

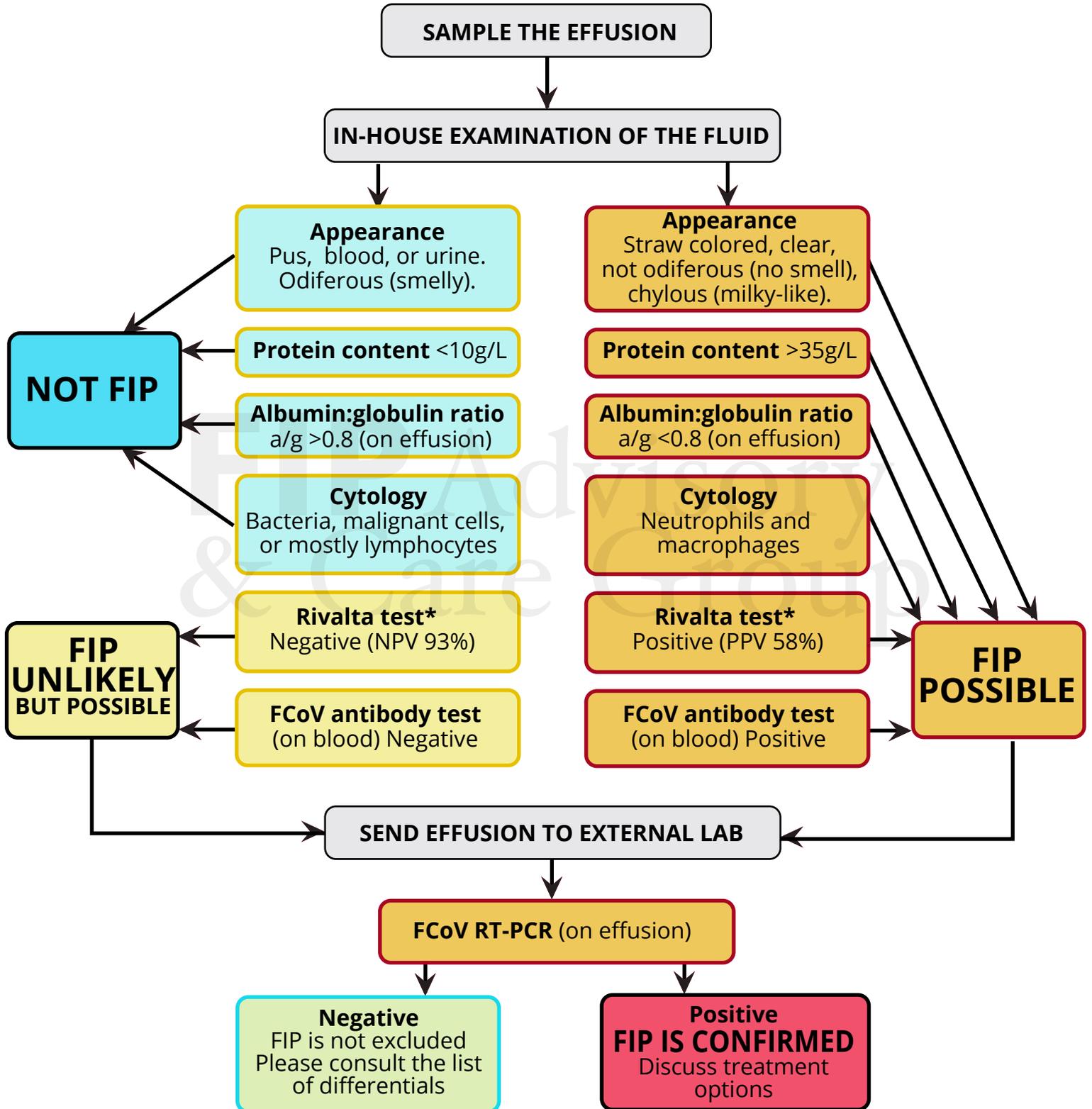
## EFFUSIVE (WET) FIP DIAGNOSTIC FLOW CHART

*Clinical signs: Abdominal enlargement or shortness of breath (dyspnoea).*

*Clinical examination reveals the presence of ascites (fluid).*

*The effusion may be abdominal, pleural, pericardial, or scrotal.*

*Testing the effusion is a MUST.*



This chart is adapted from Dr Addie's FIP diagnostics flow chart (catvirus.com) / Diane D. Addie et al., 2009

\* A Rivalta test may not necessary if doing FCoV RT-PCR on effusion.

The Rivalta test is especially useful in countries where FCoV RT-PCR testing is not available. Your vet may not be familiar with it.

## EFFUSIVE (WET) FIP DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSES

*This list is non-exhaustive. Always go over case history and discuss these options with your veterinarian.*

Peritoneal (abdomen) effusion	Pleural (lung) effusion
Bacterial peritonitis Congestive heart failure* Cystic kidney Glomerulonephritis Liver disease* Lymphocytic cholangitis Malabsorption Neoplasia Pancreatitis* Pansteatitis Parasitism Pregnancy Pyometra Toxoplasmosis* Trauma Tuberculosis Uroabdomen (ruptured bladder).	Cardiac insufficiency* Chylothorax Cryptococcosis Diaphragmatic hernia Lung lobe torsion Neoplasia (lymphoma)* Pyothorax
<i>* Most frequent differential diagnoses.</i>	<i>* Most frequent differential diagnoses.</i>

## EFFUSIVE (WET) FIP TREATMENT OPTIONS

*Always discuss treatment options with your veterinarian.*

The prognosis for wet FIP is bleak. Treatment is mostly aimed at maintaining quality of life, while extending life. In some cases, cats can survive several months or more. The options can be divided in three categories.

### Anti-viral + immuno-stimulant

Feline Omega Interferon (FOI) + Polyprenyl Immunostimulant (PI).

### Anti-viral + immuno-suppressant

Feline Omega Interferon (FOI) + steroids (prednisolone, dexamethasone).

### Palliative care only

Steroids (prednisolone).

*Always discuss treatment options with your veterinarian. Do not embark on a course of treatment without a proper diagnosis. Advice is available in our support group.*