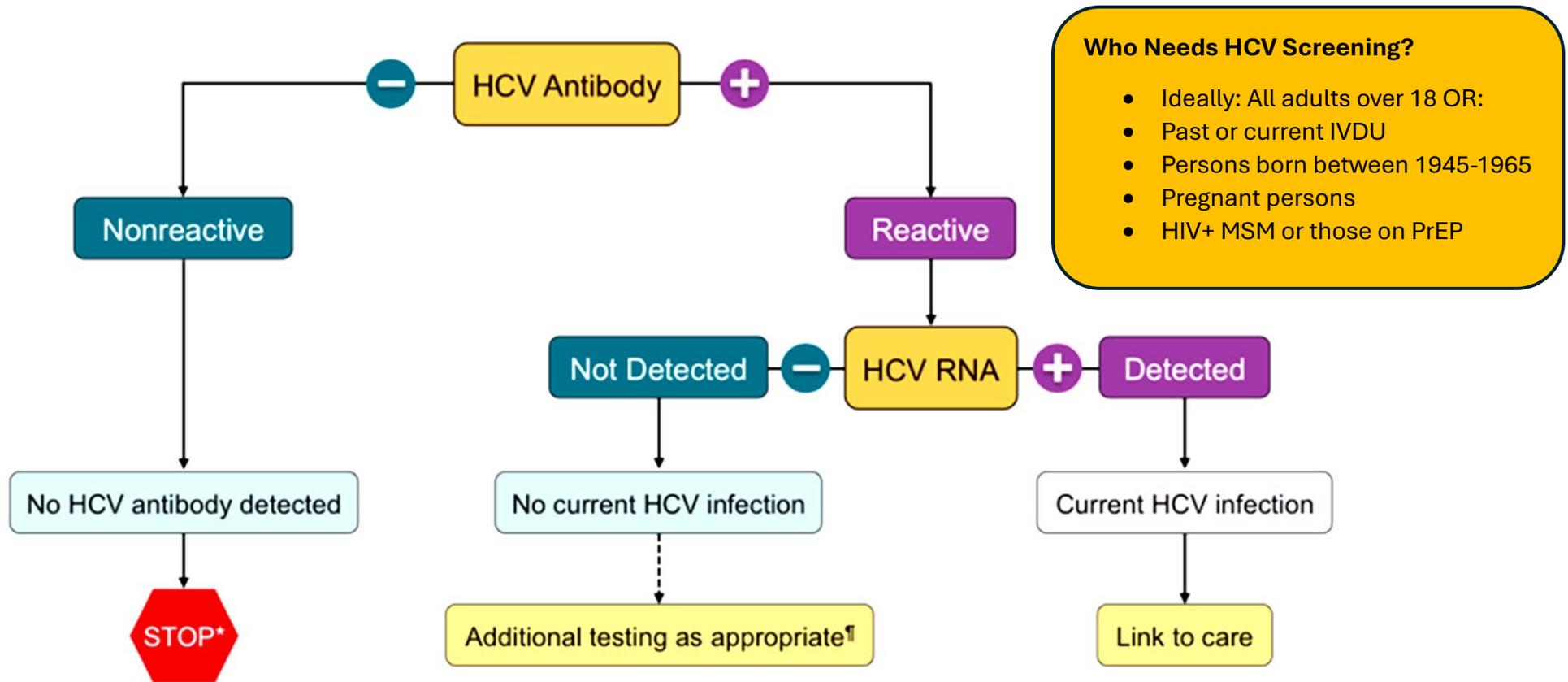


What to do with a Positive Hepatitis Screening Test: How to Identify Active HCV Infection



* For persons who might have been exposed to HCV within the past six months, testing for HCV RNA or follow-up testing HCV antibody is recommended. For persons who are immunocompromised, testing for HCV RNA can be considered.

¶ To differentiate past, resolved HCV infection from biologic false positivity for HCV antibody, testing with another HCV antibody assay can be considered. Repeat HCV RNA testing if the person is suspected to have had HCV exposure within the past six months or has clinical evidence of HCV disease, or if there is concern regarding the handling or storage of the test specimen.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Testing for HCV infection: an update of guidance for clinicians and laboratorians. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep. 2013;62:362-5.

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