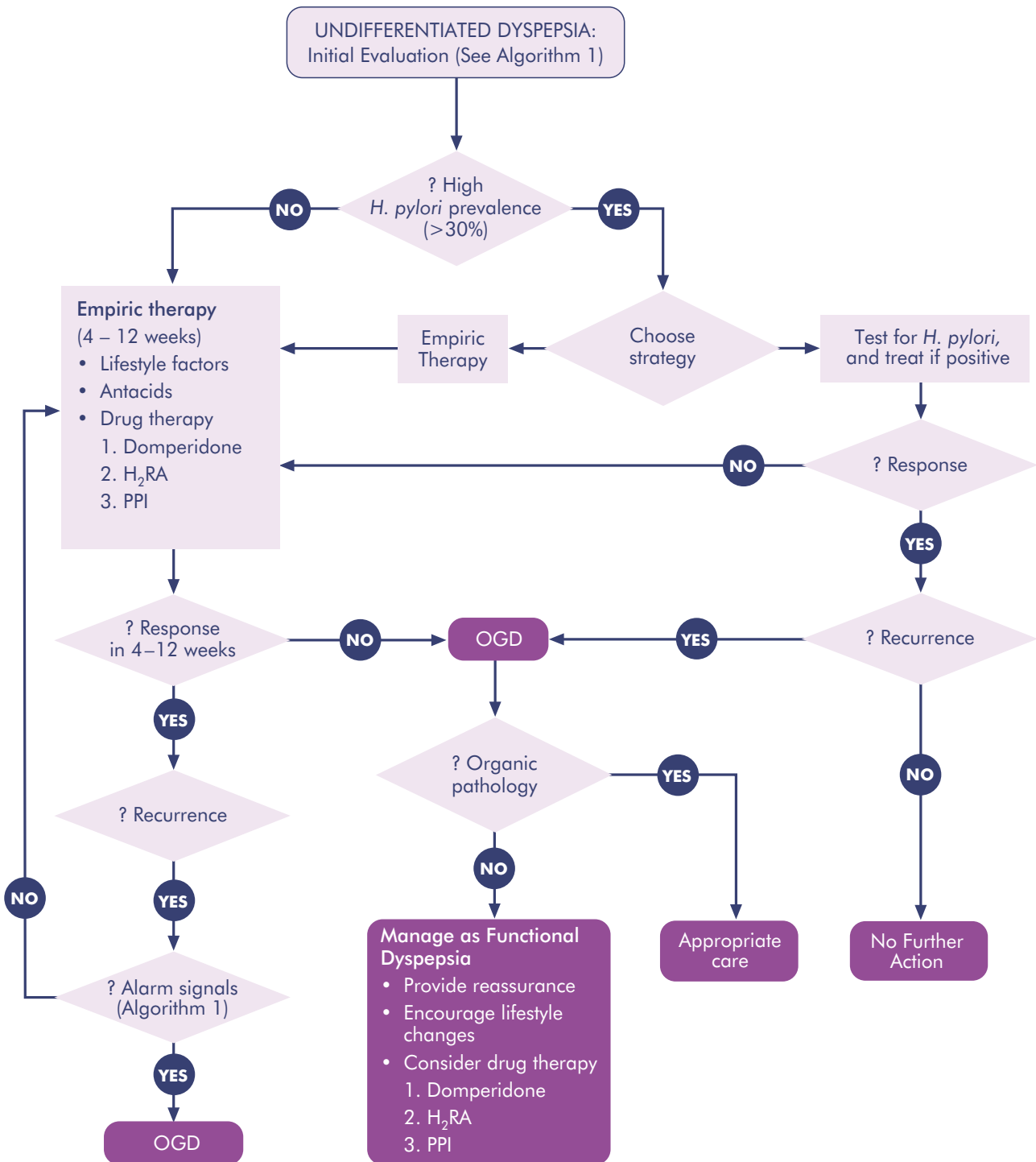


## ALGORITHM 2 UNDIFFERENTIATED DYSPEPSIA



\* The recommendation of the Working Party is to test-and-treat for *H. pylori* where the prevalence in the population under 50 years of age is >30%. In populations where prevalence is <30%, benefit of the test-and-treat approach is variable.

Although data regarding the prevalence of *H. pylori* infection in New Zealand are patchy, the following statements can be made:

- rates in the South Island are well below 30%
- rates tend to be >30% in adult Maori, Pacific peoples, native populations in Asia, and those with lower socio-economic status
- rates in adults living in Auckland have generally been found to be >30%.