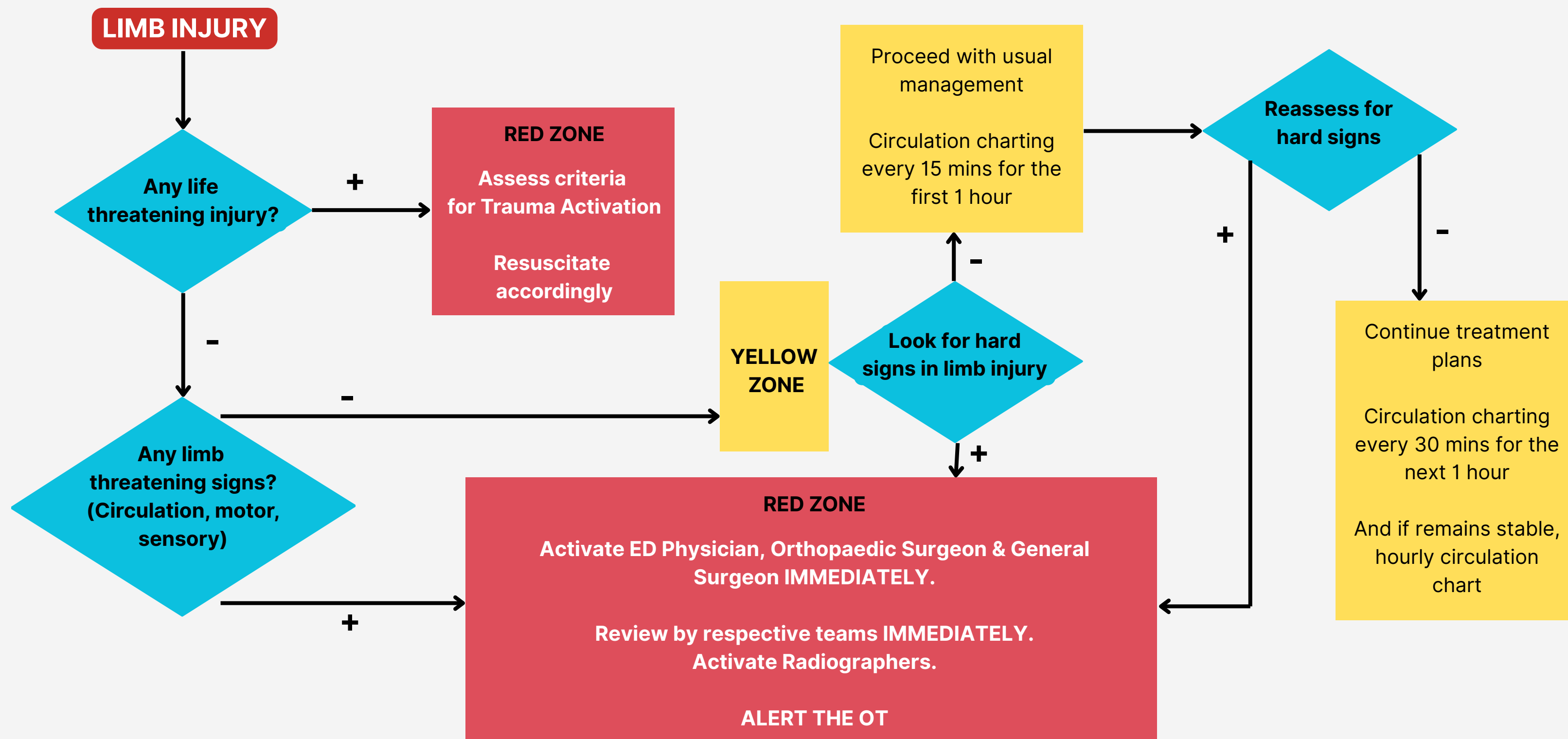


APPENDIX G

Vascular Trauma Pathway



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Hard signs in Limb Threatening Injury

- Active bleeding
- Expanding/pulsatile hematoma
- Bruit/thrill over wounds
- Absent distal pulses
- Distal ischaemic signs: pain, pallor, paralysis, parasthesia, cool to touch

Designated Primary Team according to area of Vascular Injury

- Wrist and hand: Orthopaedic
- Other parts of upper limb and whole of lower limb: Surgery
- Impending compartment syndrome with preserved pulses: Orthopaedic
- Compartment syndrome with loss of pulses: Surgery

Request for Imaging

- X-ray request forms must be countersigned by the managing specialist or Emergency Physician to ensure initial images requested are appropriate.
- Selected cases might require CTA without X-ray prior to operative management.