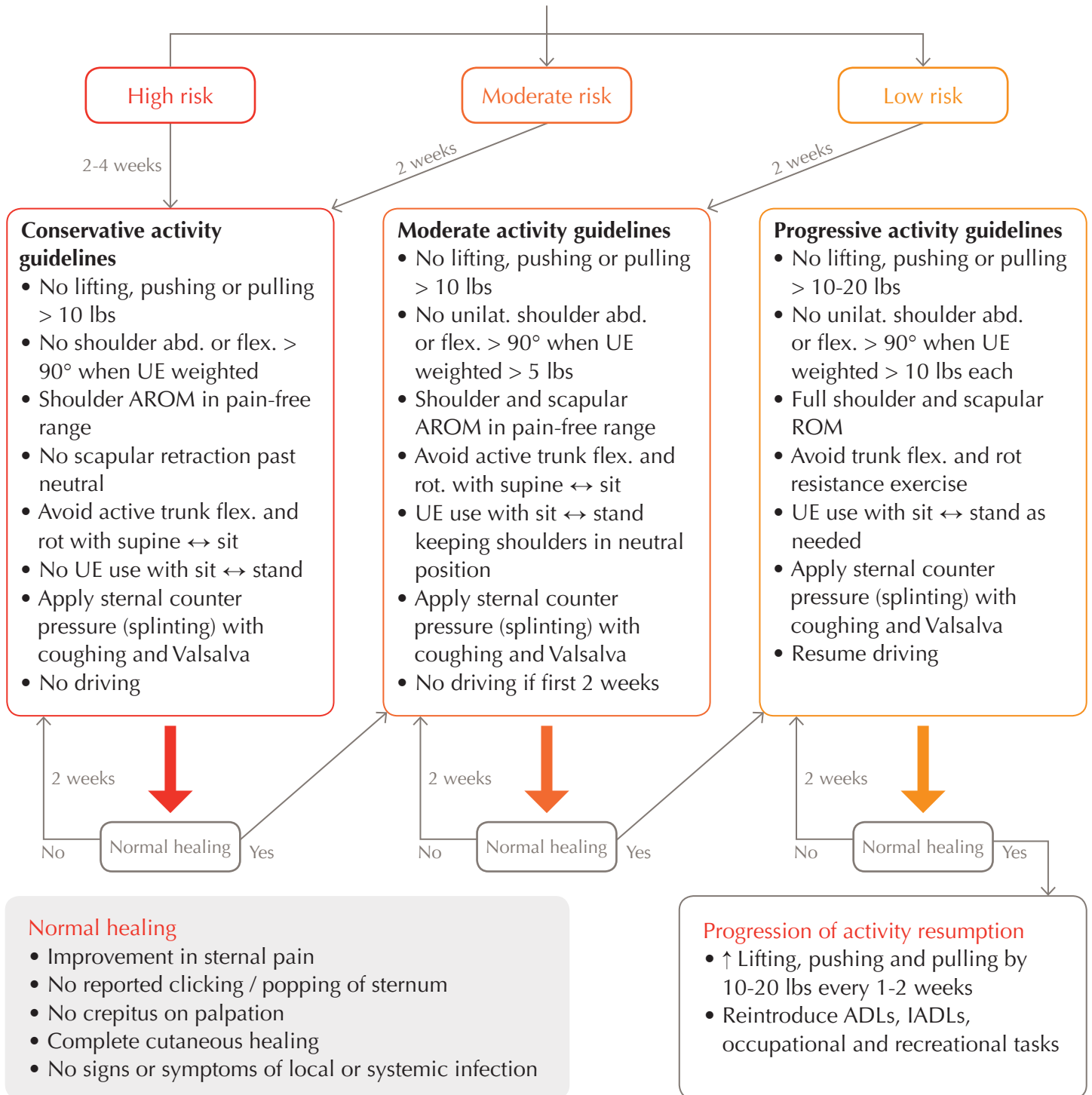


Sternal precautions algorithm

Risk of sternal complications
Number of primary and secondary risk factors
Sternal Instability Scale Score²⁵
Patient characteristics / Clinical profile



Source: Cahalin LP, LaPier TK, Shaw DK. Sternal precautions: Is it time for a change? Precautions versus restrictions—a review of literature and recommendations for revision. *Cariopulm Phys Ther J.* 2011;22(1):5-15.