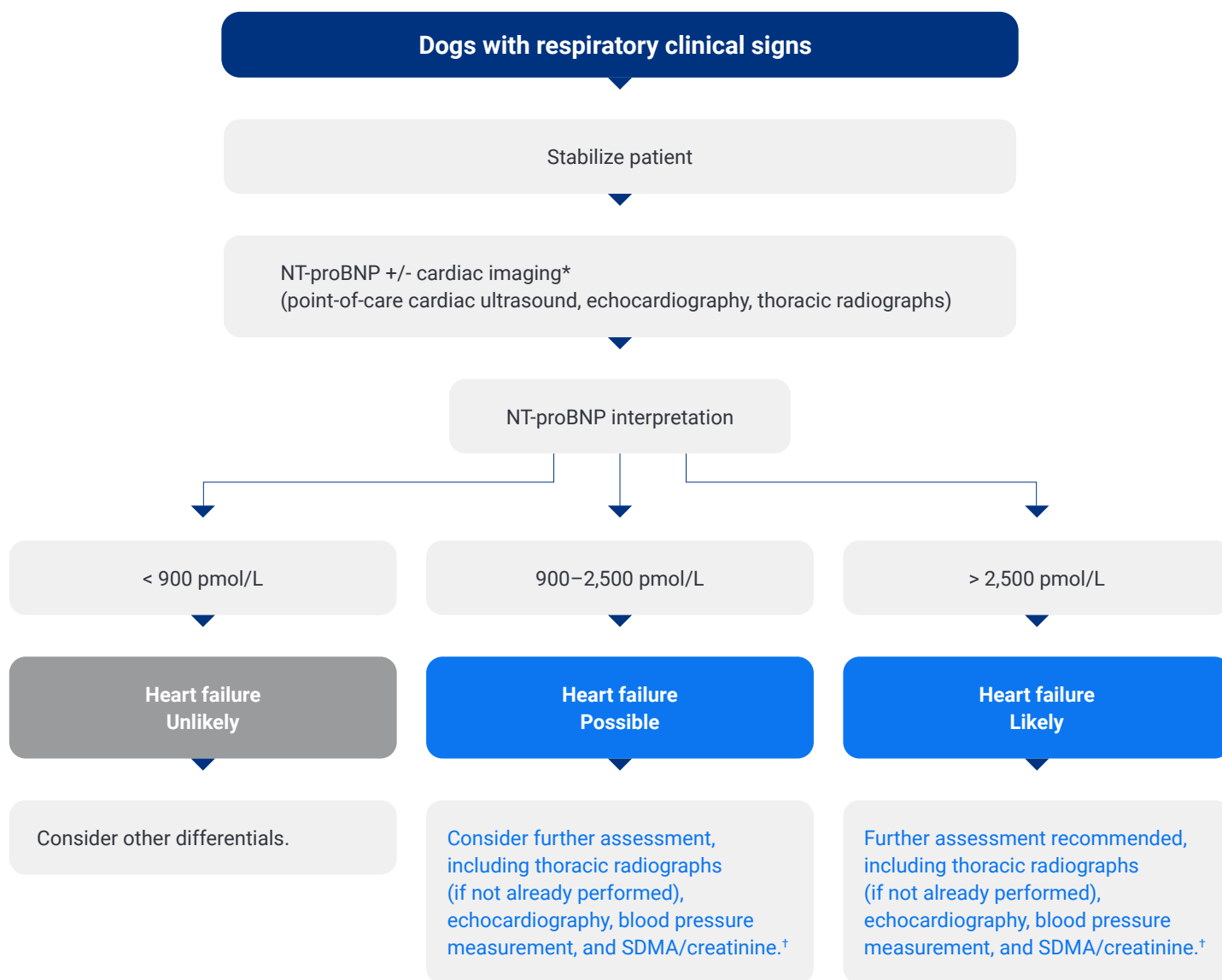




*Echocardiography is the gold-standard technique for the assessment of cardiac structure and function. Thoracic radiographs recommended for stabilized patients with dyspnea, tachypnea, and coughing. Consider patient and client factors as part of a spectrum-of-care approach to diagnostic selection.

†Further assessment may include thoracic radiography, echocardiography, blood pressure assessment, CBC, biochemistry, infectious disease testing, urinalysis, abdominal ultrasonography, and electrocardiogram.