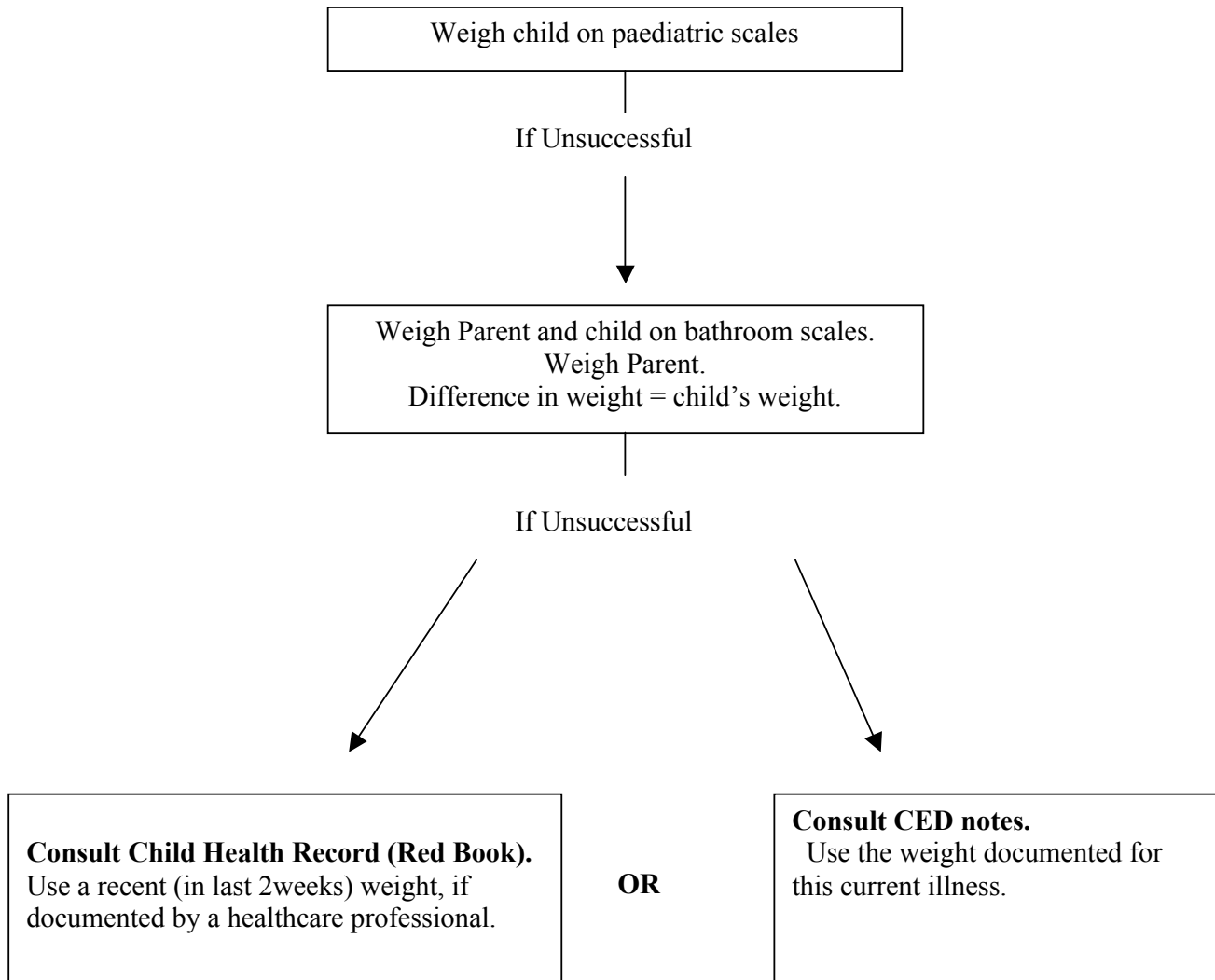


PITCH trial:

Standard Operating Procedure for weighing children at baseline visit

Rationale: On occasions, due to child feeling unwell, it has proved difficult to encourage a child to be weighed on the scales. An accurate weight is essential in order to establish the correct dosage of trial medicines for the child (via the Aberdeen randomisation service).



Notes: (Written by NR 11.12.06 in light of comments by Nurses):

- Gold standard in obtaining weights in order to randomise patients should be an accurate weight for the child, by any of the 4 methods:
 - Weight on scales
 - Weight with Parent (and subtracted parent weight)
 - CED weight for this illness
 - Red book weight during the last 2 weeks.

- Medicine dosages should be based on an accurate weight and not an estimated one. However, the randomisation should not necessarily be abandoned if this SOP is not followed, but if a weight is obtained by any other means, then this should be classed as a “Deviation from protocol” and documented as such.