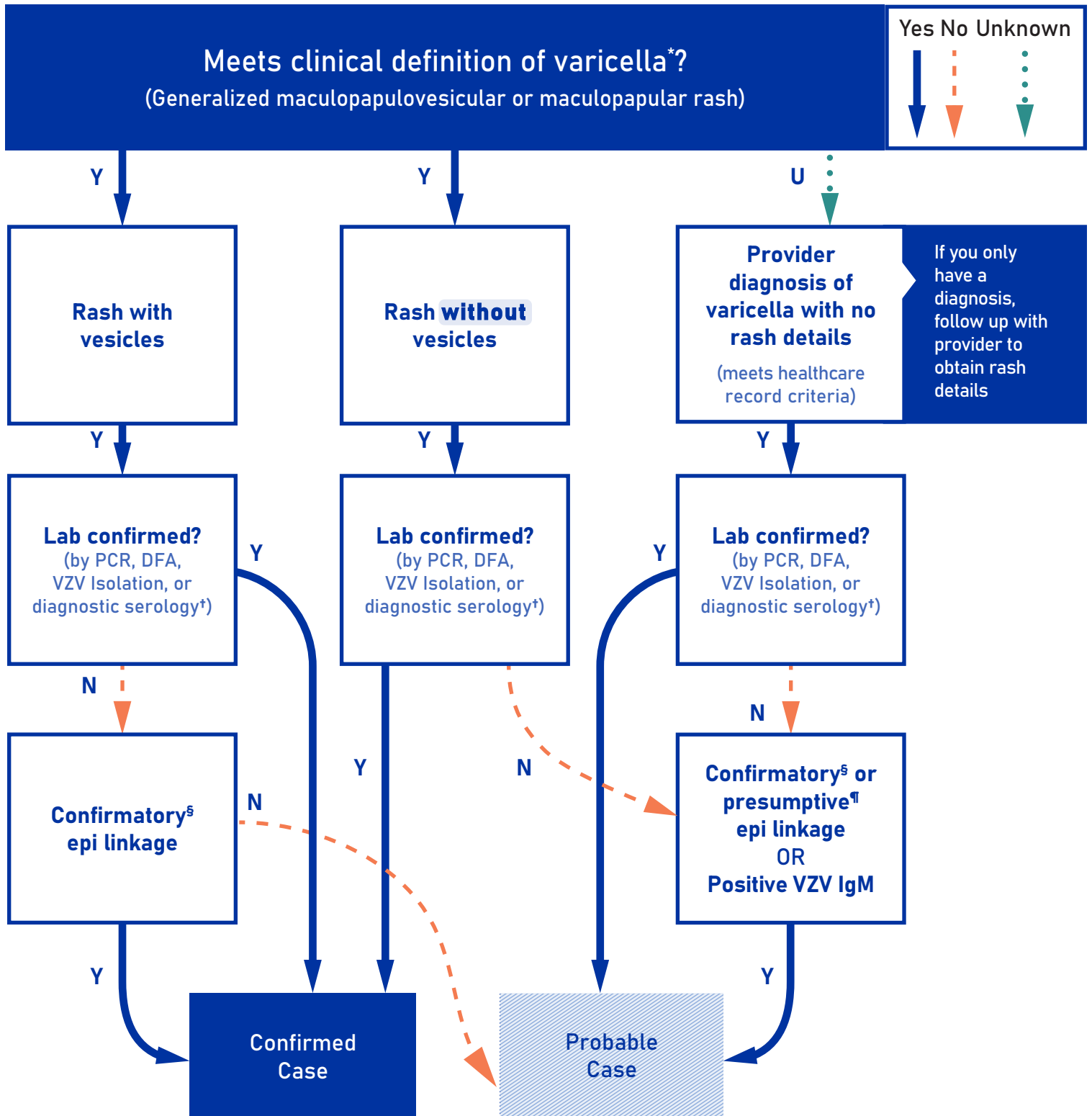


How to Classify Confirmed & Probable Varicella Cases During Investigations



* In the absence of a more likely alternative diagnosis.

[†] Diagnostic serology includes a significant rise (i.e., at least a 4-fold rise or seroconversion) in paired acute and convalescent serum VZV IgG antibody.

[§] Confirmatory epi-linkage evidence is an epi-linkage to a: lab-confirmed case, OR varicella cluster/outbreak with at least 1 lab-confirmed case, OR person with herpes zoster (regardless of lab confirmation).

[¶] Presumptive epi-linkage evidence is an epi-linkage to a probable case with generalized rash with vesicles.

Read more about the varicella position statement at

https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.cste.org/resource/resmgr/ps/ps_2023/23-ID-09_Varicella.pdf