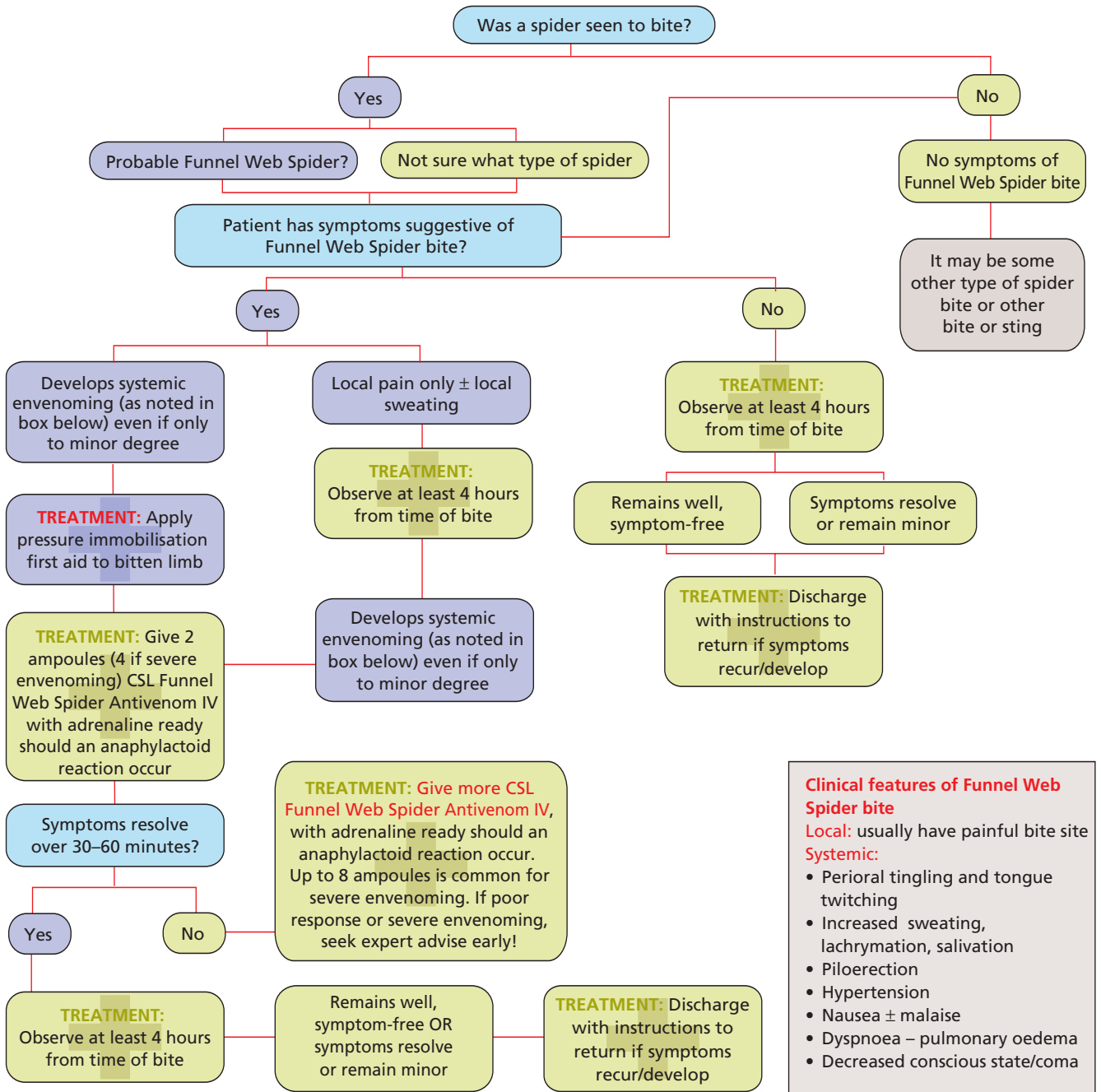


Figure (60) Funnel Web Spider bite clinical management flow chart

Start here → **Patient presents with possible Funnel Web Spider bite**



Clinical features of Funnel Web Spider bite

Local: usually have painful bite site

Systemic:

- Perioral tingling and tongue twitching
- Increased sweating, lachrymation, salivation
- Piloerection
- Hypertension
- Nausea ± malaise
- Dyspnoea – pulmonary oedema
- Decreased conscious state/coma

Please note: This chart cannot cover all possible situations and assumes an understanding of the symptoms and signs of local, general and specific envenoming by Australian Funnel Web Spiders. If in doubt, seek advice from the **Poisons Information Centre (131126)** and from your local **Critical Care Referral Network**. © 1998 Dr Julian White

Important note: If patient initially responds to antivenom but later has relapse, especially pulmonary oedema, suspect re-envenoming and consider giving more antivenom.