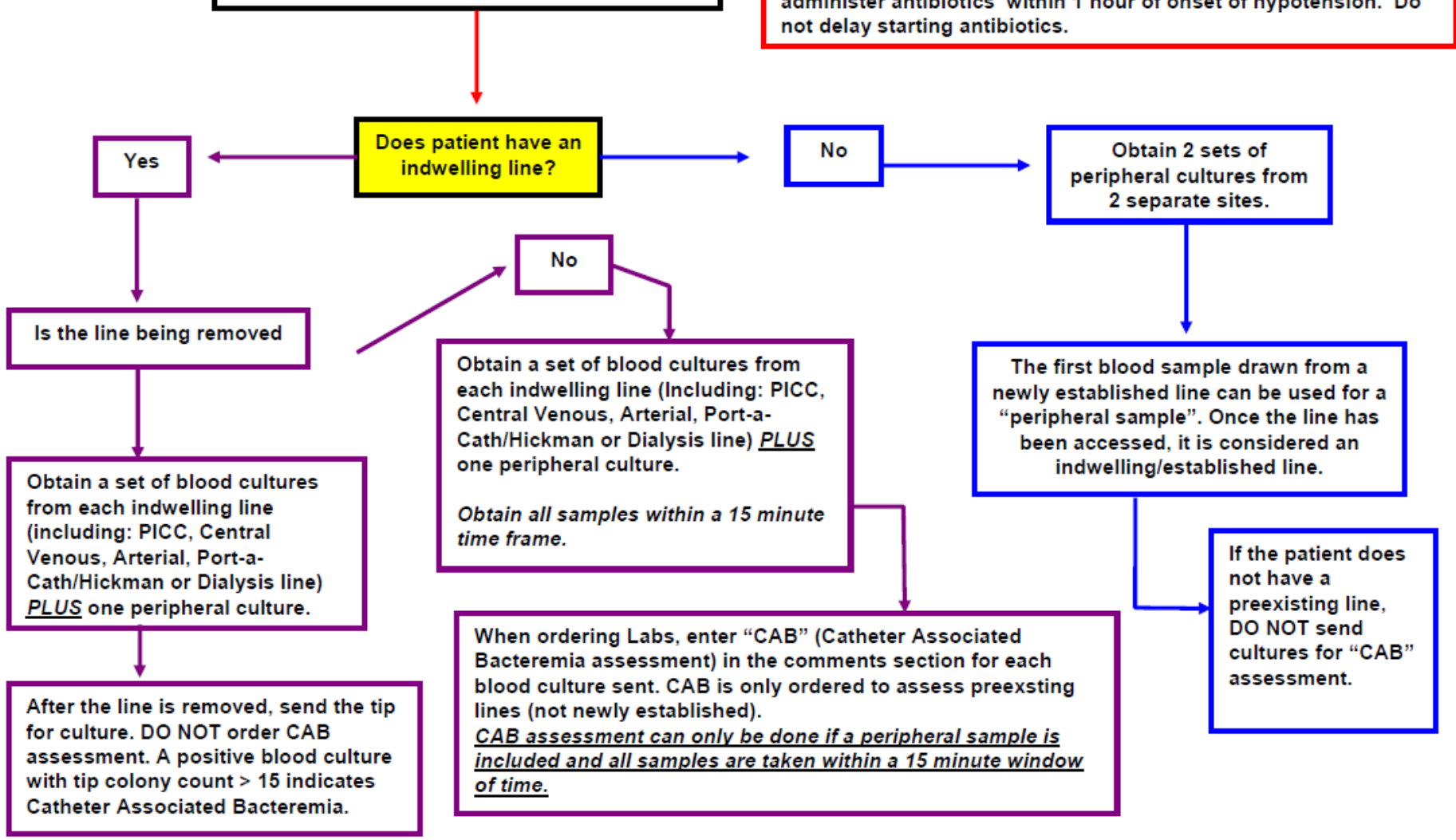


BLOOD CULTURES ORDERED

If patient is hypotensive, obtain cultures immediately and administer antibiotics within 1 hour of onset of hypotension. Do not delay starting antibiotics.



When CAB is selected, all cultures are set-up at the same time, and monitored to identify the time that each specimen becomes positive (known as the Time-To-Positivity). A peripheral culture must be included. If the peripheral sample becomes positive with the same organism within 2 hours of an indwelling line, the patient has a bacteremia. If the peripheral sample becomes positive by > 2 hours after the indwelling line, Catheter Associated Bacteremia is suspected.

When ordering cultures in PowerChart, be sure to identify a) the type of line (e.g. triple lumen); the insertion location (e.g., L Subclavian) and the date of insertion.