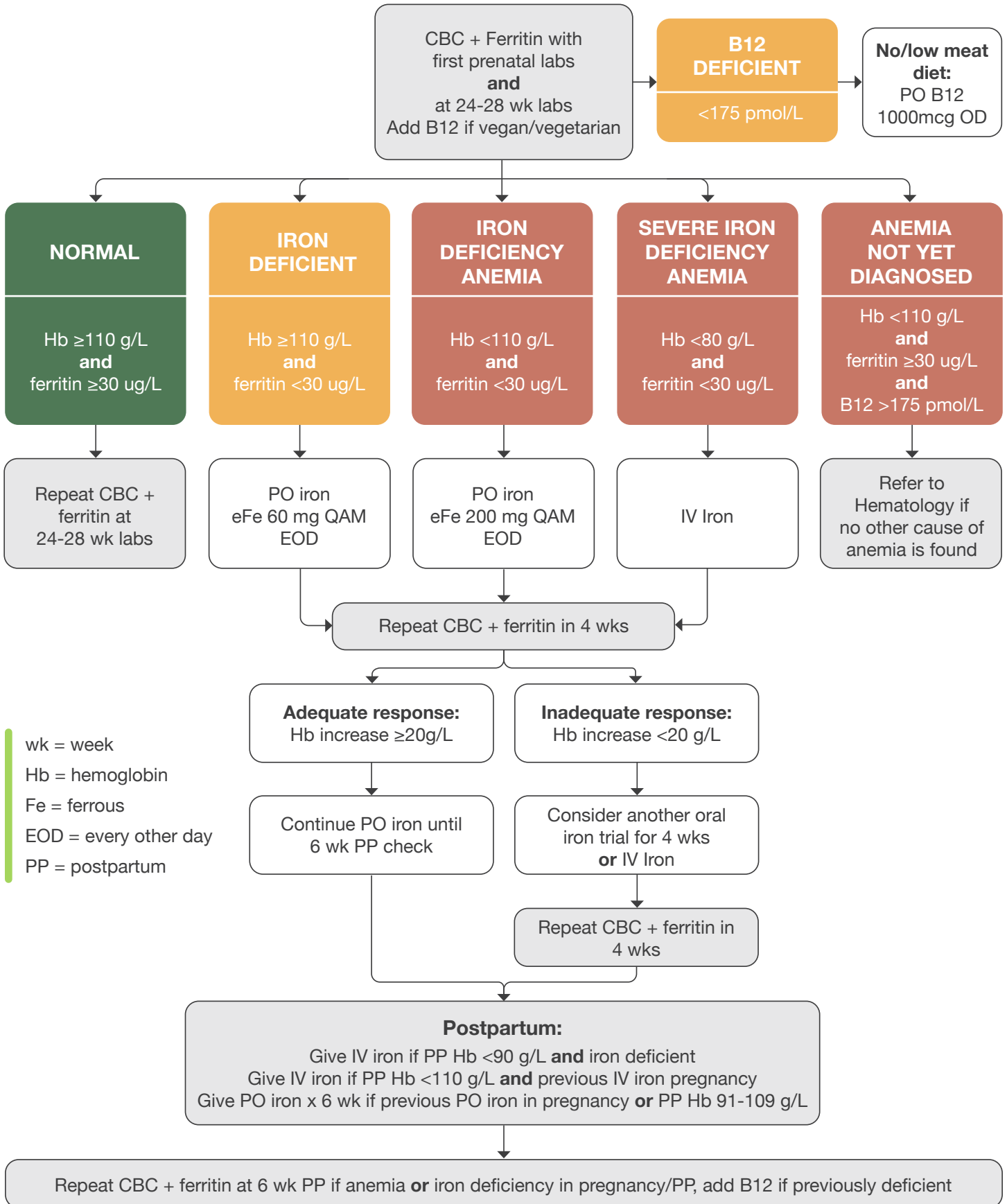


Alberta Obstetric Anemia and Iron Deficiency Screening and Treatment Algorithm



wk = week
 Hb = hemoglobin
 Fe = ferrous
 EOD = every other day
 PP = postpartum

Special considerations:

- If anemic with low MCV consider hemoglobinopathy screening in patients from high risk ethnic backgrounds (non-caucasian, Mediterranean)
- If severe iron deficiency anemia or minimal response to oral iron (taken correctly) consider screening for celiac disease
- If ferritin level is elevated but patient is anemic consider full iron studies and evaluation of ferritin as an acute phase reactant