

Primary Care Practitioners
(Family Practice)

Indigenous Cancer Care

Supportive Care
(Counselling, Psychiatry, Nutrition, Speech Language Pathology, Physiotherapy, Pain & Symptom Management/Palliative Care)

This figure represents a general pathway of care that most people with cancer will experience. It shows

- The major phases of a cancer journey
- How a person might progress through each phase
- Key supportive services that are available throughout each person's cancer journey

Please visit the [Clinical Pathways](#) Web page for

- Tumour Group Clinical Pathways
- Patient Companion Guide
- Methodology Reports

Target Population

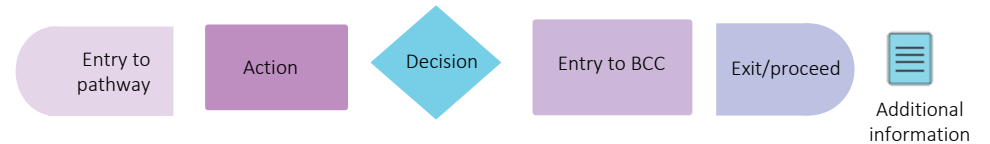
The target population for this pathway include health care providers such as primary care physicians, oncologists, specialists, nurses, and other members of a health care team including allied health providers. Healthcare administrators across BC Cancer and the health authorities may also benefit from this resource for systems and operational planning.

Pathway Disclaimer

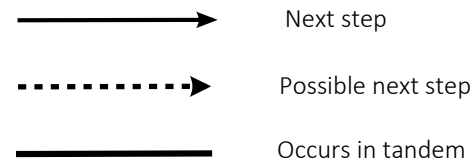
This pathway is an informational resource, intended to provide a high-level overview of the treatment journey a patient in British Columbia may receive. This pathway is not a substitute for medical advice and clinical judgment is still required as not all care trajectories will follow the proposed steps outlined in the pathway. This resource may not reflect all available evidence as research continues to evolve rapidly and BC Cancer is not responsible for any incomplete information. Furthermore, BC Cancer and those involved in developing this pathway are not liable for any incidental or consequential outcomes related to the information in this pathway. Anyone using the information provided in this pathway does so at their own risk.

Pathway Map Legend

Shape Guide



Line Guide



Pathway Map Considerations

This pathway is intended as a high-level resource and therefore does not include specific recommendations on specific systemic therapy protocols or radiation therapy doses. Instead, additional information can be sought via the inserted hyperlinks to resources that may aid a clinician in their treatment planning. The level of detail for each pathway was guided by the tumor group lead and intentionally kept high-level and represents the overall ideal pathway of care for a patient in general. Each patient will have individual needs and each cancer centre may have variation in the way care is delivered, but overall the intent was to represent the pathway that the majority of patients will follow.

General Resources

Indigenous Patient Navigator Referral Form¹⁹ : <http://www.phsa.ca/aboriginal-health-site/Documents/IPN%20Fillable%20Referral%20Form.pdf>
Supportive Care¹⁰ : <http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/our-services/services/supportive-care>
Compassionate Access Program (CAP)⁵⁴ : <https://cap.phsa.ca/>
GU Chemotherapy Protocols²⁹ : <http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/chemotherapy-protocols/genitourinary#Prostate>
Manufacturer Patient Assistance Programs³⁰ : <http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/systemic-therapy-site/Documents/Policy%20and%20Forms/Patient%20assistance%20programs.pdf>
BC Cancer Research Clinical Trials¹⁶ : <https://www.bccrc.ca/dept/cid/clinical-trials>
MDC Referral Form²¹ : <http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/books/Documents/Clinical%20Care%20Pathways/Patient%20Conference%20Order.pdf>
Smoking Cessation Program⁵⁵ : <http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/smoking-cessation-program>
Alcohol Reduction⁵⁶ : <http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/prevent/alcohol/reduce-your-risk>
Pharmacy Contact Info⁵⁷ : <http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/pharmacy#Contact--info>

Abbreviations

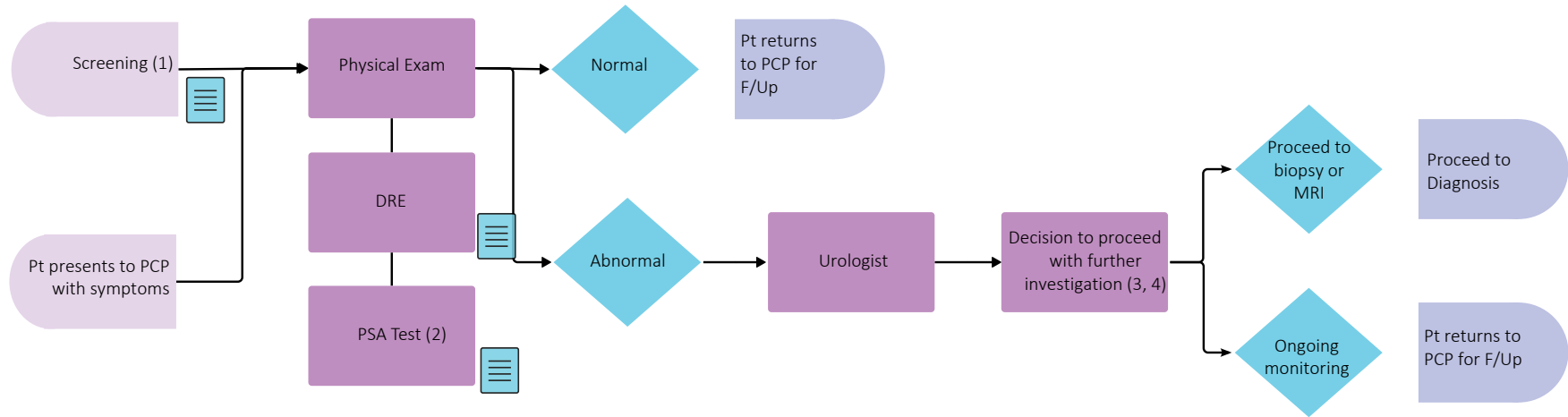
ADT: Androgen deprivation therapy
ARPI: Androgen receptor pathway inhibition
PSA: Prostate specific antigen
PCP: Primary care provider
DRE: Digital rectal examination
EBRT: External beam radiation therapy
MDC: Multidisciplinary conference/discussion
SBRT: Stereotactic body radiation therapy
ST: Systemic therapy
RT: Radiation therapy
HRR: Homologous recombination repair
MRP: Most responsible provider

Additional Information

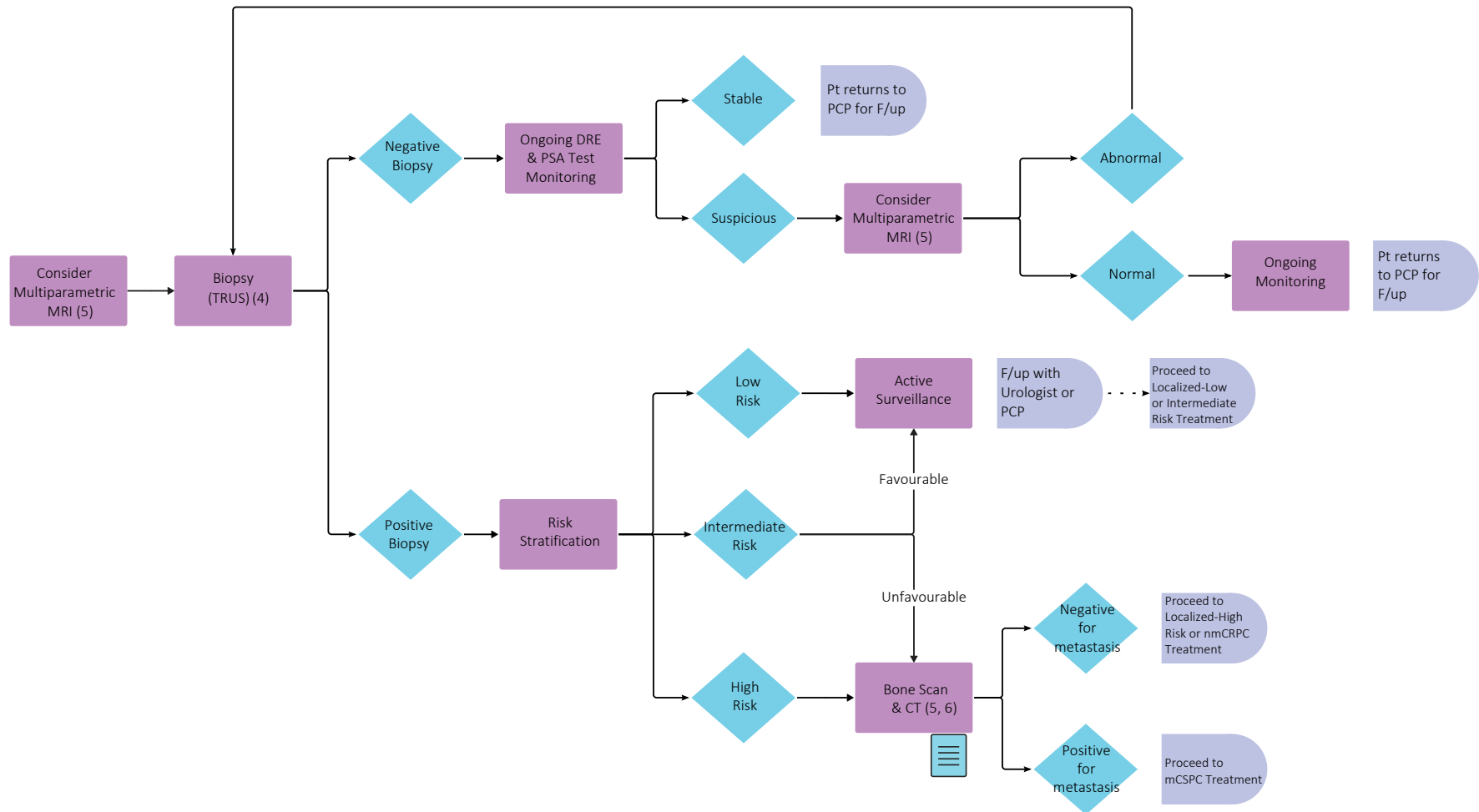
To learn more about how the Clinical Care Pathways are developed, visit the [Methodology Report](#).

Other Tumour Group Clinical Care Pathways can be found on the [BC Cancer Website](#).

Pre-Diagnosis



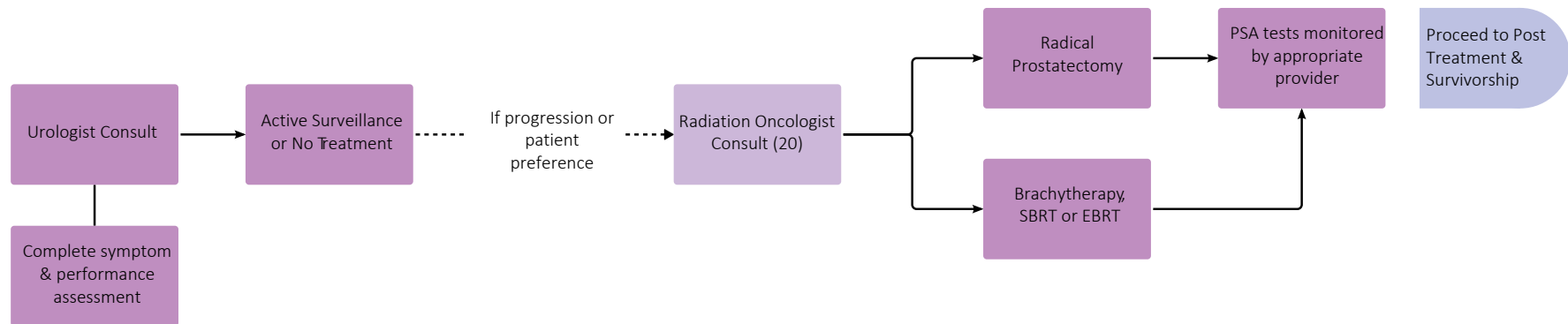
Diagnosis



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Regular symptom & performance status assessment (7, 8, 9); Supportive care (10, 11, 12); Sexual health (13, 14, 15); Co-morbidity management & medication review; Risk factor mitigation; Clinical trials (16, 17) (where applicable); Goals of care (18); Cultural needs (19); Involvement of PCP

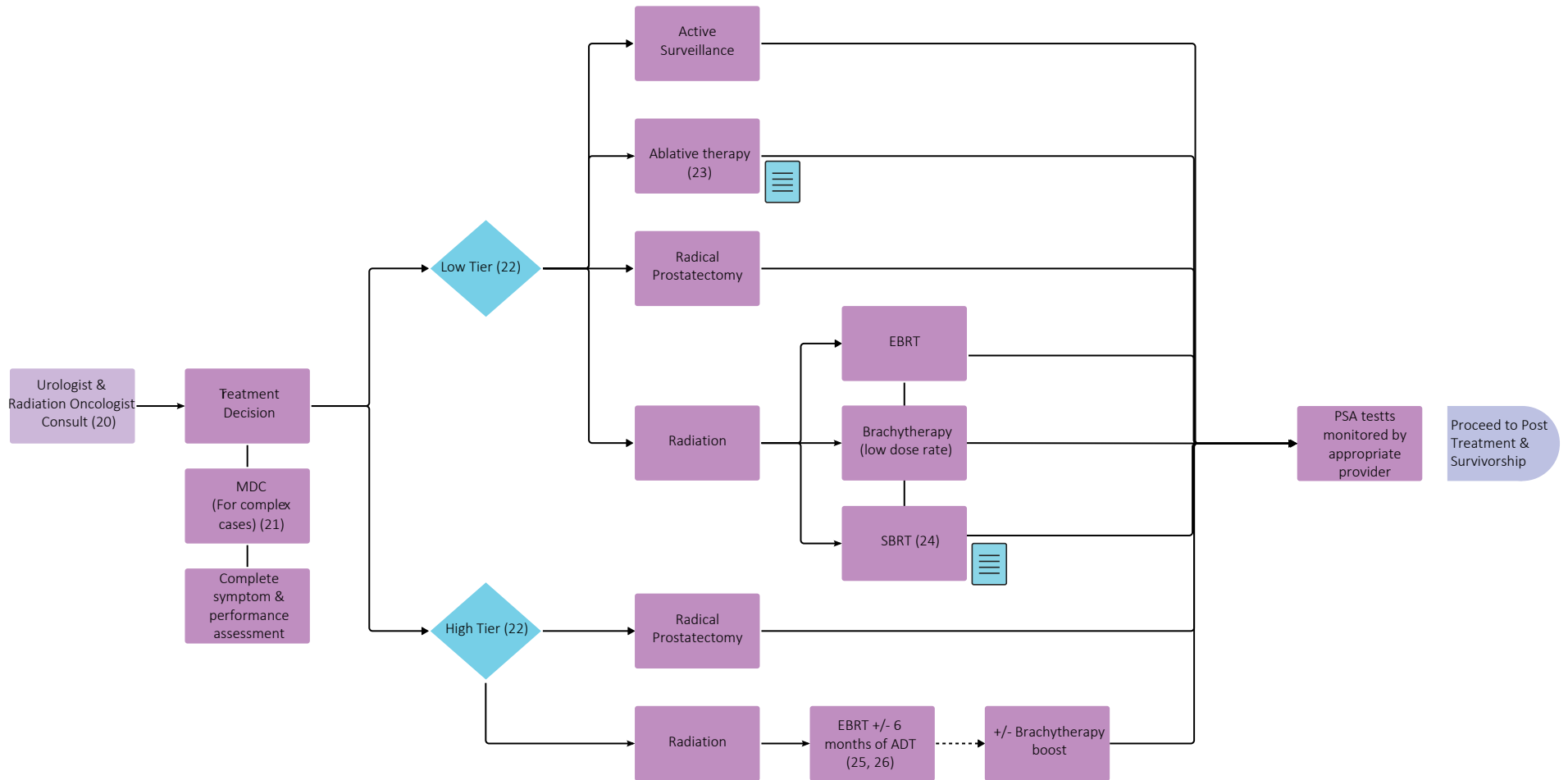
Treatment (Localized - Low Risk)



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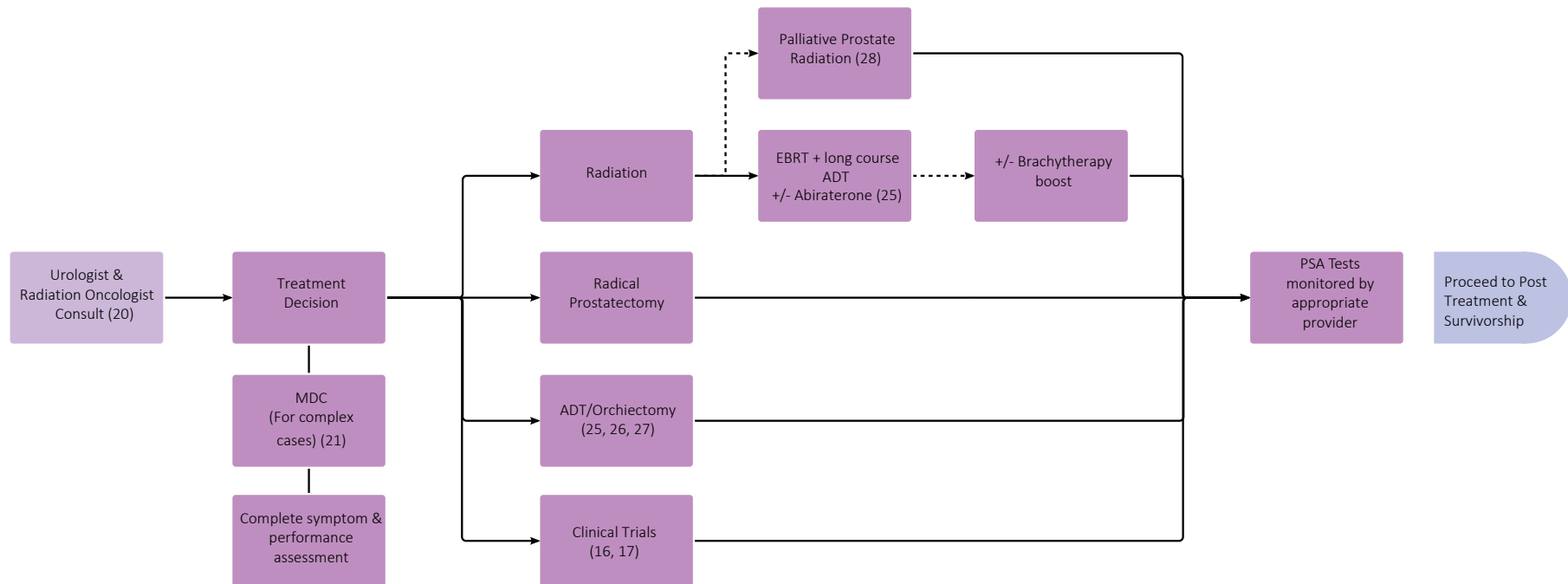
Treatment (Localized - Intermediate Risk)



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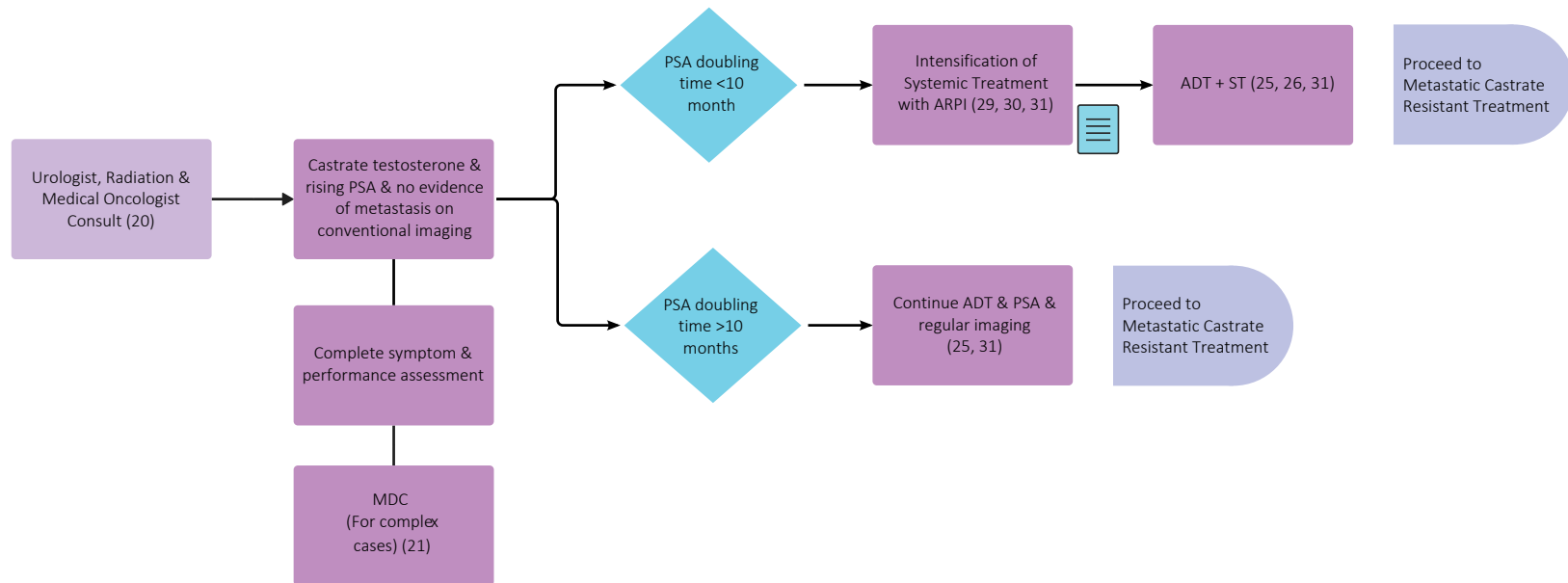
Treatment (Localized - High Risk)



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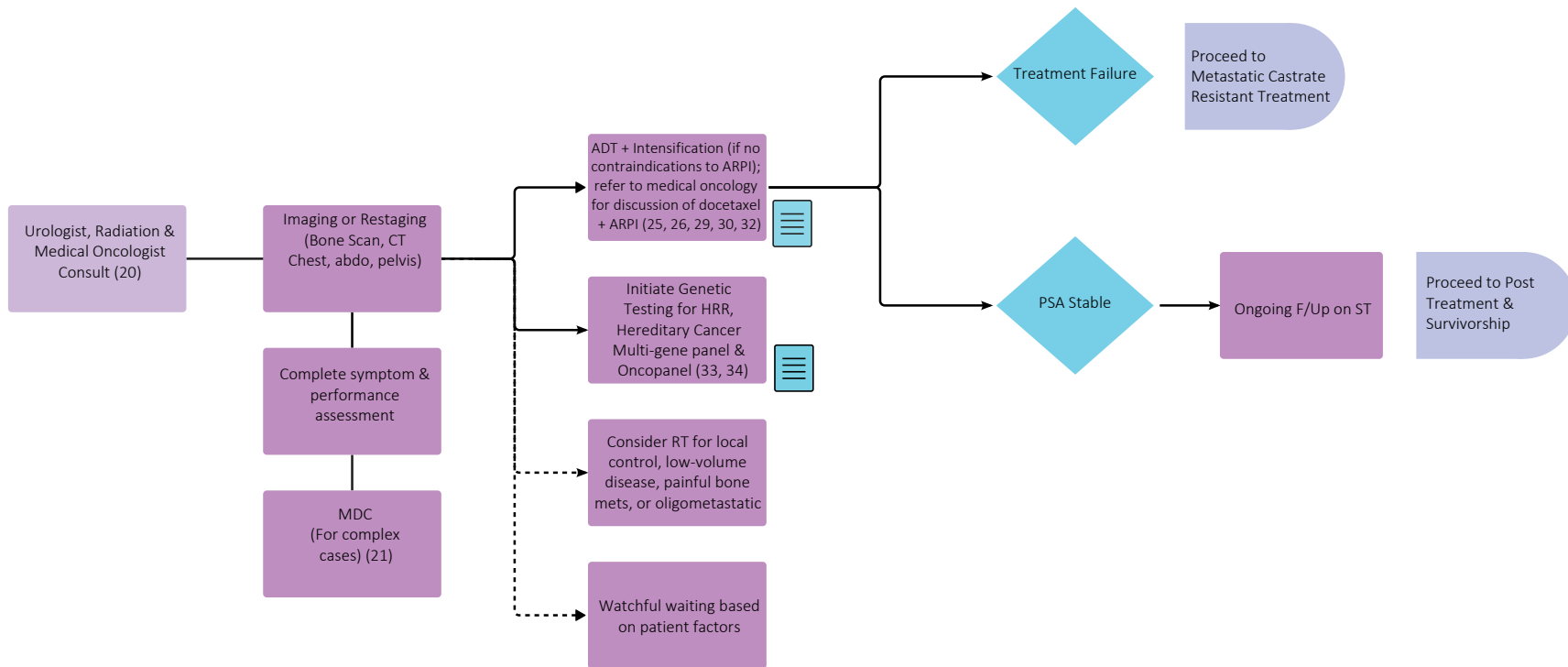
Treatment (Non Metastatic - Castrate Resistant)



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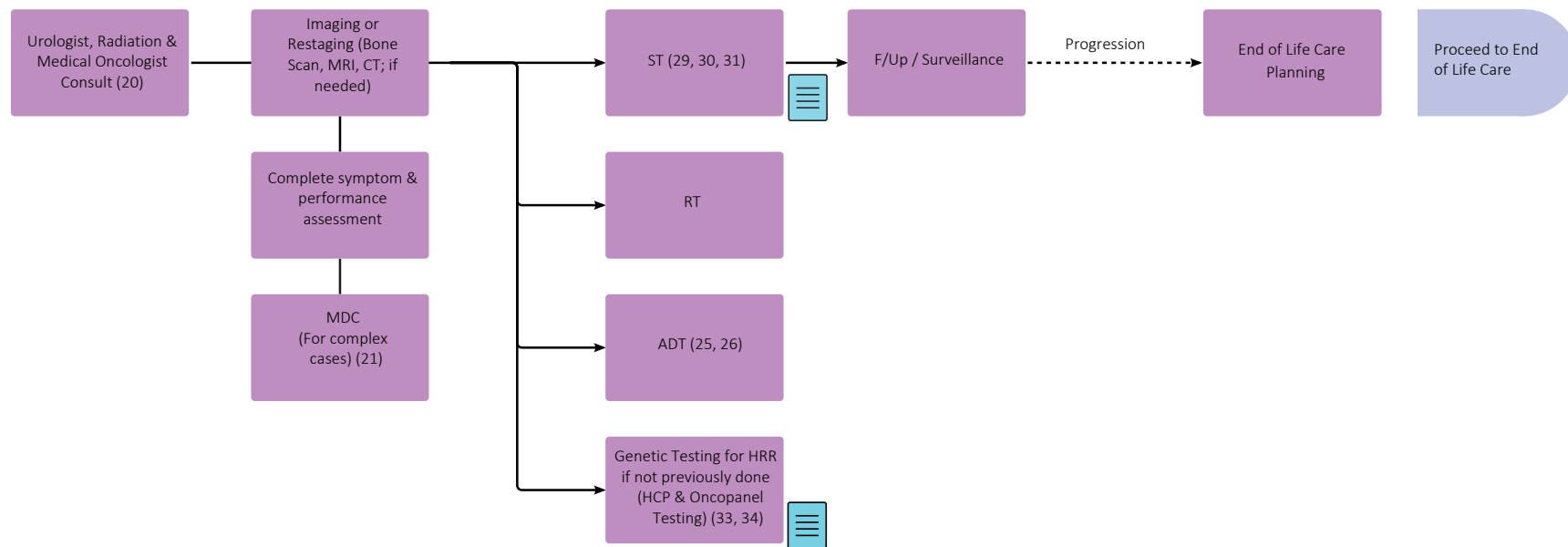
Treatment (Metastatic - Castrate Sensitive)



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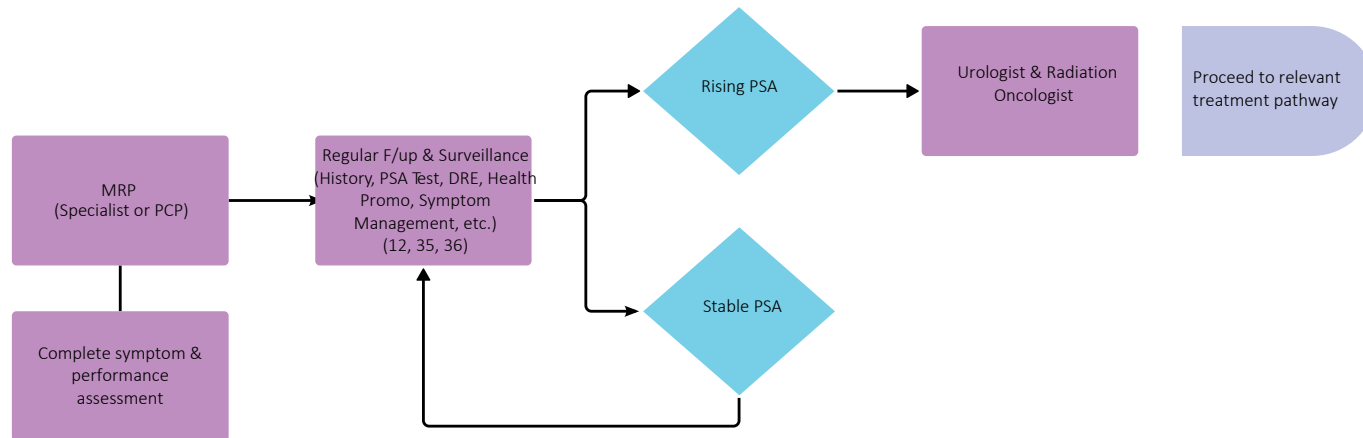
Treatment (Metastatic - Castrate Resistant)



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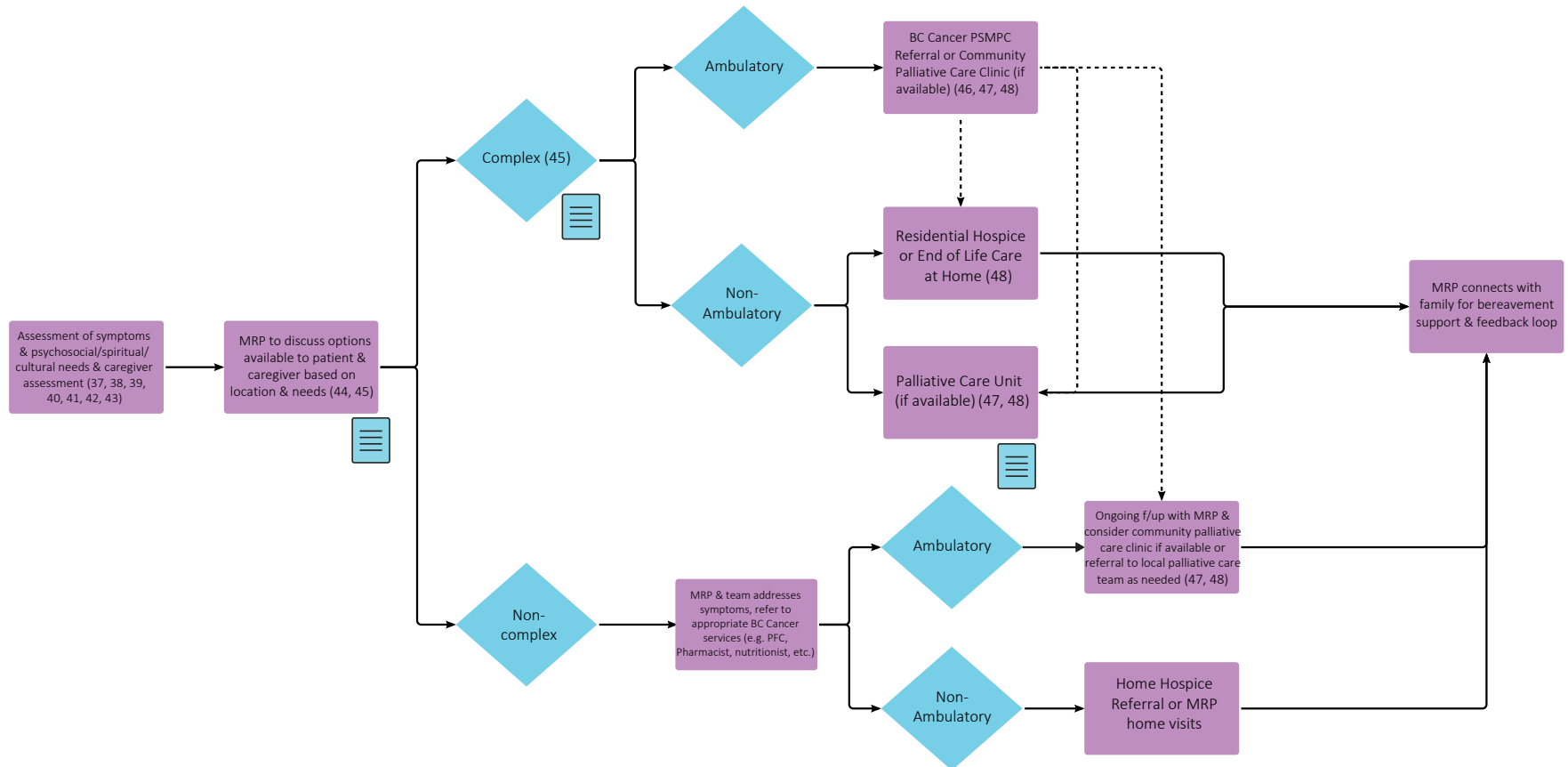
Post-Treatment & Survivorship Recurrent or Progressive Disease



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End of Life Care



Goals of Care Discussion & Consideration of Cultural Needs (19, 44, 45, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53)

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Provincial Pharmacy

Radiation Therapists

Surgical Oncology Network

Appendix

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