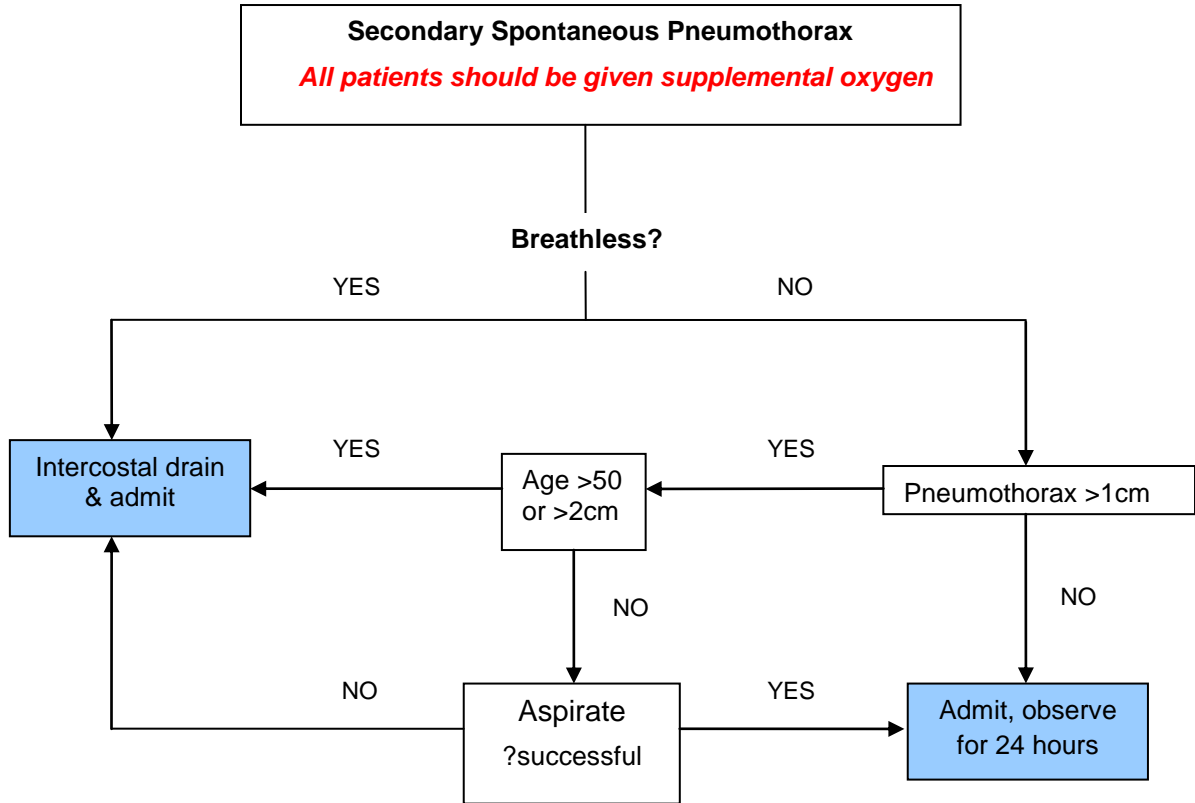


Diagram 2 –

Recommended treatment algorithm for a secondary spontaneous pneumothorax*

*based upon BTS guidelines 2003



Never discharge a patient from the ED with a diagnosis of a secondary pneumothorax. As a minimum, supplemental oxygen and a 24 hour observation period is recommended.