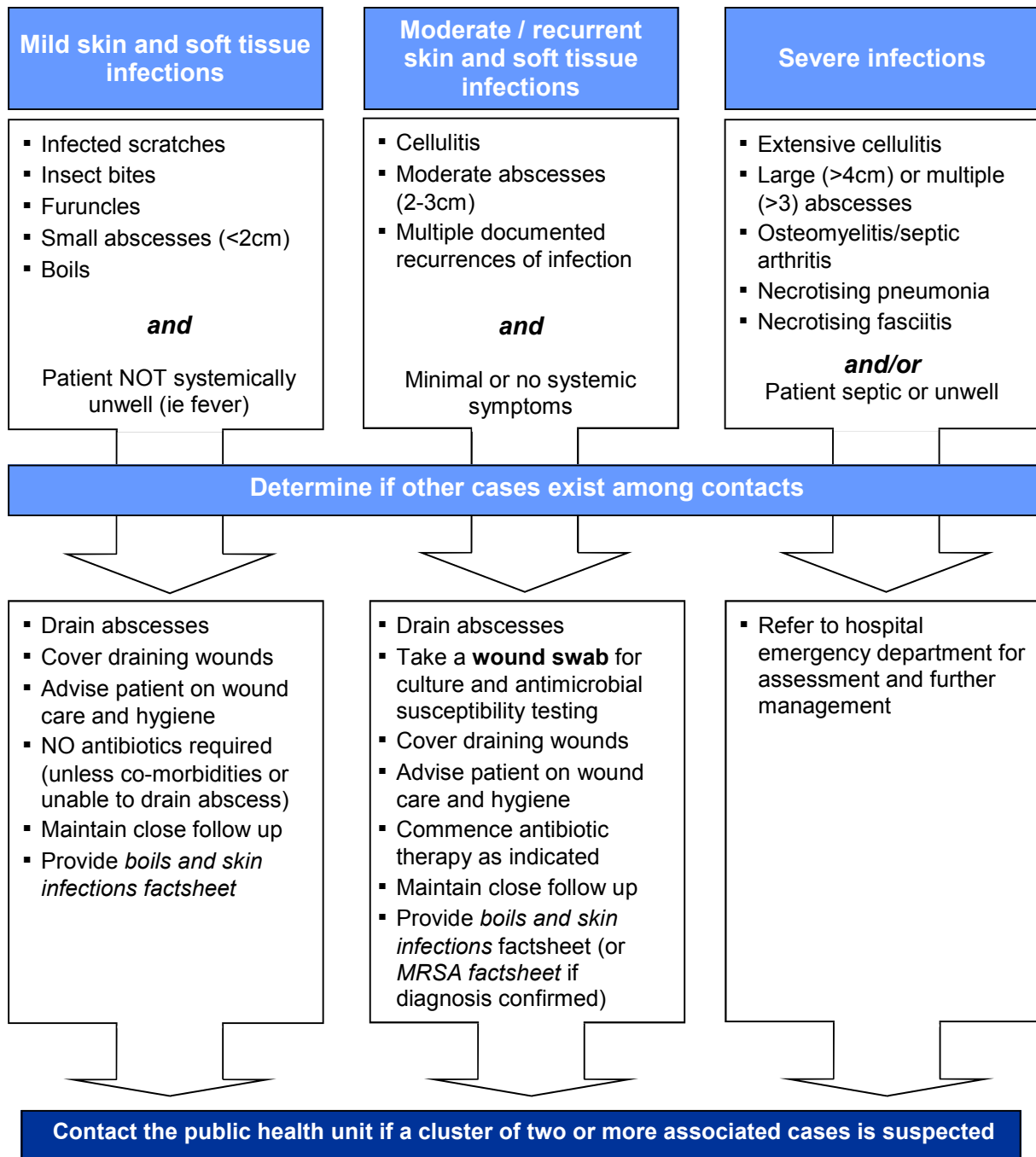


Management of Individuals with skin and soft tissue infections



Important information

Patient education

- Provide information regarding hygiene and the importance of ensuring wounds are completely covered
- Reinforce frequent hand washing and importance of not sharing personal items such as towels, bars of soap, razors or tooth brushes
- Advise to return if systemic symptoms develop, or no improvement in 48hours

Antibiotic Therapy

- The decision to use antibiotics is dependant on severity of illness or co-morbidities and should be guided by the current guidelines
- Antibiotic therapy should be adjusted when results of culture and susceptibility are available
- Monitor response to therapy and review if no improvement or symptoms worsen within 48 hours