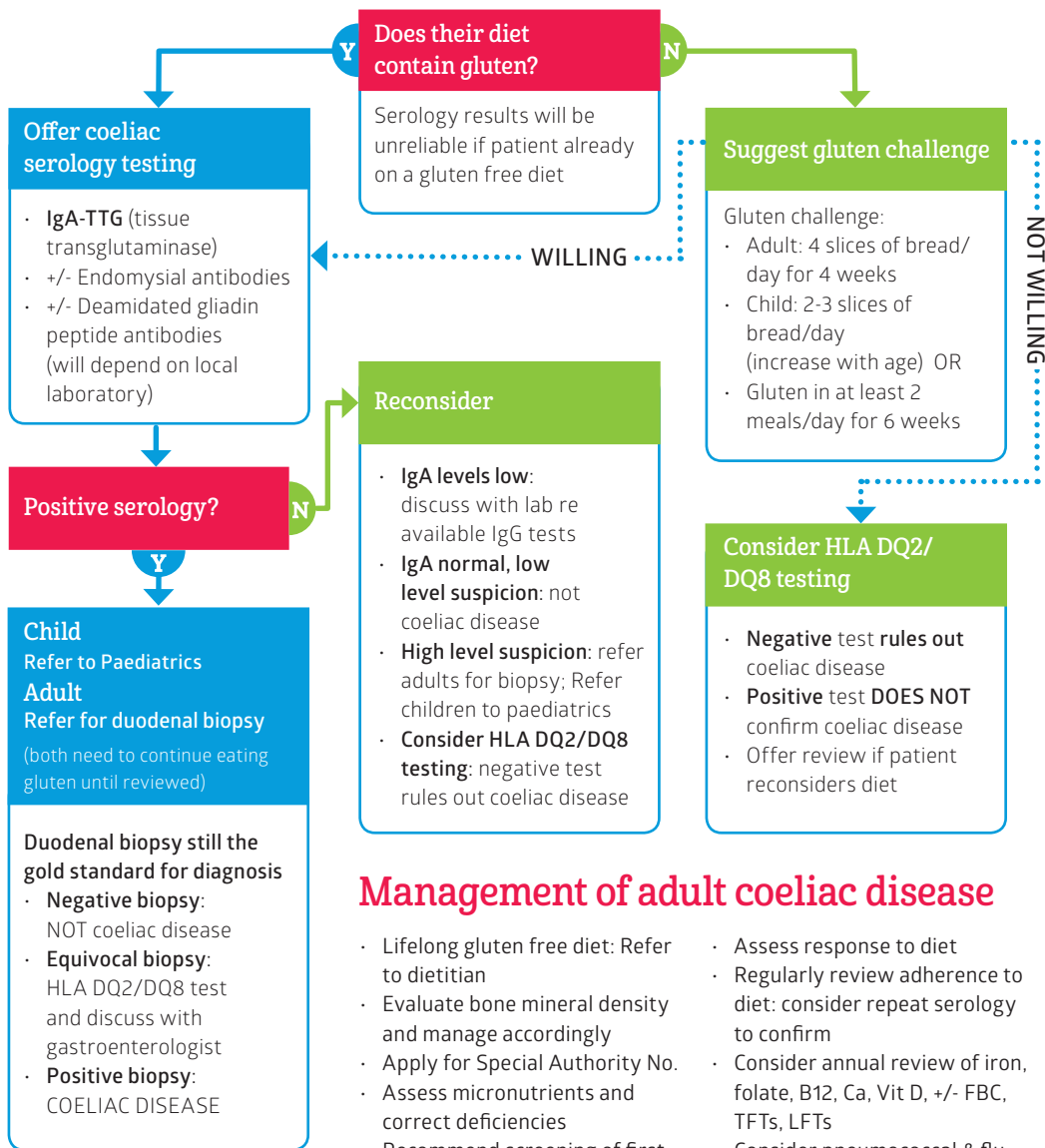


# Could this patient have coeliac disease?

DO THEY HAVE ANY OF THE SIGNS, SYMPTOMS OR CONDITIONS LISTED OVER?



**Offer serological testing for coeliac disease to children and adults with any of the following signs, symptoms and conditions:**

## Signs and symptoms

- Chronic or intermittent diarrhoea
- Failure to thrive or faltering growth (in children)
- Persistent or unexplained gastrointestinal symptoms, including nausea and vomiting
- Prolonged fatigue ('tired all the time')
- Recurrent abdominal pain, cramping or distension
- Sudden or unexpected weight loss
- Unexplained iron-deficiency anaemia, or other unspecified anaemia (e.g. folate deficiency)

## Conditions

- Autoimmune thyroid disease
- Dermatitis herpetiformis
- Irritable bowel syndrome
- Type 1 diabetes
- First-degree relatives with coeliac disease

**Consider offering serological testing to children and adults with any of the following:**

- Addison's disease
- Amenorrhoea
- Aphthous stomatitis (mouth ulcers)
- Autoimmune liver conditions
- Autoimmune myocarditis
- Chronic thrombocytopenia purpura
- Dental enamel defects
- Depression or bipolar disorder
- Down's syndrome
- Epilepsy
- Low-trauma fracture
- Lymphoma
- Metabolic bone disease
- Microscopic colitis
- Persistent or unexplained constipation
- Persistently raised liver enzymes (unknown cause)
- Polyneuropathy
- Recurrent miscarriage
- Reduced bone mineral density
- Sarcoidosis
- Sjögren's syndrome
- Turner syndrome
- Unexplained alopecia
- Unexplained subfertility

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