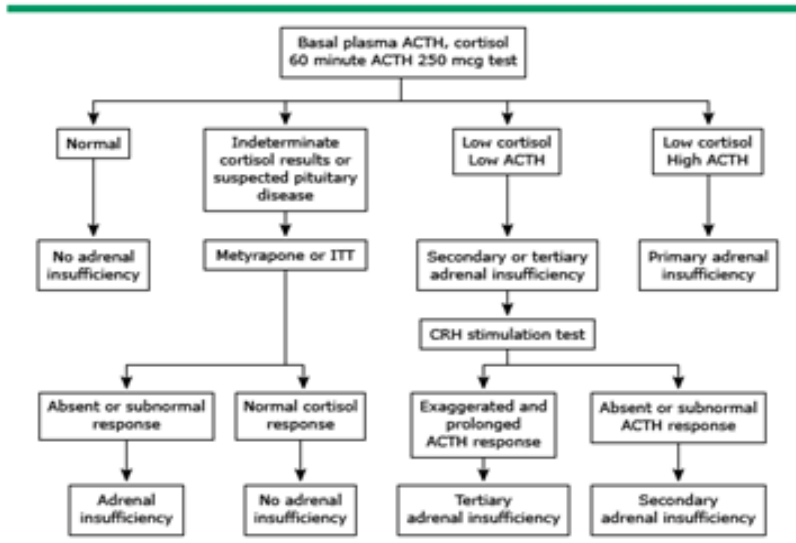


Adrenitis: DX

A rarely used term for inflammation of the adrenal gland; adrenal gland inflammation, which is most commonly autoimmune, but also post-necrotic/hemorrhagic, xanthogranulomatous, infectious (e.g. tuberculous), metastatic.

The condition arises from problems with the adrenal gland, *primary adrenal insufficiency*, and can be caused by damage by the body's own immune system, certain infections, or various rarer causes. Addison's disease is also known as chronic primary adrenocortical insufficiency, to distinguish it from acute primary adrenocortical insufficiency, most often caused by Waterhouse–Friderichsen syndrome. Addison's disease should also be distinguished from secondary and tertiary adrenal insufficiency, which are caused by deficiency of ACTH (produced by the pituitary gland) and CRH (produced by the hypothalamus), respectively. Despite this distinction, Addisonian crisis can happen in all forms of adrenal insufficiency.

Diagnostic approach to suspected adrenal insufficiency



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