GI Referral Algorithm: GERD (older child, i.e. noninfant)

Child with typical symptoms of GERD

- History and physical exam
  - Presence of alarm sign*
    - YES → Tailor testing to address alarm signs and refer appropriately with stated alarm signs
    - NO → Lifestyle/dietary education
      - Weight management
        - IMPROVED → Continue management
        - NOT IMPROVED
          - Acid suppression for 4-8 weeks, then wean if symptoms improved
            - IMPROVED → No further treatment
            - NOT IMPROVED → Repeat prior step or consider alternative/additional diagnosis

* GI Alarm Signs:
  - Weight loss
  - Dysphagia or food impaction
  - Excessive chest pain
  - Persistent, forceful vomiting
  - Bilious vomiting
  - Hematemesis
  - Chronic diarrhea
  - Rectal bleeding
  - Abdominal distension

Refer to Pediatric GI
Provide clinical details