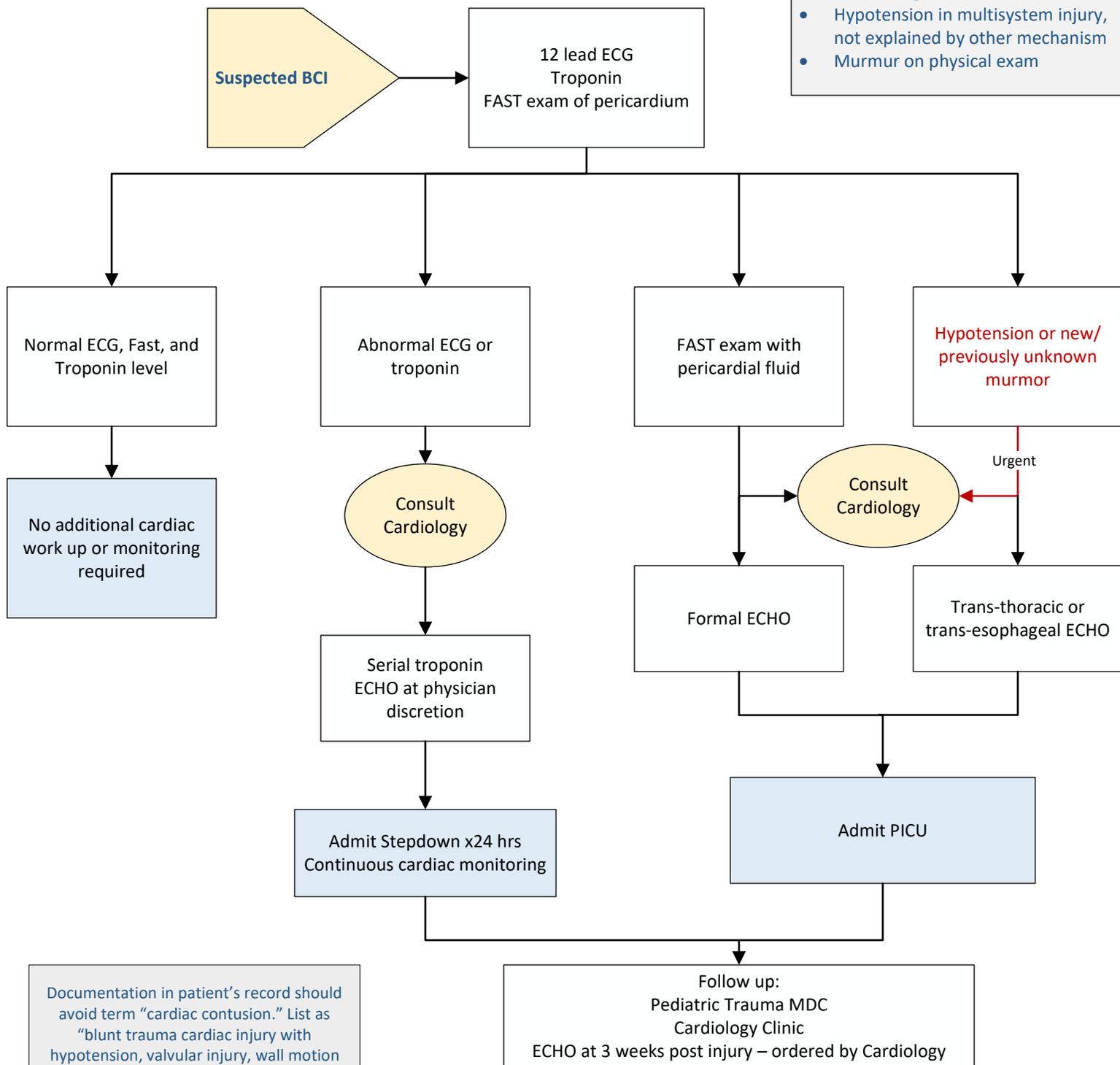


Practice Management Guideline Blunt Cardiac Injury

Suspicion of Blunt Cardiac Injury (BCI):

- History of direct blow to precordia or epigastrium
- Confirmed fracture or bruising of manubrium, sternum, or xyphoid
- Rhythm disturbance of initial ECG monitoring
- Hypotension in multisystem injury, not explained by other mechanism
- Murmur on physical exam



Documentation in patient's record should avoid term "cardiac contusion." List as "blunt trauma cardiac injury with hypotension, valvular injury, wall motion abnormality, arrhythmia, etc."