilizing an alternate approved site

