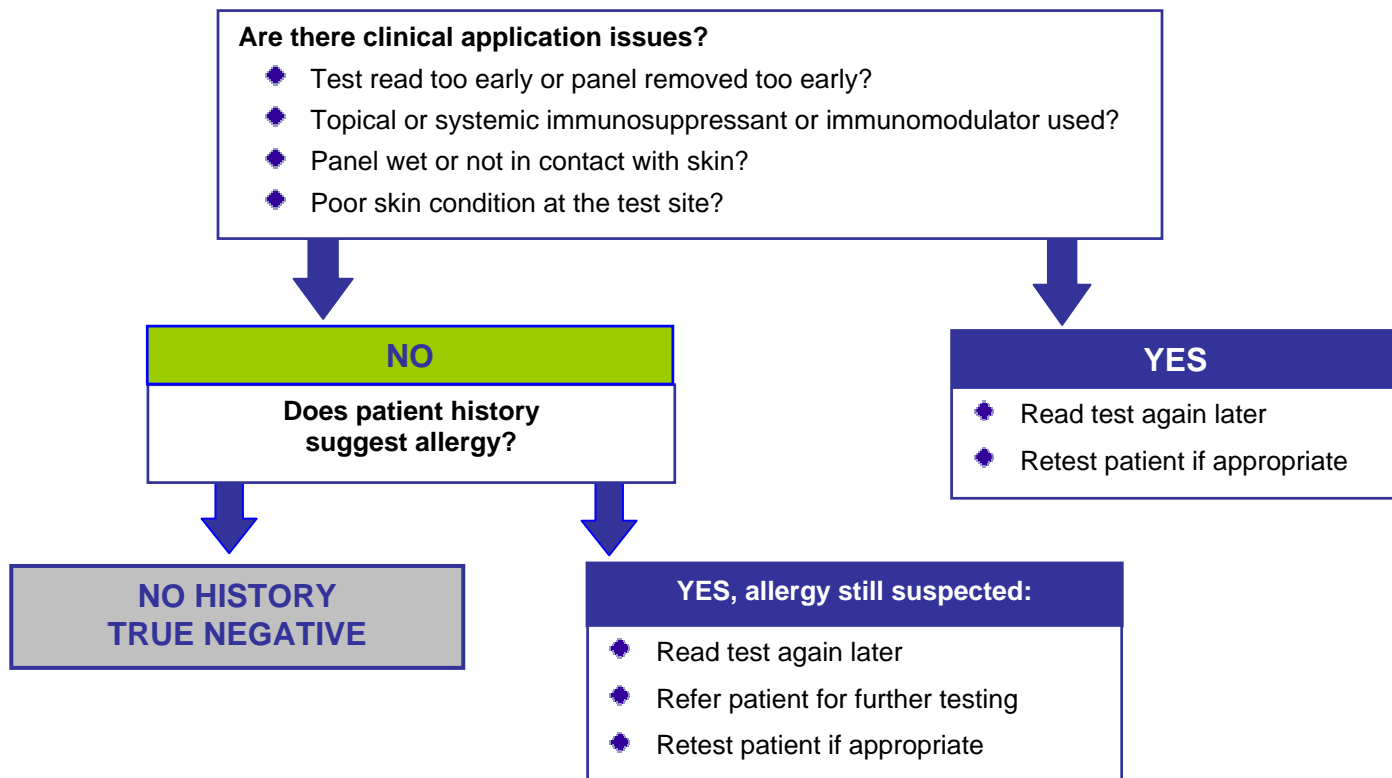


### DIAGNOSTIC PATH FOR DOUBTFUL REACTIONS



### DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS – IRRITANT REACTIONS

Characteristic	Allergic reactions	Irritant reactions
<i>Timing</i>	Tend to persist or increase from day 2 to day 4; may only appear after day 2	Tend to be maximal on day 2 and fade on removal of patch
<i>Outline</i>	Tend to spread	Often sharply delineated
<i>Lesion</i>	Usually erythematous, palpable and eczematous; infiltration or edema present; may be papular, vesicular or coalescing into bullous reactions	May show discrete, patchy or homogenous erythema without infiltration; may be petechial, follicular or pustular
<i>Skin Reaction</i>	