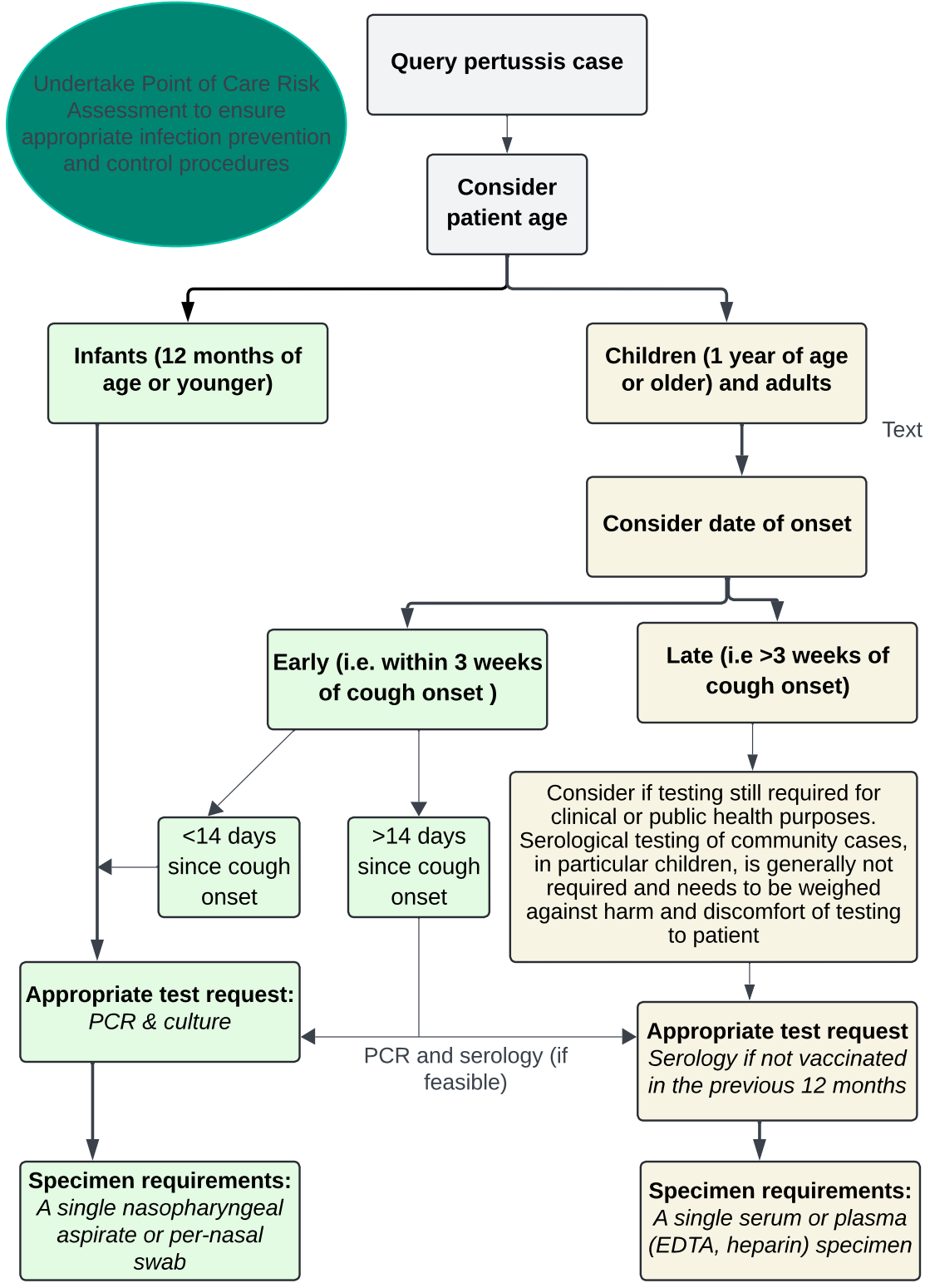


**Laboratory Test Selection Algorithm For Confirmation Of Clinically Suspected Cases Of Pertussis V 1.0 28/11/2024**  
 (Consult with local laboratory regarding local arrangements)



**Example swab type**  
 Darcon Tipped Pernalasal swab pack  
 Suitable for PCR and culture

Take sample from nasopharynx

Place swab in charcoal sleeve

Seal and label package for transit. Store at room temperature prior to dispatch

Discard empty sleeve and spare tube top

- Swab type, sampling technique and storage**
- **Swab and medium type** - consult with local laboratory; example of dacron tipped pernasal swab kit shown in side panel.
  - **Sampling technique**
  - Pernalasal swabs - push the swab along the floor of the nasal cavity, as far towards the posterior wall of the nasopharynx as possible.
  - Nasopharyngeal swabs - see the following link for further guidance: [CDC video how to take a nasopharyngeal swab](#).
  - Nasopharyngeal aspirate - provide at least 400 microlitres in a sterile container. See the following link for further guidance: [CDC video how to take a nasopharyngeal aspirate](#).
  - **Storage** at room temperature