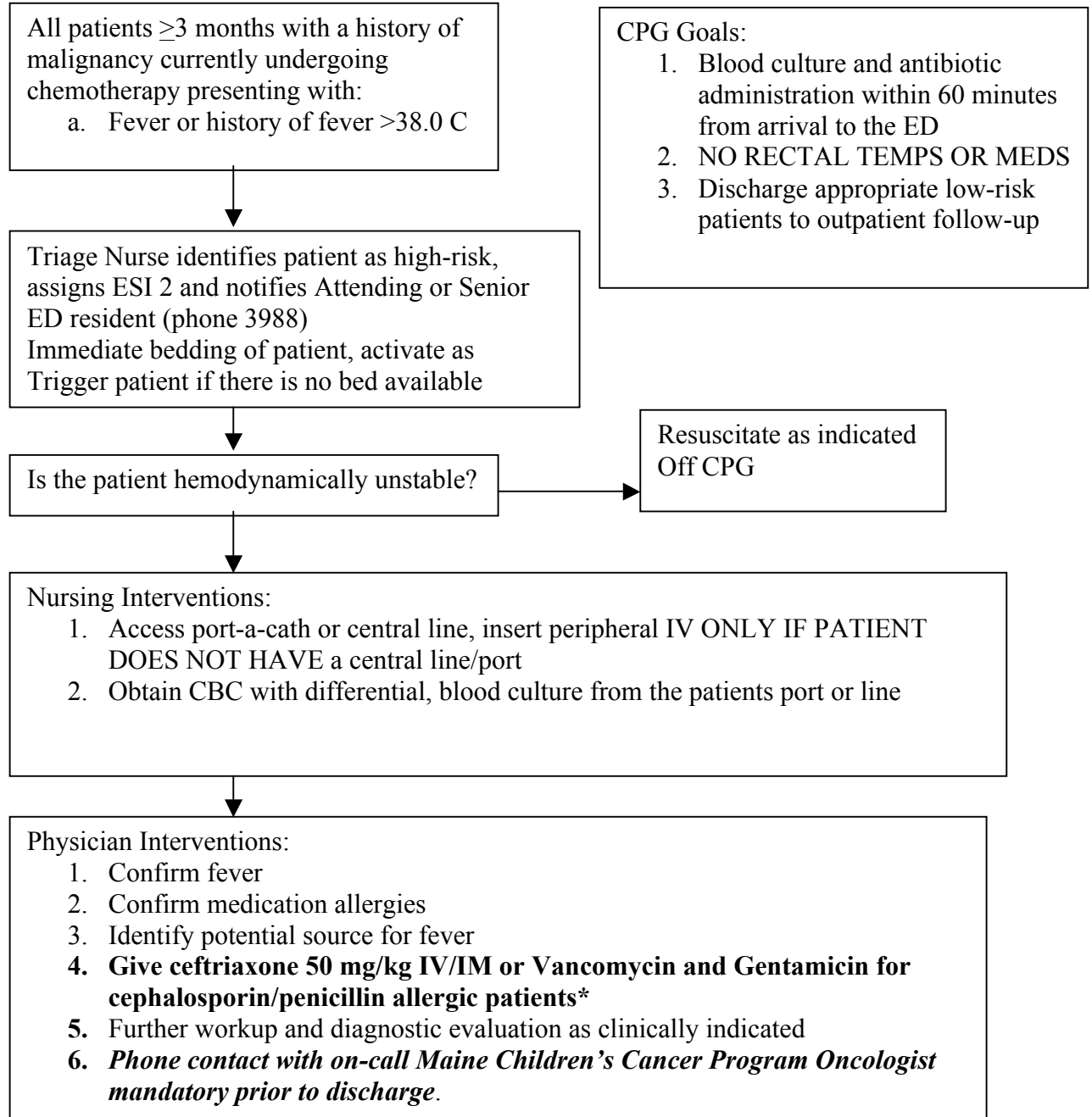


**Febrile Pediatric Oncology Patient Clinical Practice Guideline
Emergency Department – Initial Treatment**

Replaces previous protocols: “Clinical Algorithm for Initial Management of Oncology Patients with Fever and Neutropenia” and “Initial Management of Pediatric Oncology Patients with Fever and No Neutropenia”



***DO NOT WAIT FOR LAB RESULTS PRIOR TO ANTIBIOTIC ADMINISTRATION! Give even if source is likely viral. If difficult IV access, consider IM administration.**

Criteria for Discharge from the Emergency Department:

1. Non-toxic appearing
2. Have access to a telephone and ability to return to the ED if condition worsens
3. Absence of neutropenia (defined as an absolute neutrophil count of less than 500 cells/uL)
4. Contact made with Maine Children Cancer Center On-call Physician to discuss care