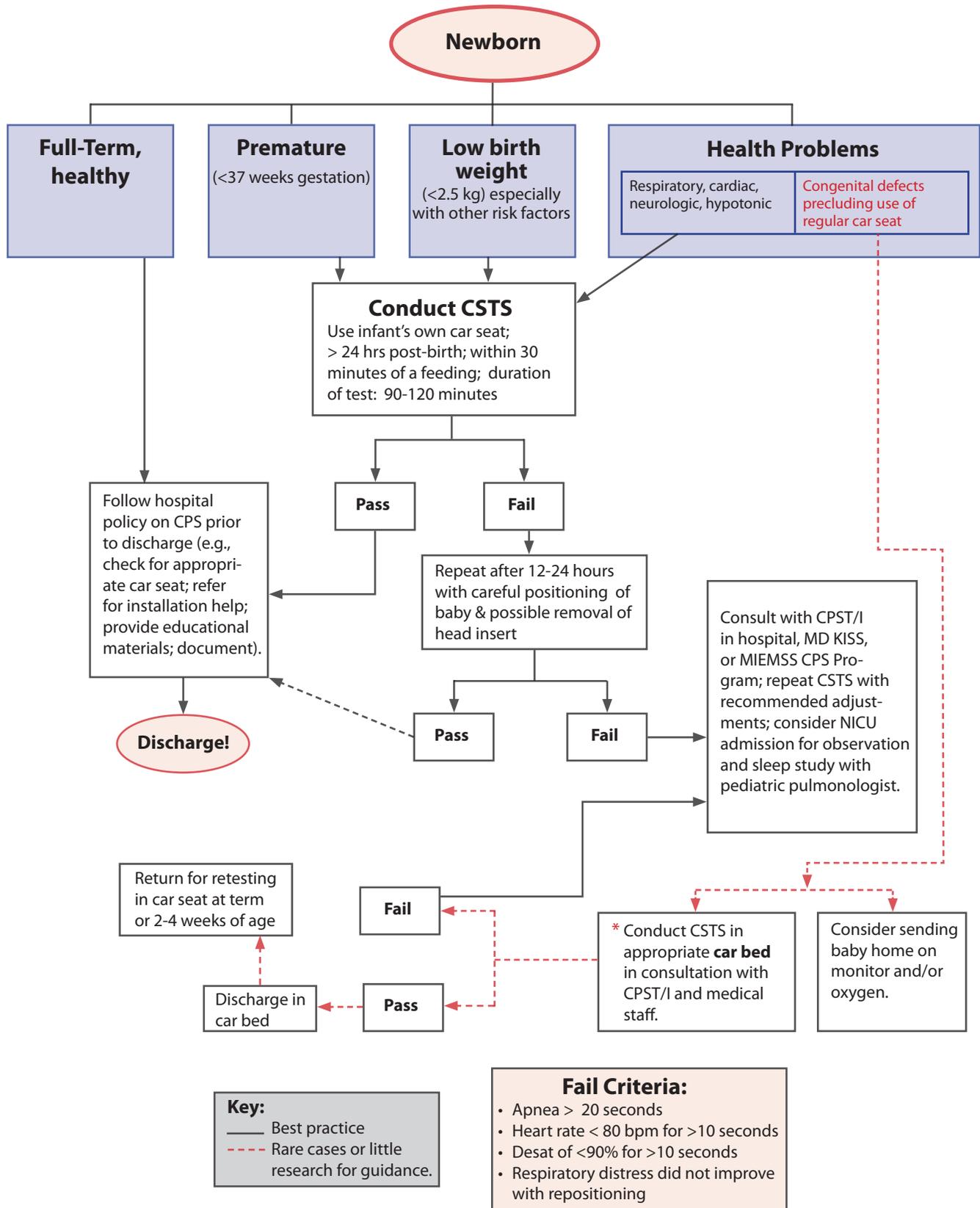


# Best Practice Flow Chart for the Car Seat Tolerance Screen (CSTS)



\* Discharge in a car bed has not been shown to be an equally safe substitute for an infant secured correctly in a conventional car seat that is installed per the car seat manufacturer's instructions. (1) There is no protocol defining when an infant can transition from a car bed to a car seat. (2) Real-life crash outcome data is not available for car beds, while car seats are highly effective. (3) Car beds can be challenging to use. **A car bed should only be used when the child's medical situation warrants supine/prone positioning.**

## Resources:

Maryland Kids in Safety Seats, call: 800-370-SEAT; Email: [dhmh.kiss@Maryland.gov](mailto:dhmh.kiss@Maryland.gov)  
MIEMSS' CPS Healthcare Project, call 410-706-8647; Email: [cps@miemss.org](mailto:cps@miemss.org)

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