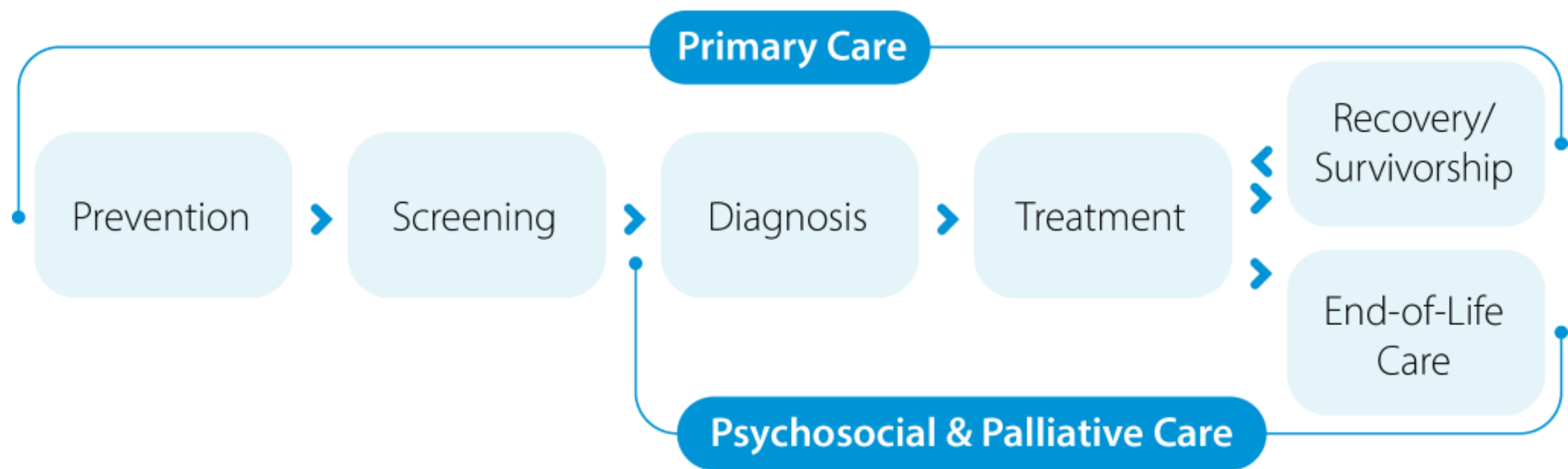


Breast Cancer Prevention Pathway Map

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Target Population

People who are at a higher than average risk for breast cancer.

Pathway Map Considerations

- For more information about the evidence linking risk factors to breast cancer visit:
 - [Cancer Risk Factors in Ontario: Healthy Weights, Healthy Eating and Active Living](#)
 - [Cancer Risk Factors in Ontario: Alcohol Report](#)

Pathway Map Legend

Colour Guide	Shape Guide	Line Guide
Primary Care	Intervention	Required
Palliative Care	Decision or assessment point	Possible
Pathology	Patient (disease) characteristics	
Surgery	Consultation with specialist	
Radiation Oncology	Exit pathway	
Medical Oncology	or Off page reference	
Radiology	Referral	
Multidisciplinary Cancer Conference (MCC)		
Genetics		
Psychosocial Oncology (PSO)		

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Ontario Breast Screening Program Risk Categories & Criteria

Average Risk Screening

Women are considered eligible for average risk screening if they are asymptomatic and meet all of the following criteria:

- Are 50-74 years of age*
- Have no personal history of breast cancer
- Have no current breast implants
- Have not had a mastectomy
- Have not had a screening mammogram within the last 11 months

For more information see: [Breast Screening Guidelines Summary](#)

Potentially at High Risk (Genetic assessment required to determine eligibility for High Risk OBSP)

Women may be eligible for high risk screening if they are asymptomatic, are 30-69 years of age AND meet one of the following criteria:

- First degree relative of a carrier of a gene mutation associated with a high risk of breast cancer and has **not** had genetic counselling or testing
- A personal or family history of **at least one** of the following:
 - Two or more cases of breast cancer (particularly where diagnosis occurred at ≤50 years) and/or ovarian cancer (any age) in the family, especially in first-degree or second-degree relatives, on the same side of the family
 - Bilateral breast cancers
 - Both breast and ovarian cancer in the same woman
 - Breast cancer at ≤35 years of age
 - Invasive serous ovarian cancer
 - Breast and/or ovarian cancer in Ashkenazi Jewish families
 - An identified gene mutation associated with a high risk of breast cancer in any blood relatives
 - Male breast cancer

For more information see: [Breast Cancer Screening for Women at High Risk](#) and [OBSP Requisition for High Risk Screening](#).

Known High Risk (Eligible for direct entry into High Risk OBSP)

Women are considered eligible for high risk screening if they are asymptomatic, are 30-69 years of age and meet **at least one** of the following criteria:

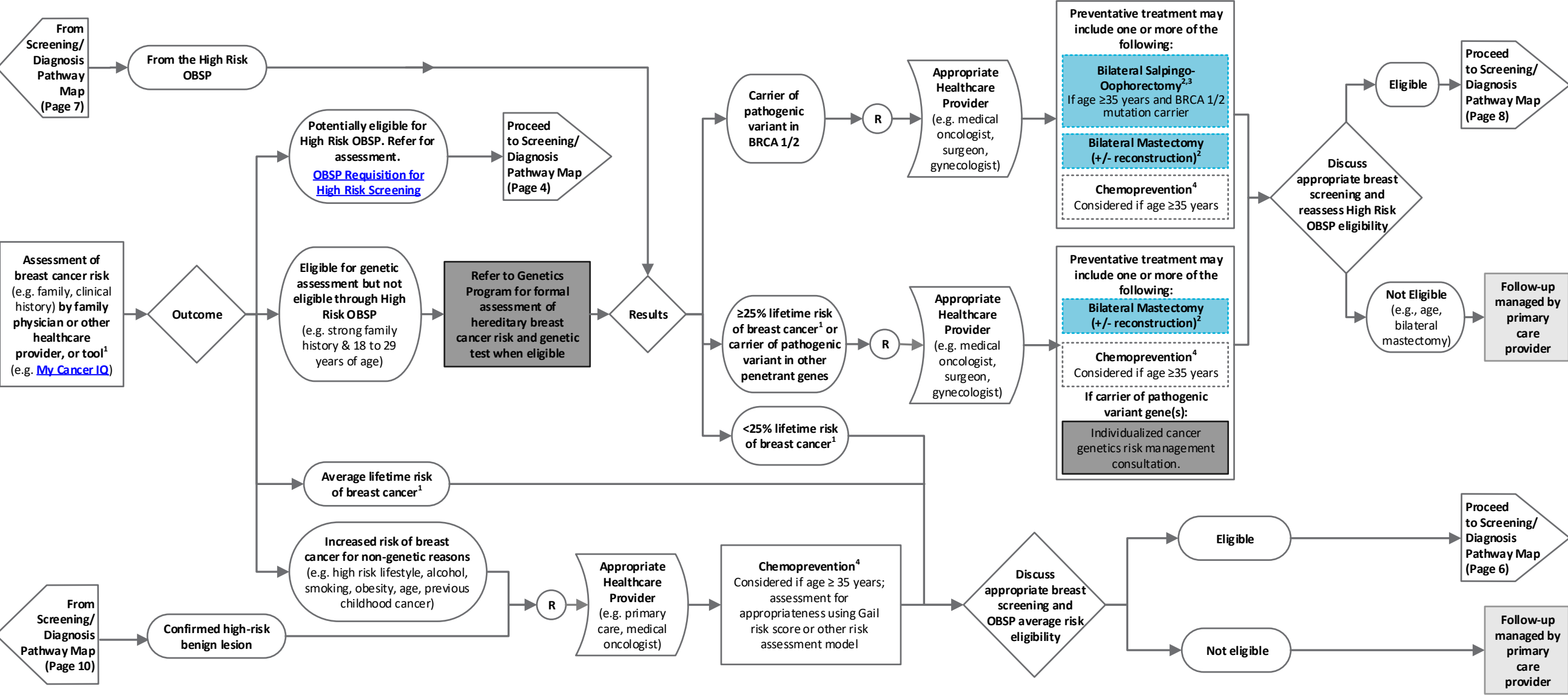
- Known carrier of a gene mutation associated with a high risk of breast cancer
- Have not had genetic testing, but have had genetic counselling because they are a first-degree relative of a carrier of a gene mutation associated with a high risk of breast cancer
- Previously assessed as having a ≥25% lifetime risk of breast cancer based on personal and family history (confirmed at a genetics clinic using the International Breast Cancer Intervention Study (IBIS) or Breast and Ovarian Analysis of Disease Incidence and Carrier Estimation Algorithm (BOADICEA) risk assessment tools; results must be faxed with requisition form.)
- Had radiation therapy to the chest before age 30 and had the radiation at least 8 years ago

For more information see: [Breast Cancer Screening for Women at High Risk](#) and [OBSP Requisition for High Risk Screening](#).

* Women over age 74 can be screened within the OBSP; however, they are encouraged to make a personal decision in consultation with their healthcare provider. The OBSP will not recall women over age 74 to participate in the program. To continue screening throughout the OBSP, a healthcare provider will need to make a referral.

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Health behaviour interventions (e.g., exercise, nutrition) should be considered for all individuals of any risk category.



¹ Lifetime risk of breast cancer should be based on personal or family history and must have been assessed using IBIS or BOADICEA risk assessment tools, preferably by a genetics or breast cancer clinic. For more information on these tools visit <http://www.ems-trials.org/riskevaluator/> for IBIS and <http://ccge.medschl.cam.ac.uk/boadicea/> for BOADICEA.

² National Comprehensive Cancer Network (2019). Genetic/Familial High-Risk Assessment: Breast, Ovarian, and Pancreatic (Version1.2020), Table GENE-A, p.20

³ For information on the examination of bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy specimens visit the CAP checklists at www.cap.org

⁴ Use of Endocrine Therapy for Breast Cancer Risk Reduction: ASCO Clinical Practice Guideline Update. Kala Visvanathan et al. Journal of Clinical Oncology 2019 37:33, 3152-31