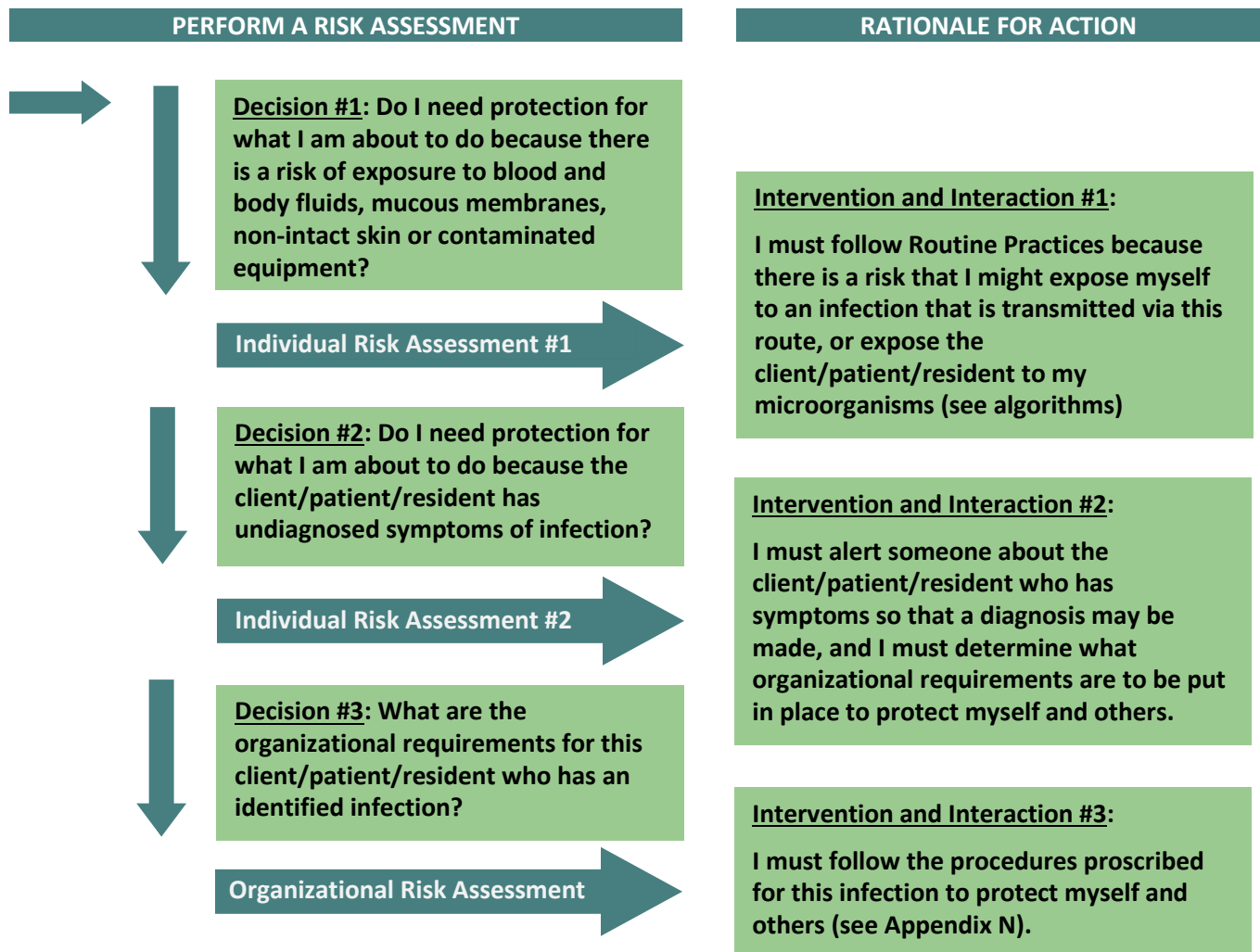


Performing a Risk Assessment Related to Routine Practices and Additional Precautions

An individual assessment of each client/patient/resident’s potential risk of transmission of microorganisms must be made by all health care providers and other staff who come into contact with them. Based on that risk assessment and a risk assessment of the task, one may determine appropriate intervention and interaction strategies, such as hand hygiene, waste management, use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and client/patient/resident placement, that will reduce the risk of transmission of microorganisms to and from the individual.²⁸ When a client/patient/resident has undiagnosed symptoms or signs of an infection, interventions must be informed by organizational requirements.

Risk assessment steps to be performed by a Health Care Provider to determine an individual’s risk of transmission of infectious agents and the rationale for associated protective measures



Routine Practices Risk Assessment Algorithm for All Client/Patient/Resident Interactions

