



# Guide to Chronic Rhinitis

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# Disclosures

- Speaker for Regeneron

# Outline



DESCRIPTION



TYPES



TREATMENT

# Rhinitis



**Inflammation  
of mucus  
membrane of  
the nose**

**Nasal congestion,  
rhinorrhea (anterior  
and posterior),  
sneezing, and itching**



Normal



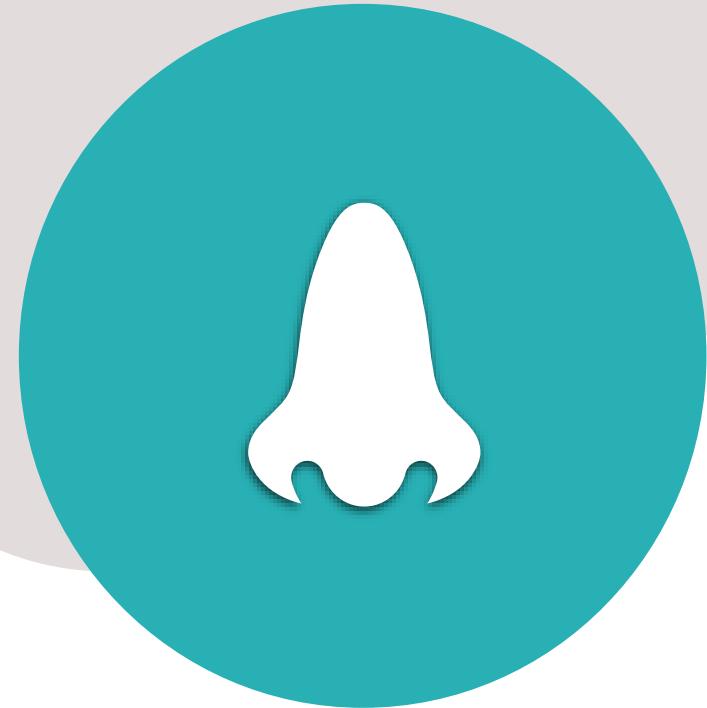
**Allergic**

**Nonallergic**

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~15%



~17-52%

**29 y/o sneezing, nasal  
congestion and itchy eyes**

Moved to Michigan 3 years ago

Symptoms Spring/Summer

Symptoms better indoors

Worse with windows open



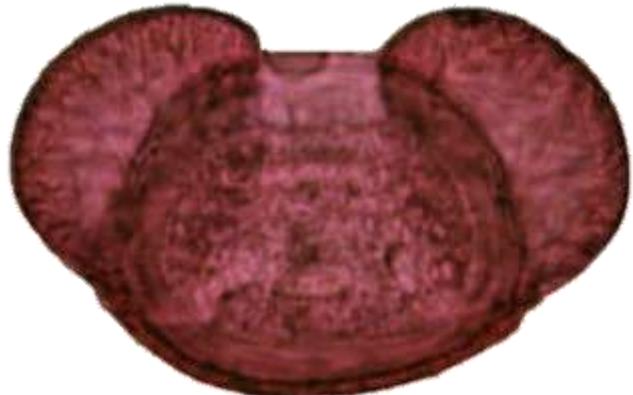


# Allergic Rhinitis

**Seasonal**

**Perennial**

## ALLERGENS



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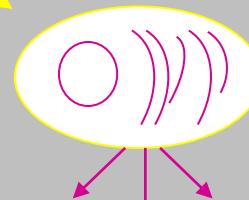
# SENSITIZATION STAGE

① Antigen (allergen) exposure

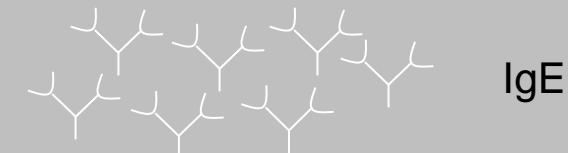


Antigen

② Plasma cells produce IgE antibodies against the allergen

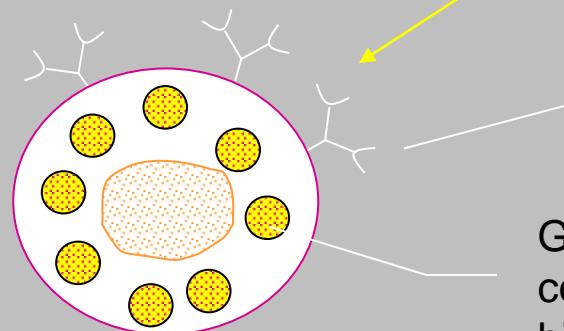


Plasma cell



IgE

③ IgE antibodies attach to mast cells and basophils



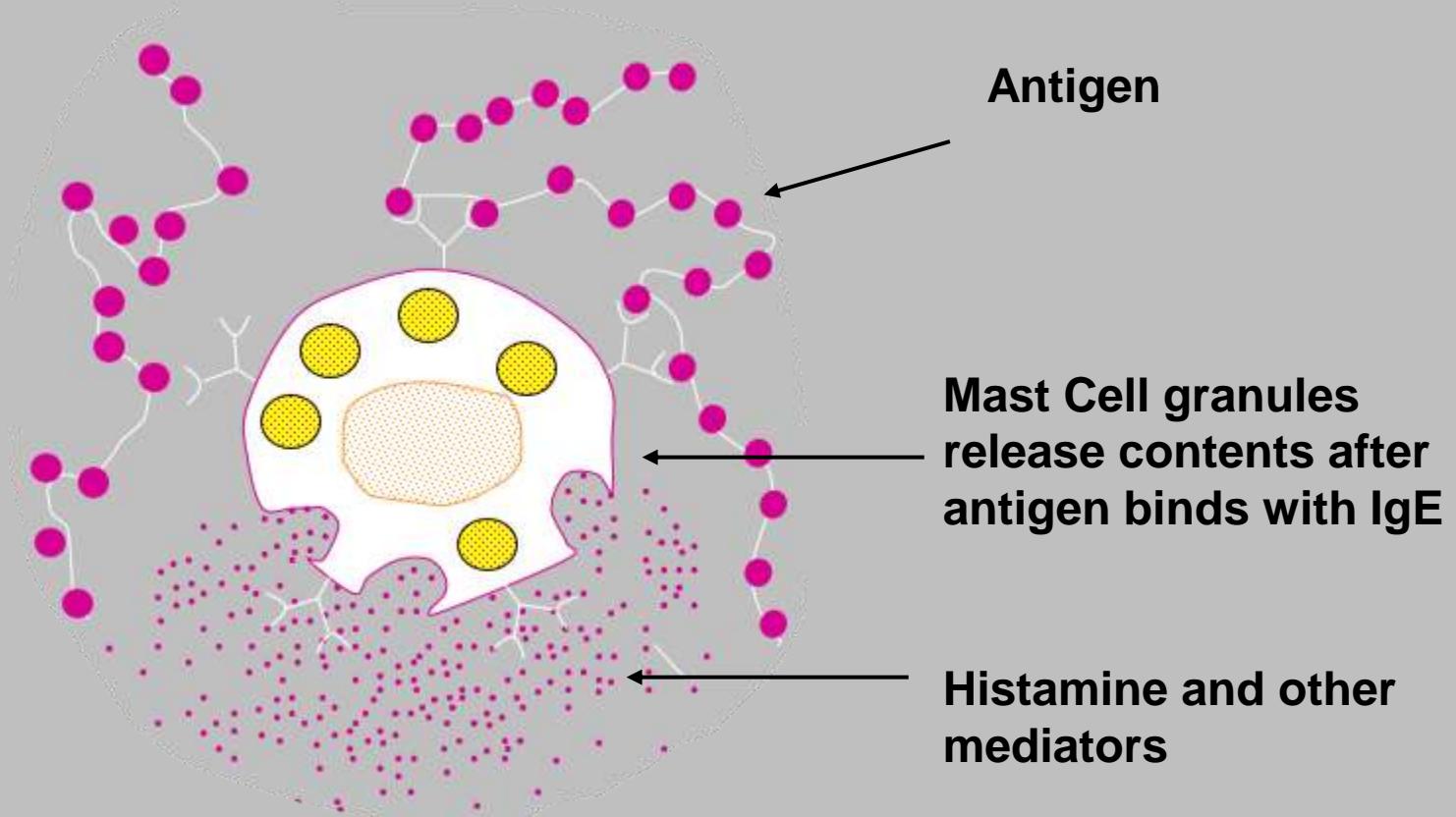
Mast cell with fixed IgE antibodies

Granules containing histamine

## REACTION STAGE

4-More of same allergen invades body

(5) Allergen combines with IgE attached to mast cells and basophils, which trigger degranulation and release of histamine and other chemical mediators



# Treatment



Avoidance



Medications



Immunotherapy

A close-up photograph of a woman with dark, curly hair and bangs. She is wearing a light green top and is holding her nose with both hands, fingers pointing upwards. Her eyes are closed. The background is blurred.

# Nonallergic Rhinitis

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A photograph of a woman with dark, curly hair and glasses, wearing a white face mask. She is shown from the side and is blowing her nose into a white tissue. The background is a plain, light color.

# Non-Allergic

- Idiopathic
- Nonallergic with eosinophilia
- Atrophic
- Medication-related
- Exercise induced
- Cold air-induced
- Gustatory
- Hormonal
- Aging
- Systemic disease

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**70 y/o with profuse  
rhinorrhea w/o congestion**

Constant drainage

Especially after meals

Carries tissue constantly

Works part time as a florist



# Vasomotor Rhinitis

- Prominent symptoms of nasal obstruction, rhinorrhea and/or congestion
- "Wet" or "Dry"





# Gustatory Rhinitis

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# Occupational Rhinitis

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**29 y/o new onset severe  
nasal congestion w/o  
drainage.**

Started with a viral infection

Fever/chills resolved quickly

Congestion lasted and worsening

Only thing that helps is:

OTC Oxymetazoline 3-4 x a day





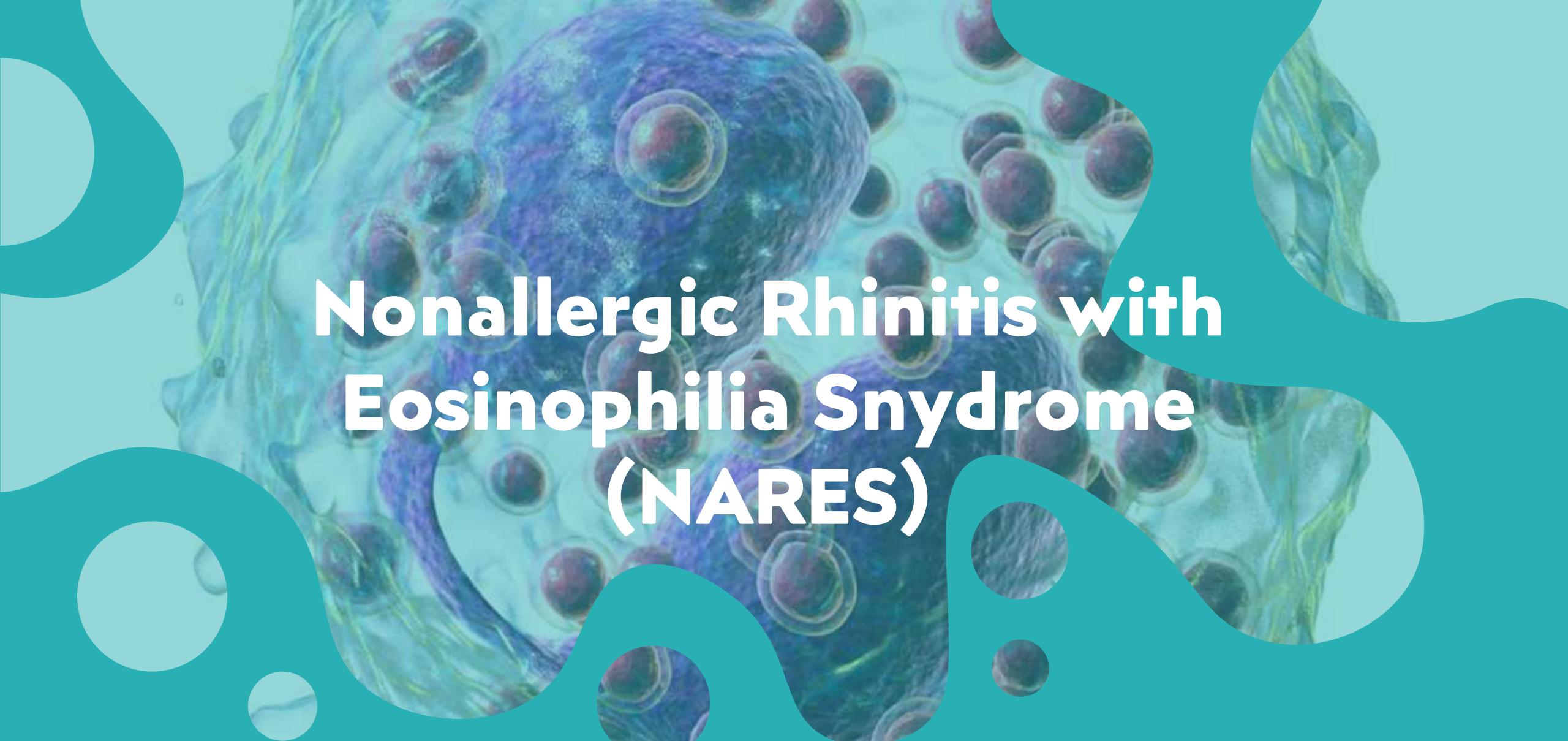
# Drug Induced Rhinitis

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# Hormonal Rhinitis

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# Nonallergic Rhinitis with Eosinophilia Syndrome (NARES)

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# RX Treatment

Nasal sprays

Antihistamines

Leukotriene inhibitors

Decongestants

	<b>Congestion</b>	<b>Rhinorrhea</b>	<b>Sneezing</b>	<b>Nasal Itch</b>	<b>Eye Symptoms</b>	<b>Inflammation</b>
<b>Oral antihistamines</b>						
Sedating (1 <sup>st</sup> generation)	-	+	+	+	+	-
Nonsedating/low-sedating	-	+	+	+	+	±
<b>Intranasal antihistamines</b>	±	+	+	+	±	±
<b>Decongestants</b>	+	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Intranasal corticosteroids</b>	+	+	+	+	-	+
<b>Oral corticosteroids</b>	+	+	+	±	+	+
<b>Intranasal cromolyn</b>	±	±	±	±	-	±
<b>Intranasal anticholinergics</b>	-	+	-	-	-	-
<b>Leukotriene modifiers</b>	+	+	+	±	±	+

													
Atrovent* (ipratropium bromide) Nasal Spray 0.03% 21 mcg and 0.06% 42 mcg	Astelin* (azelastine HCl) Nasal Spray 137 mcg	Astepro* (azelastine HCl) Nasal Spray 0.15%	Patanase* (olopatadine HCl) Nasal Spray 665 mcg	Beconase AQ* (beclomethasone dipropionate monohydrate) Nasal Spray 42 mcg	Flonase* (fluticasone propionate) Nasal Spray 50 mcg	Nasacort* AQ (triamcinolone acetonide) Nasal Spray 55 mcg	Nasonex* (mometasone furoate monohydrate) Nasal Spray 50 mcg	Omnaris* (ciclesonide) Nasal Spray 50 mcg	Qnasl* (beclomethasone dipropionate) Nasal Aerosol 80 mcg	Rhinocort Aqua* (budesonide) Nasal Spray 32 mcg	Veramyst* (fluticasone furoate) Nasal Spray 27.5 mcg	Zetonna* (ciclesonide) Nasal Aerosol 37 mcg	Dymista* (azelastine hydrochloride and fluticasone propionate) 137 mcg/50 mcg
Aqueous solution Boehringer Ingelheim Generics available	Aqueous solution Meda Pharmaceuticals Generics available	Aqueous solution Meda Pharmaceuticals	Aqueous solution Novartis (Alcon)	Aqueous suspension GlaxoSmithKline	Aqueous suspension GlaxoSmithKline Generics available	Aqueous suspension sanofi-aventis U.S. Generics available	Aqueous suspension Merck & Co. Inc.	Aqueous suspension Sunovion Pharmaceuticals	Nonaqueous solution Teva Respiratory	Aqueous suspension AstraZeneca	Aqueous suspension GlaxoSmithKline	Nonaqueous solution Sunovion Pharmaceuticals	Aqueous suspension Meda Pharmaceuticals
ANTICHOLINERGIC	ANTIHISTAMINES			CORTICOSTEROIDS							COMBINATION		

# Nasal Sprays

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# How Fast do Nasal Sprays Work?

Agent	Study design	Onset of action	Maximal effect	First measure of onset
Intranasal steroid/antihistamine	EEU	5 min (azelastine/fluticasone propionate)	2 wk or greater	5 min
Intranasal decongestant-oxymetazoline	Peak nasal airflow	<10 min	? within an hour	10 min
INAH	EEU	15 min (azelastine)	1 d to 4 wk	15 min
	EEU	20 min (clotepatidine)	1 d to 4 wk	30 min
Intranasal anticholinergic	Methacholine challenge	15 min (ipratropium)	1 h	15 min
Oral antihistamine	EEU	30-90 min (desloratadine)		30 min
	EEU	45 min (levocetirizine)		15 min
	EEU	60 min (cetirizine)	1-8 d	15 min
	EEU	60-75 min (loratadine)	1-8 d	15 min
Oral antihistamine with decongestant	Single-dose park setting	30 min (loratadine/PSE)	Unknown	15 min
INCS	EEU	1-6 h (ciclesonide)	2-4 wk	1 h
	EEU	2.5 h (mometasone)	4 wk	30 min
	EEU	3-8 h (budesonide)	2-4 wk	1 h
	2-wk seasonal study	8 h (fluticasone furoate)	2 wk	30 min
	Not EEU, park study or other	2-12 h (fluticasone propionate)	2-4 wk	2, 4, 12 h (meta-analysis)
LTRA	EEU	Within 5 h (montelukast)	By wk 2	5 h
Intranasal mast cell stabilizer	2-wk seasonal study	2 wk (cromolyn)	At least 2 wk	1 wk
Intranasal mast cell stabilizer before allergen exposure	EEU, nasal allergen challenge	Application 1-7 min before allergen exposure	N/A	≥10 min



# Intranasal Corticosteroid

Effective for immediate and late-phase inflammatory response

Most dosed 1-2 times a day

Helpful for both congestion and drainage

# Intranasal Antihistamines

Equal to/or superior to oral antihistamines

More rapid onset than INCS

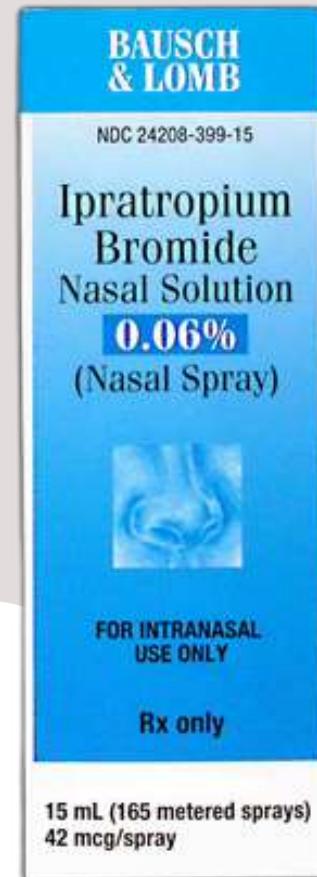
Some studies show superiority to INCS

Use for allergic and non-allergic rhinitis



# Intranasal Anticholinergic

- Fast acting
- Dramatically effective for the runny, faucet like nose
  - ie Vasomotor/gustatory/nonallergic
- Not long lasting.



# Decongestant

- De-congests only
- Fast Acting
- Short term use
- Risk of Rhinitis medicamentosa



# Intranasal Capsaicin

- Reduces nasal hyperreactivity
- NAR or mixed rhinitis
  - Reduce nasal congestion, rhinorrhea, postnasal drainage, sinus pressure, sinus pain, and headache.
- Small studies.



# Combination INCS/INAH

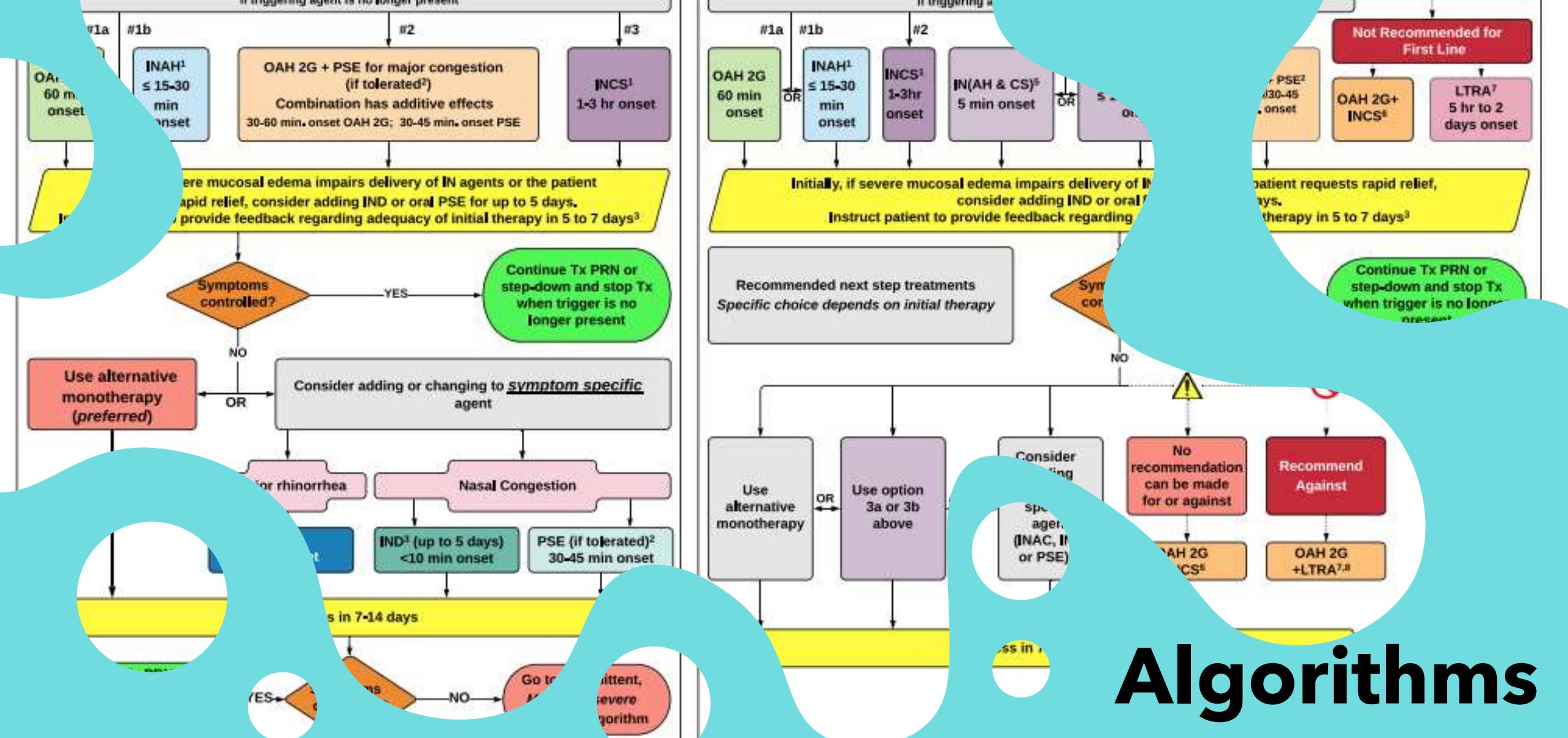
Fluticasone/Azelastine  
(Dymista)



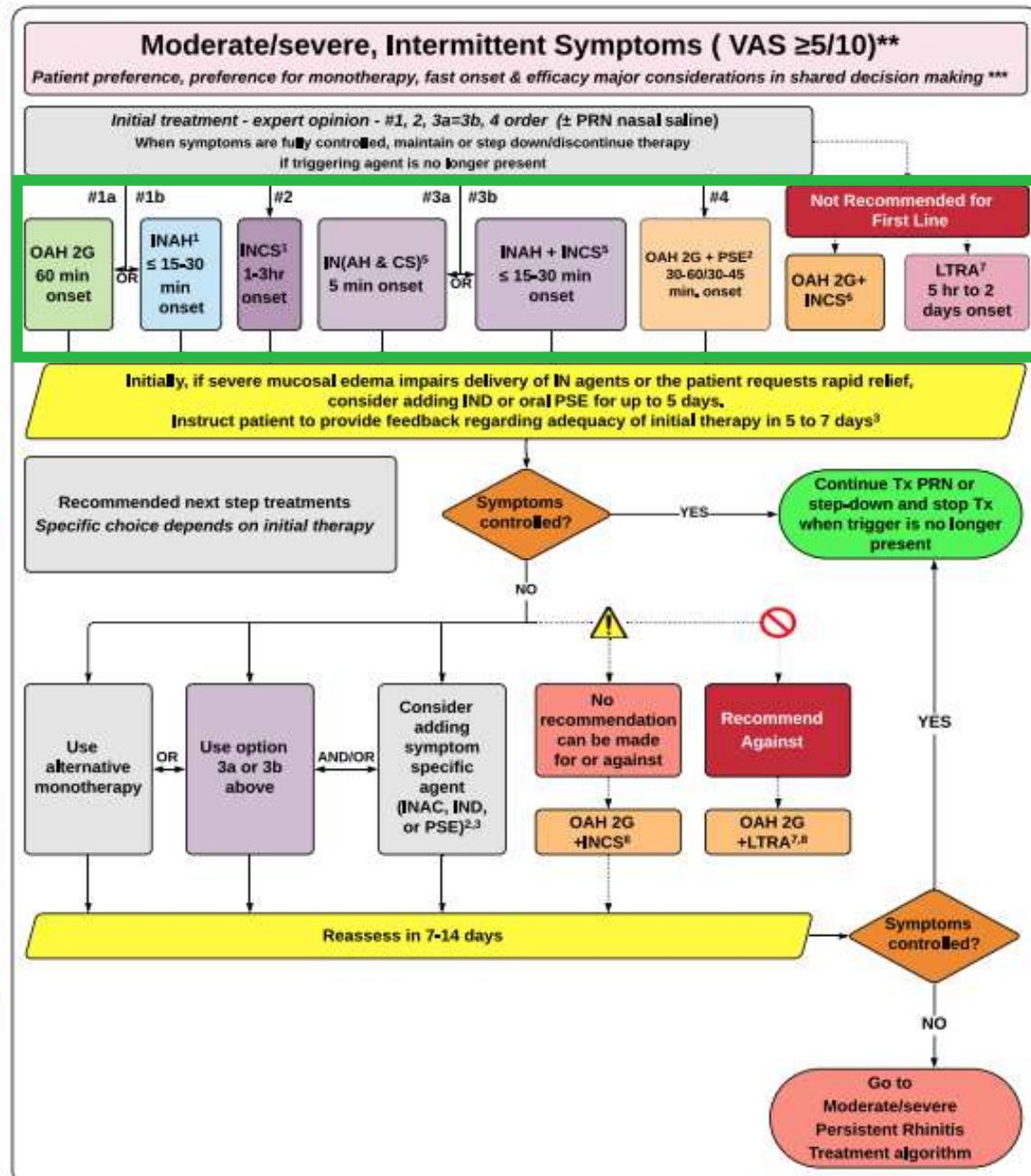
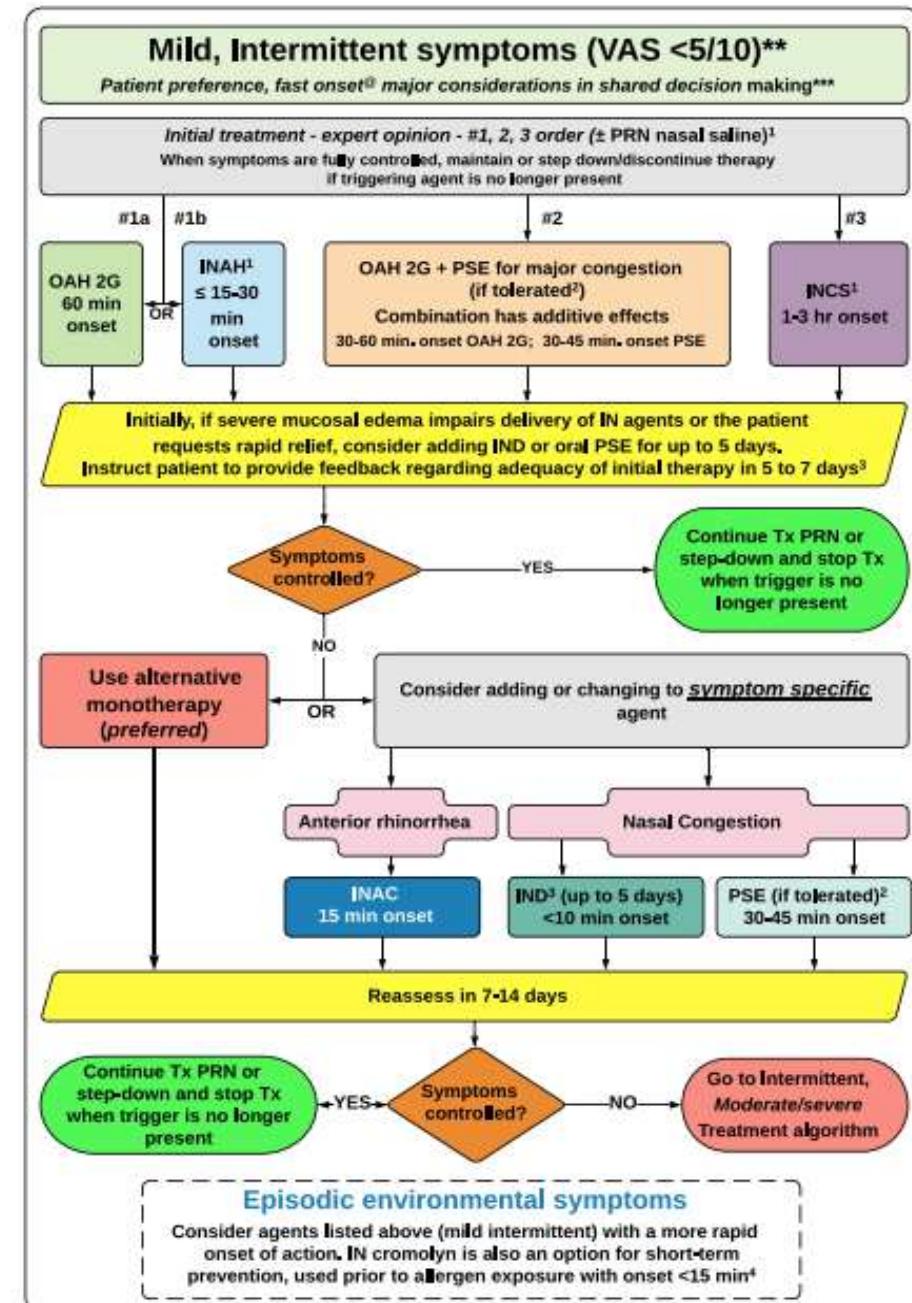
Mometasone/Olopatadine  
(Ryaltris)



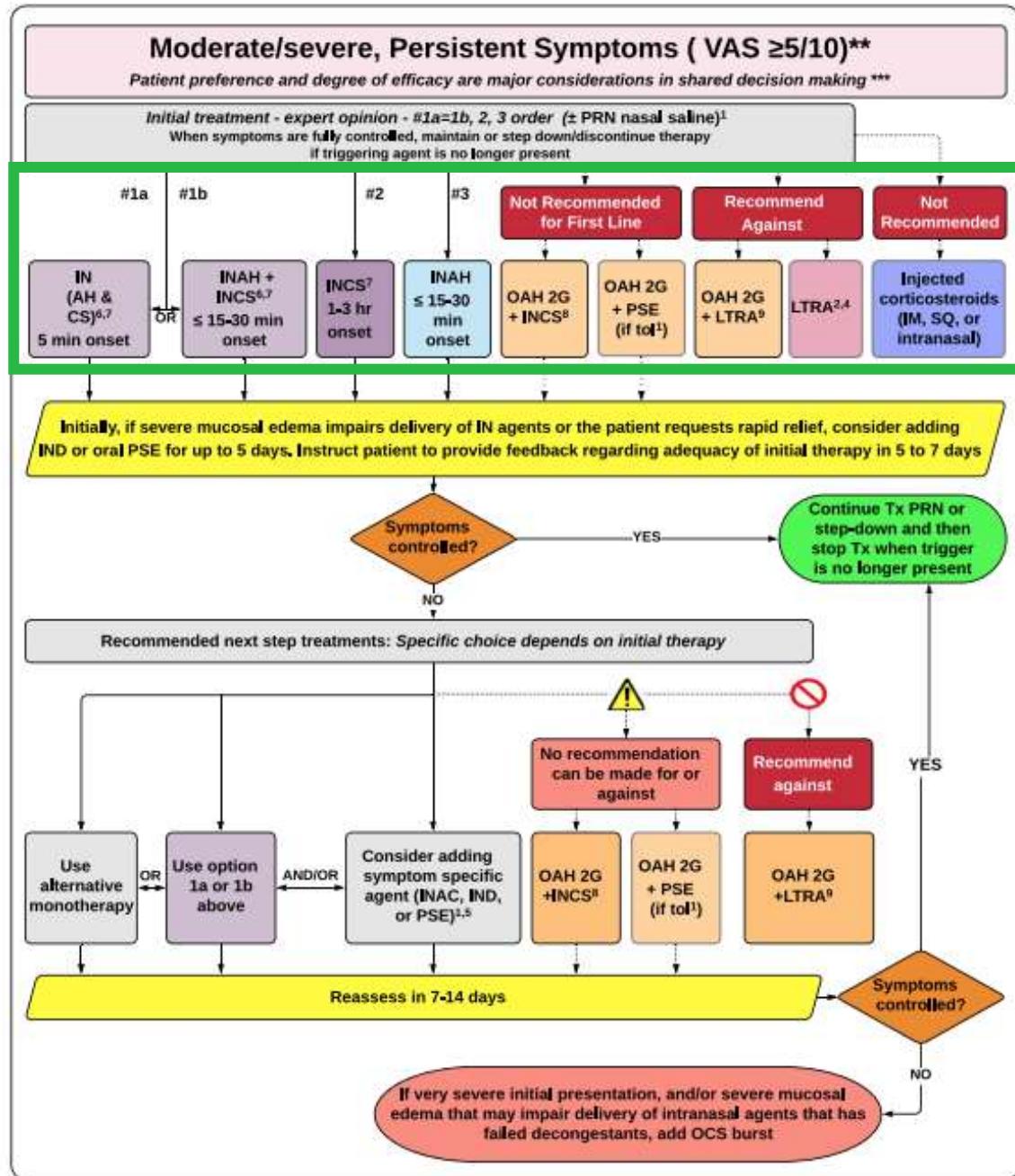
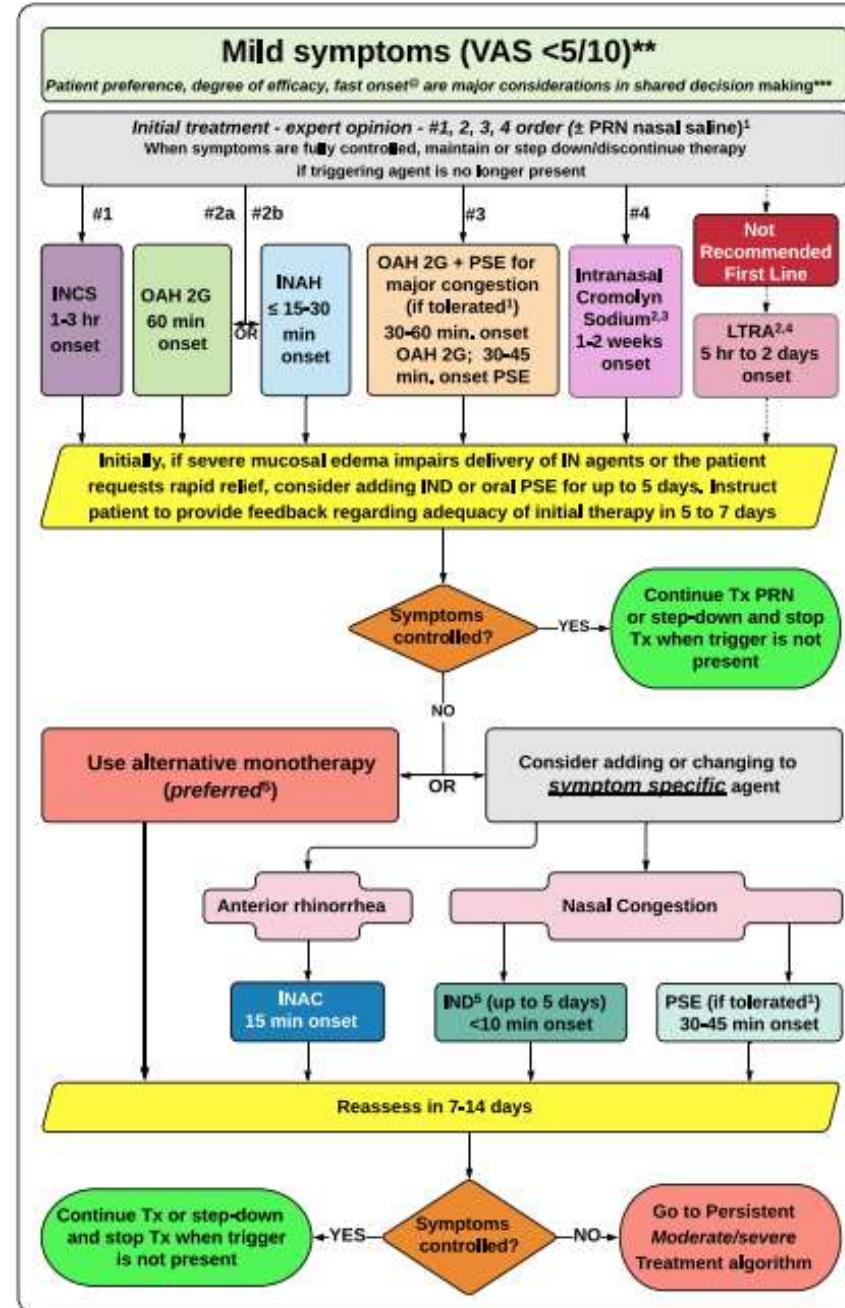
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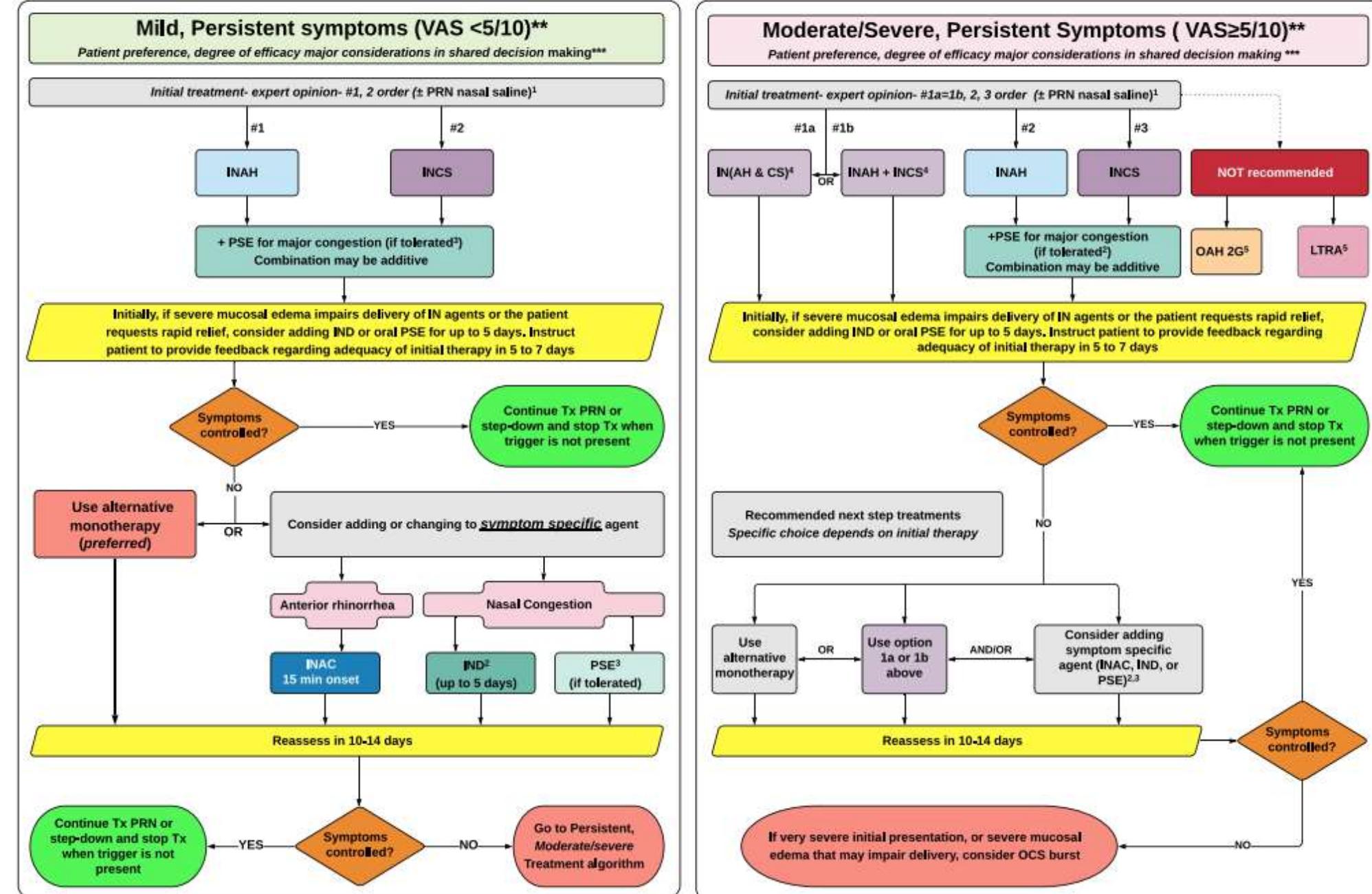
# Intermittent Allergic Rhinitis Pharmacologic Treatment - Age 12 and older \*



# Persistent Allergic Rhinitis Pharmacologic Treatment - Age 12 and older \*



# Persistent Non-Allergic Rhinitis Pharmacologic Treatment - Age 12 and older \*



**38 y/o new onset nasal  
congestion, copious  
drainage, PND and itchy eyes**

Newly married

Symptoms now year round

Symptoms better at work

Wife has a cat



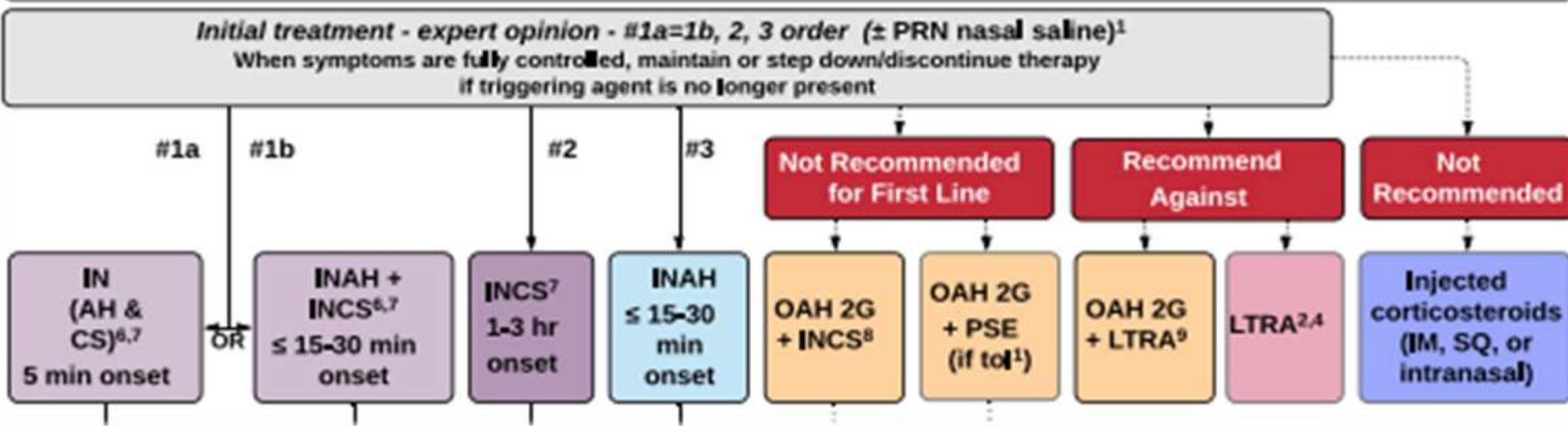
# Perennial Rhinitis

## Moderate/severe, Persistent Symptoms ( VAS $\geq 5/10$ )\*\*

Patient preference and degree of efficacy are major considerations in shared decision making \*\*\*

Initial treatment - expert opinion - #1a=1b, 2, 3 order ( $\pm$  PRN nasal saline)<sup>1</sup>

When symptoms are fully controlled, maintain or step down/discontinue therapy  
if triggering agent is no longer present



Happy  
Nasal  
Spraying



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