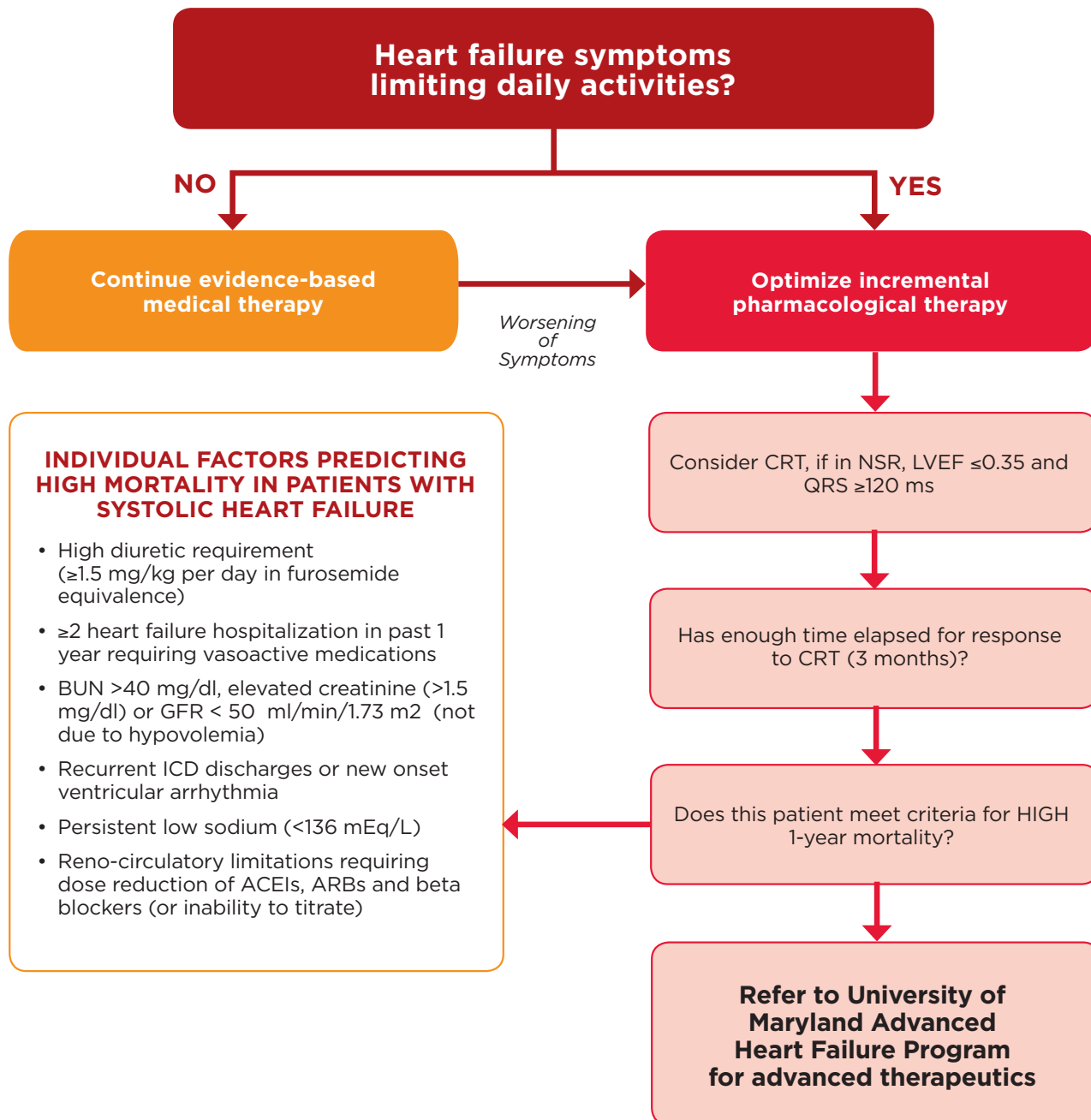


DISEASE SPECIFIC REFERRAL GUIDELINES

ADVANCED HEART FAILURE RISK STRATIFICATION TOOL



A proposed clinical algorithm to initiate advanced therapy consideration (this algorithm has been developed from the available literature and contemporary clinical trials). **ACEI** = angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; **ARB** = angiotensin II receptor blocker; **BUN** = blood urea nitrogen; **CRT** = cardiac resynchronization therapy; **LVEF** = left ventricular ejection fraction; **NSR** = normal sinus rhythm. Use of this algorithm can identify those patients with an increased annual mortality $> 20\%$.

Source: Adapted from Mehra & Griffith in Braunwald's Heart Disease: A Textbook of Cardiovascular Medicine (9th Edition) 2011 (page 622)