

**Exclusion Criteria:**

- Suspected sepsis
- Animal/human bites
- Post-surgical site
- Suspected toxin mediated reaction
- Concern for deeper infection
- Concern for necrotizing infection
- Immunocompromised

**Inpatient Criteria:**

- Altered mental status
- Worsening despite 48 hours of appropriate oral antibiotics
- Unable to tolerate oral antibiotics
- Suspected Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome

Patient >60 day old with suspected skin and soft tissue infection

**History and Physical**

- Labs typically **NOT** needed (CBC and Inflammatory Markers)
- Blood culture typically **NOT** needed
- Consider wound culture if there is purulent drainage
- Consider ultrasound if need to determine abscess size

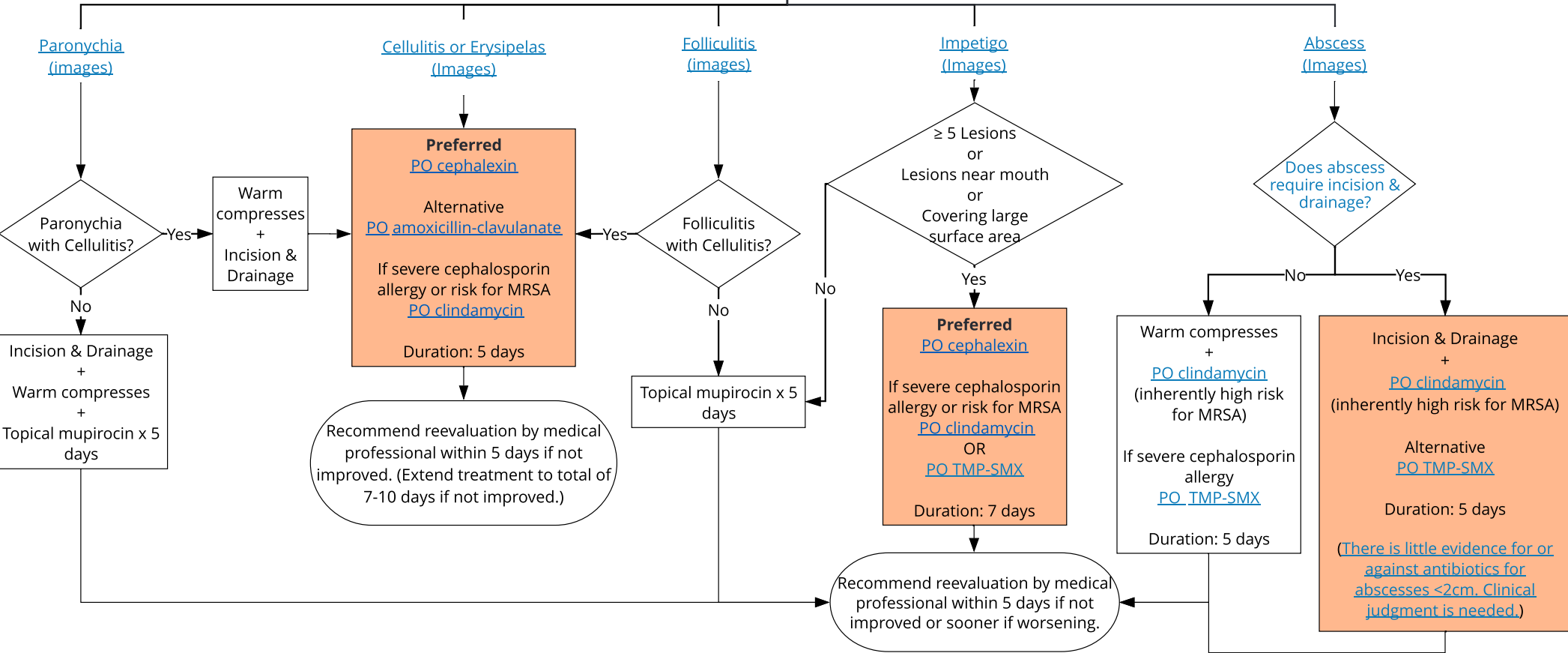
**Risk Factors for MRSA:**

- Personal history of MRSA
- Family history of MRSA
- Recent or frequent hospitalization

- [Discharge Education](#)
- [Antibiotic Biogram](#)
- [Antibiotic Dosing](#)

Does patient meet Inpatient criteria? **Yes** → [Inpatient Algorithm](#)

No



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