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This Prostate Cancer treatment consensus algorithm is used as a framework for the application of individualized therapy for patients with prostate cancer at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. The faculty and members of the Genitourinary Center apply this general algorithm to individual patients accommodating patient preference and physician experience in the context of a specific knowledge of prostate cancer.

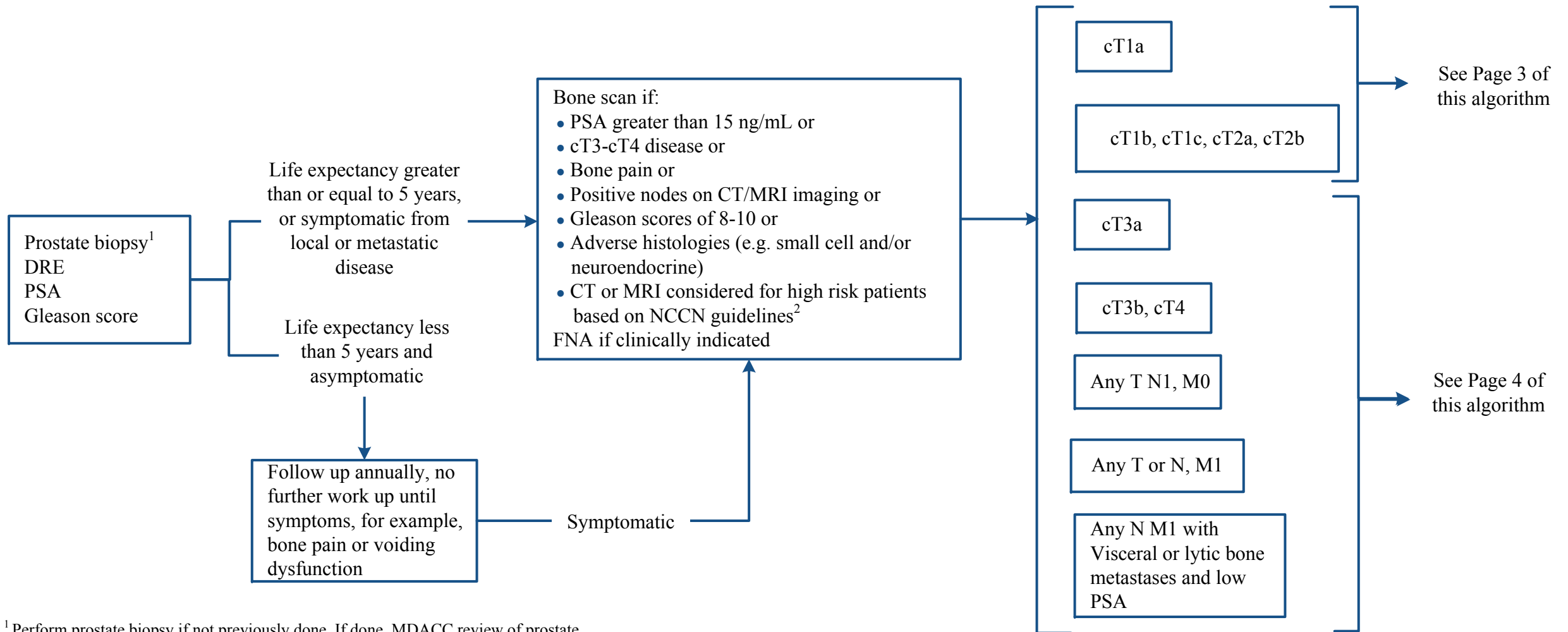
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INITIAL DIAGNOSIS

STAGING WORKUP

PRESENTING CLINICAL STAGE



¹ Perform prostate biopsy if not previously done. If done, MDACC review of prostate biopsy results.

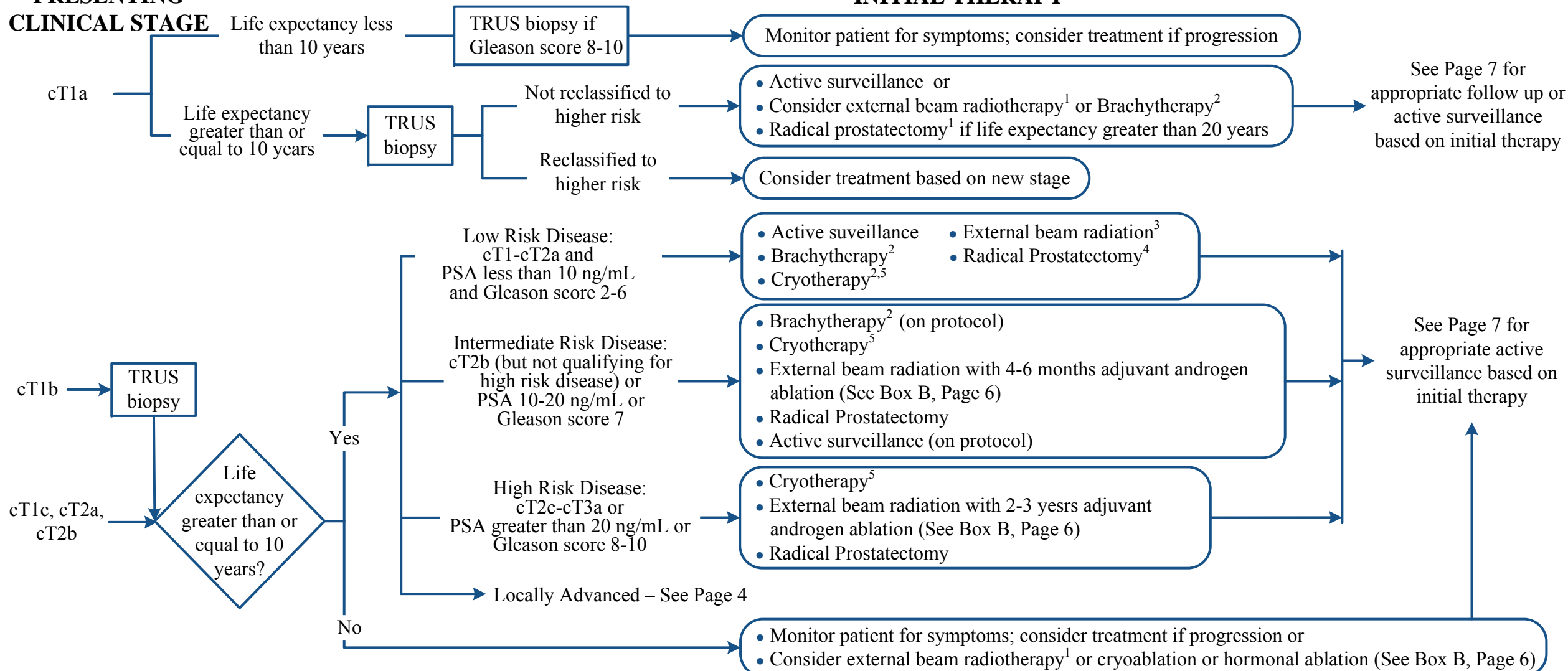
² http://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/PDF/prostate.pdf

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PRESENTING

CLINICAL STAGE



¹ All localized treatments: length of follow-up and quality of data differ with each treatment and should be discussed with your treatment team

² Brachytherapy and cryotherapy eligibility limited by prostate size, pubic bone geometry, baseline urinary function

³ External beam radiation should be dose escalated using either IMRT (intensity modulated radiation therapy), or proton therapy. Inflammatory bowel Disease and peri-rectal disease may be contraindications.

⁴ Radical prostatectomy is performed by open retropubic or robot assisted technique. These technique choices, eligibility for a nerve sparing procedure, and the need for a pelvic lymph node dissection should be discussed with your treatment team.

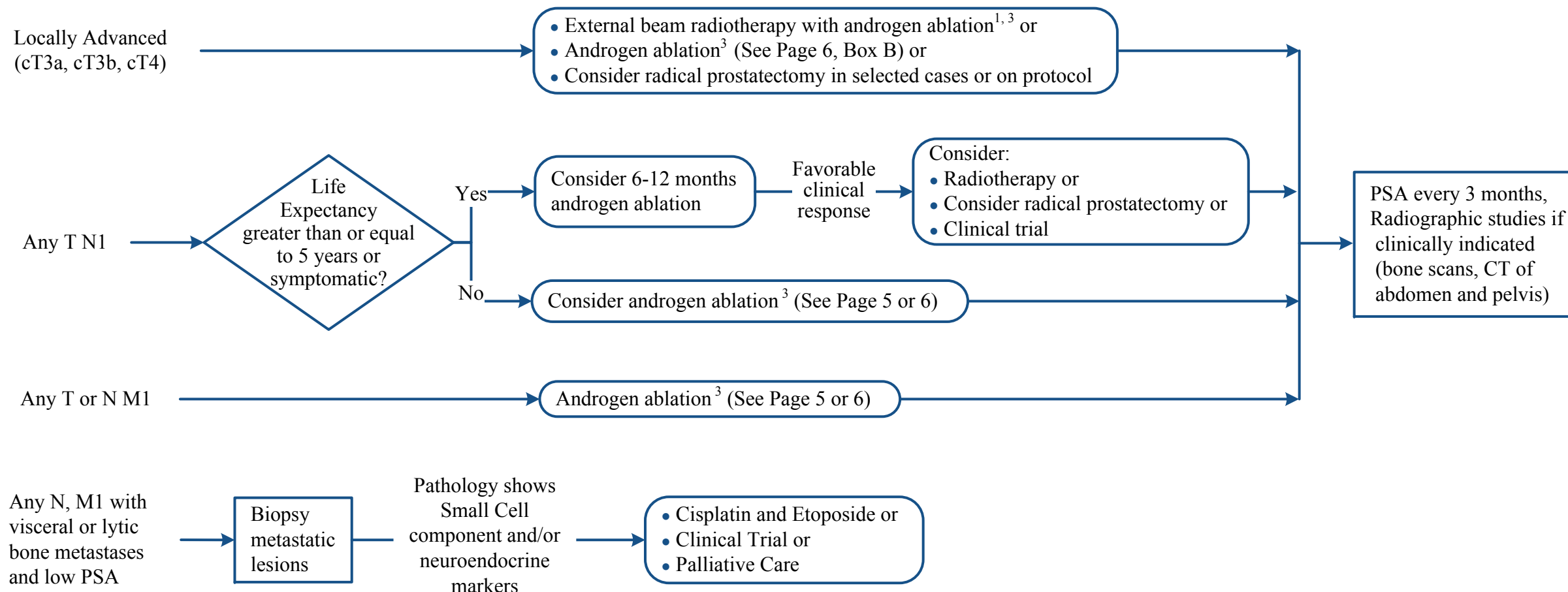
⁵ External beam radiation and Brachytherapy radical prostatectomy have longer duration of follow-up and may be preferred over cryotherapy

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PRESENTING CLINICAL STAGE

INITIAL THERAPY

FOLLOW UP



¹ 3D conformal radiotherapy or intensity modulated radiotherapy (IMRT) are standard for external beam radiotherapy.

² Based on pathologic findings after radical prostatectomy (e.g. path stage, margin status, Gleason score, age), consider adjuvant external beam radiotherapy.

³ Treatment recommendation is dependent of life expectancy. See Page 6.

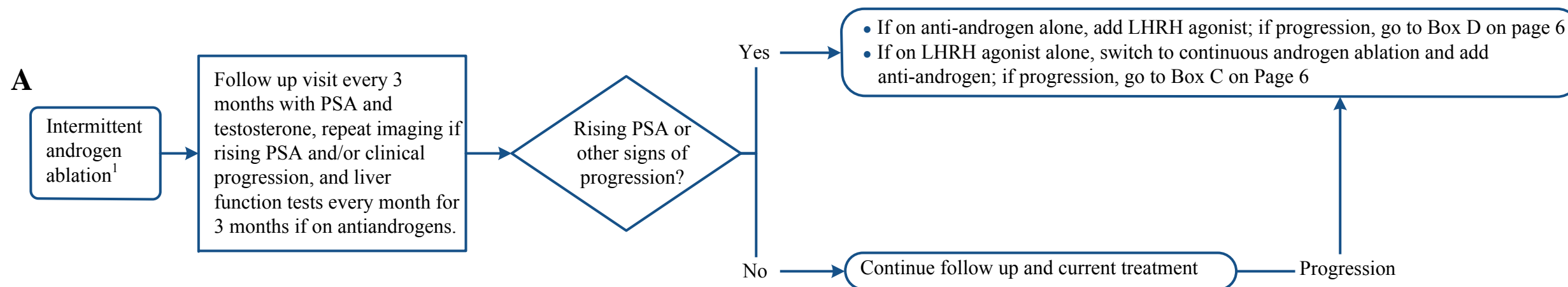
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ANDROGEN ABLATIVE THERAPY

FOLLOW-UP

ANDROGEN-INDEPENDENT SALVAGE THERAPY



For Continuous Androgen Ablation, see Box B on Page 6

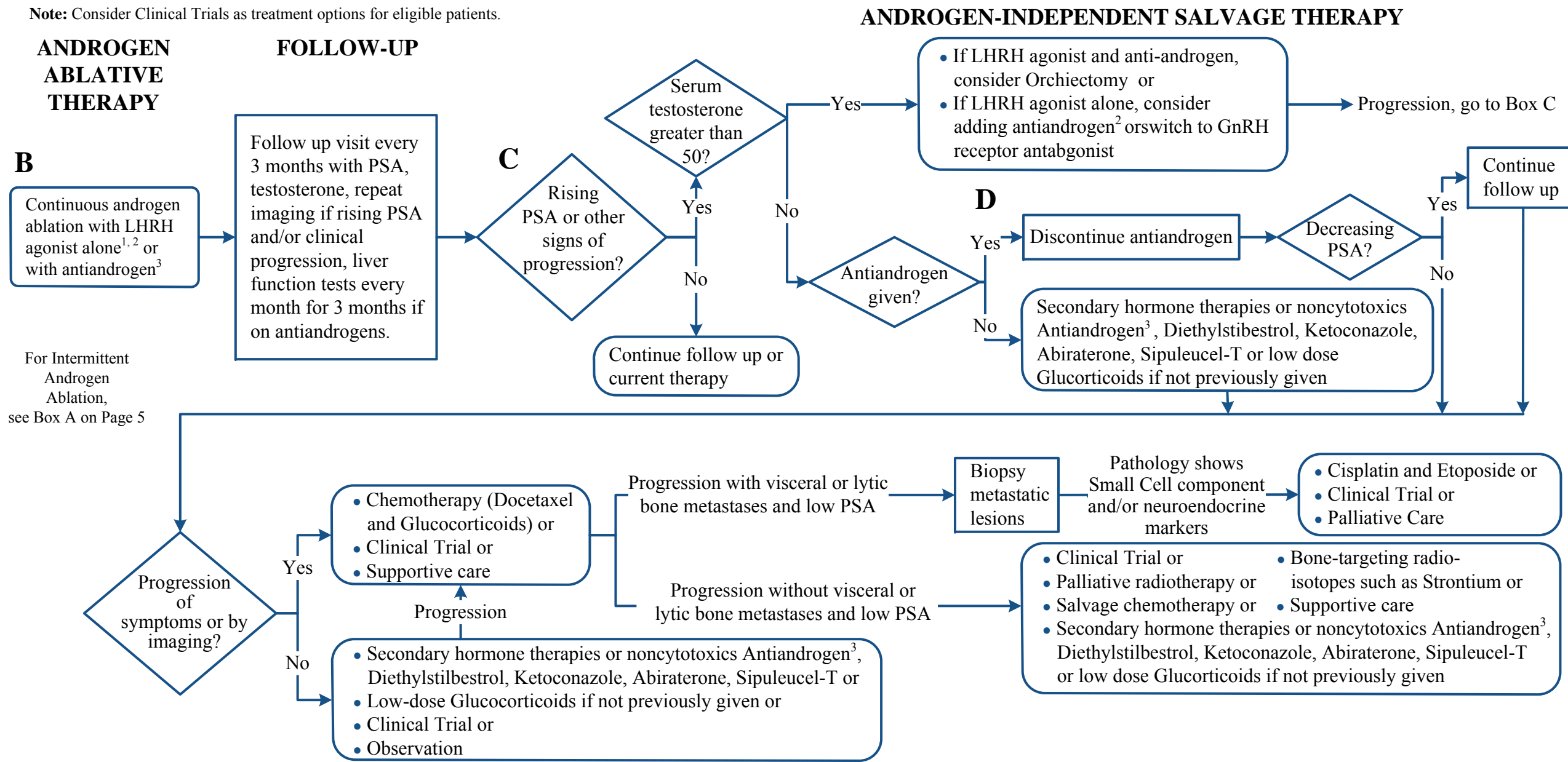
¹ Consider intermittent androgen ablation for rising PSA only. If skeletal metastases are present, recommend 7 to 14 days of antiandrogen prior to initiation of LHRH agonist to prevent flare.

² Consider baseline bone density scan and bisphosphonate therapy every 6 months to minimize osteoporosis associated with LHRH agonist use.

³ Check Liver Function Tests 1 month after initiation of antiandrogen and then with each 3 month follow up visit thereafter.

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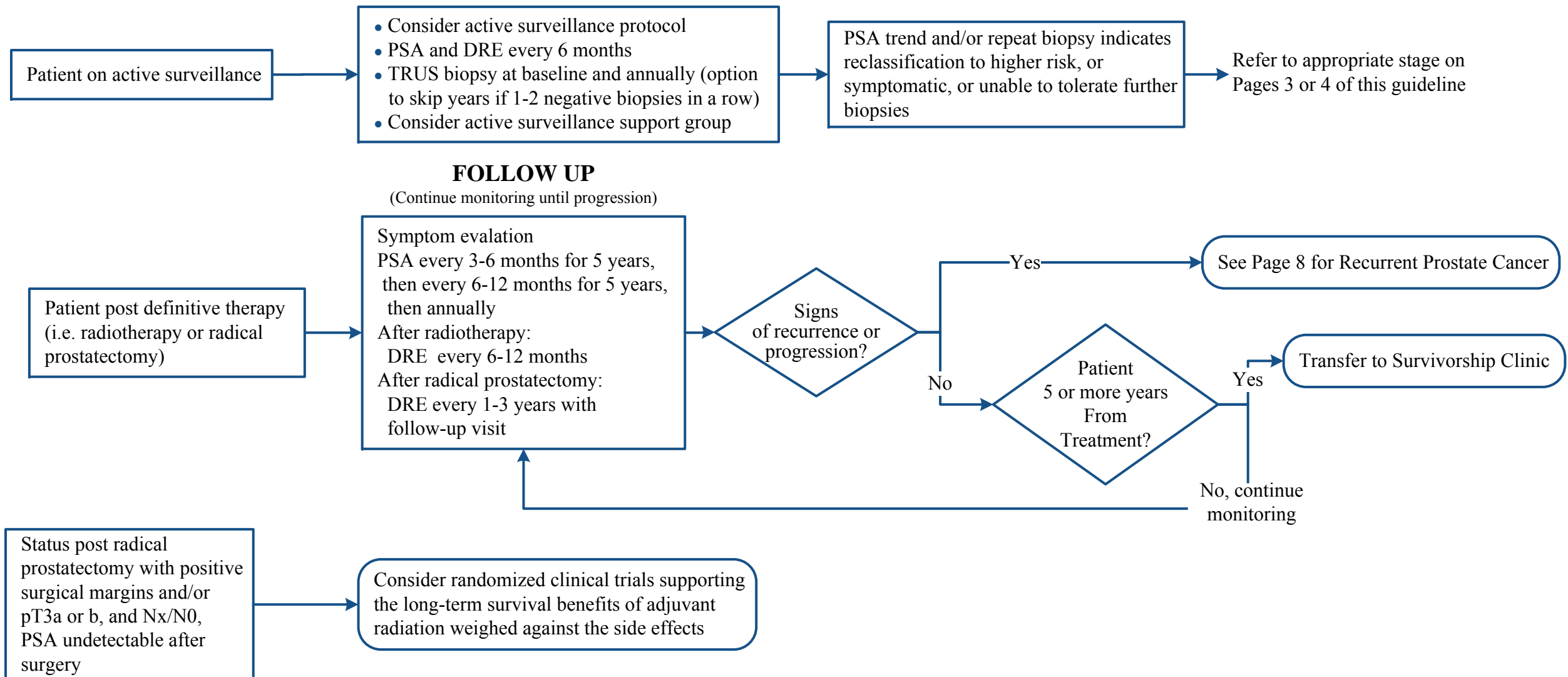
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PATIENT STATUS

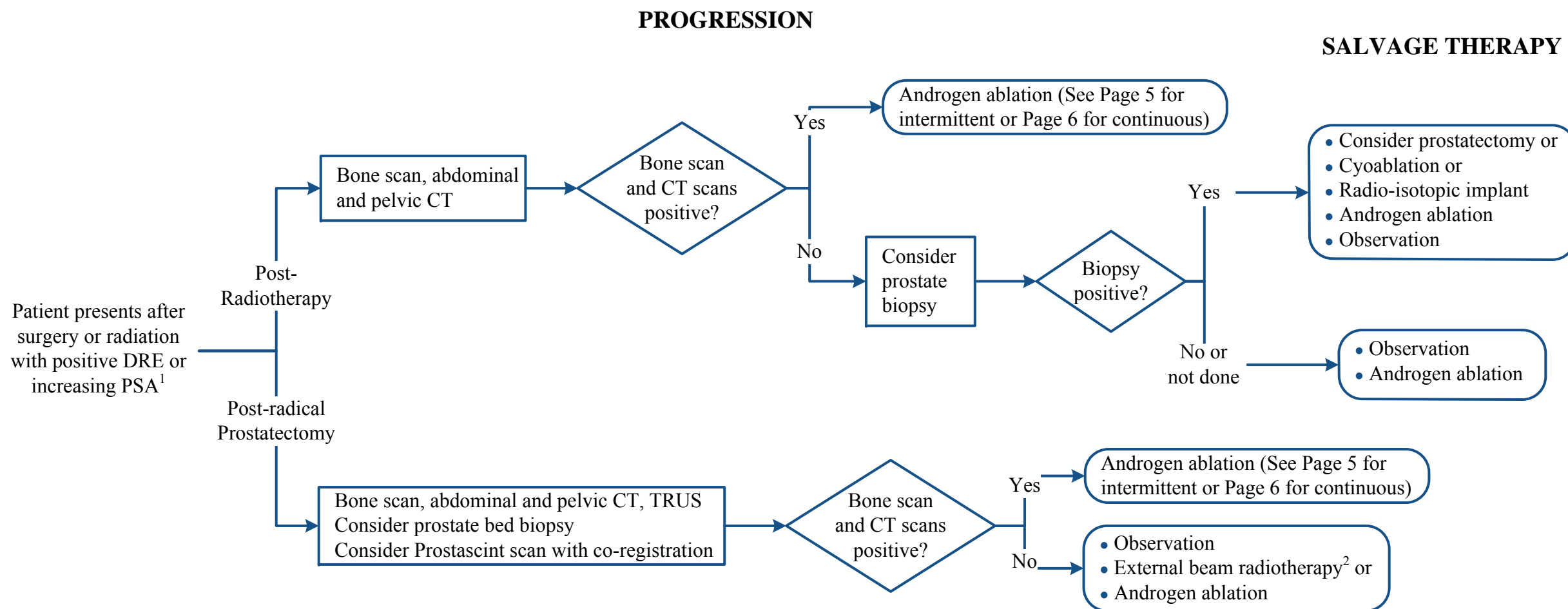
ACTIVE SURVEILLANCE

PROGRESSION



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¹ Rising PSA after radical prostatectomy is greater than 0.2 ng/mL

Rising PSA after radiotherapy or brachytherapy is PSA greater than 2.0 ng/mL above the nadir (lowest value post treatment off androgen deprivation, or medical castration therapy (ADT))

² Numerous studies indicate that salvage external beam radiotherapy is most effective if delivered with a PSA less than 0.5 ng/mL

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