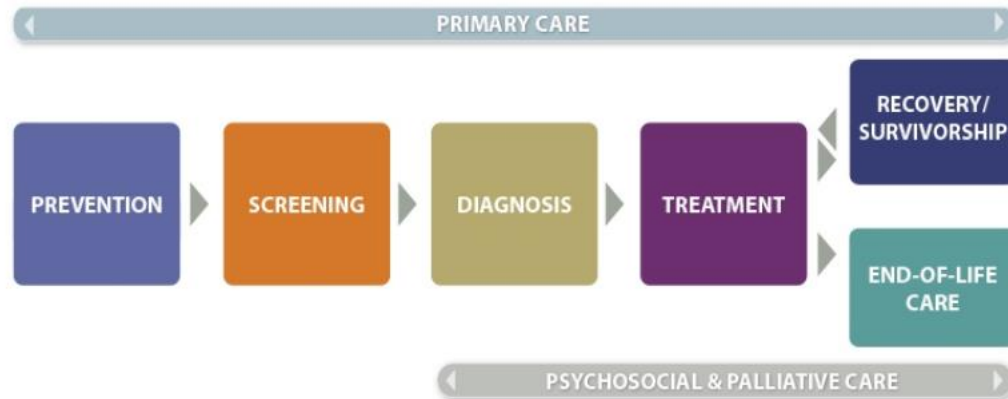


# Lung Cancer Tissue Pathway Map

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## The cancer journey

*Better cancer services every step of the way*



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### Pathway Map Considerations

- Primary care providers play an important role in the cancer journey and should be informed of relevant tests and consultations. Ongoing care with a primary care provider is assumed to be part of the pathway map. For patients who do not have a primary care provider, [Health Care Connect](#), is a government resource that helps patients find a family doctor or nurse practitioner.
- Throughout the pathway map, a shared decision-making model should be implemented to enable and encourage patients to play an active role in the management of their care. For more information see [Person-Centered Care Guideline](#) and [EBS #19-2 Provider-Patient Communication\\*](#)
- Hyperlinks are used throughout the pathway map to provide information about relevant CCO tools, resources and guidance documents.
- The term 'health care provider', used throughout the pathway map, includes primary care providers and specialists, nurse practitioners, and emergency physicians.
- Counseling and treatment for smoking cessation should be initiated early on in the pathway map and continued by care providers throughout the pathway map as necessary. [Program Training & Consultation Centre – Hospital Based Resources](#)
- In order to minimize delays, processes may be carried out in parallel if disease management is not affected.
- For more information on Multidisciplinary Cancer Conferences visit [MCC Tools](#)
- Clinical trials should be considered for all phases of the pathway map.
- Psychosocial oncology (PSO) is the interprofessional specialty concerned with understanding and treating the social, practical, psychological, emotional, spiritual and functional needs and quality-of-life impact that cancer has on patients and their families. Psychosocial care should be considered an integral and standardized part of cancer care for patients and their families at all stages of the illness trajectory. For more information, visit [EBS #19-3\\*](#)
- The following should be considered when weighing the treatment options described in this pathway map for patients with potentially life-limiting illness: (1) Palliative care may be of benefit at any stage of the cancer journey, and may enhance other types of care - including restorative or rehabilitative care - or may become the total focus of care, (2) Ongoing discussions regarding goals of care is central to palliative care, and is an important part of the decision-making process. Goals of care discussions include the type, extent and goal of a treatment or care plan, where care will be provided, which health care providers will provide the care, and the patient's overall approach to care

\* **Note.** [EBS #19-3](#) is older than 3 years and is currently listed as 'For Education and Information Purposes'. This means that the recommendations will no longer be maintained but may still be useful for academic or other information purposes.

### Pathway Map Legend

#### Colour Guide

- Primary Care
- Supportive and End of Life Care
- Pathology
- Surgery
- Radiation Oncology
- Medical Oncology
- Radiology
- Multidisciplinary Cancer Conference (MCC)
- Psychosocial Oncology (PSO)

#### Shape Guide

- Intervention
- Decision or assessment point
- Patient (disease) characteristics
- Consultation with specialist
- Exit pathway map
- Off-page reference
- Patient/Provider Interaction
- Referral
- Wait time indicator time point

#### Line Guide

- Required
- Possible

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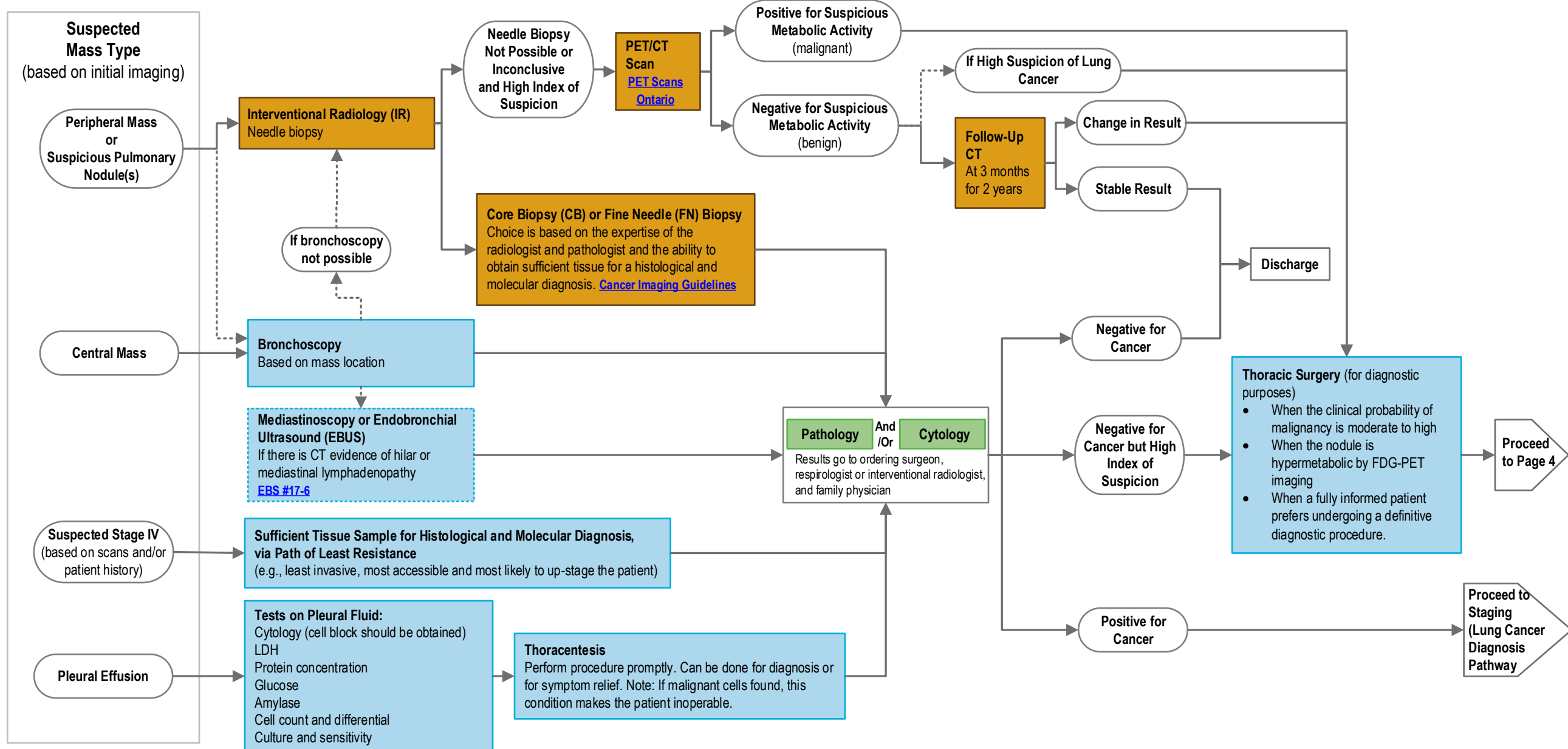
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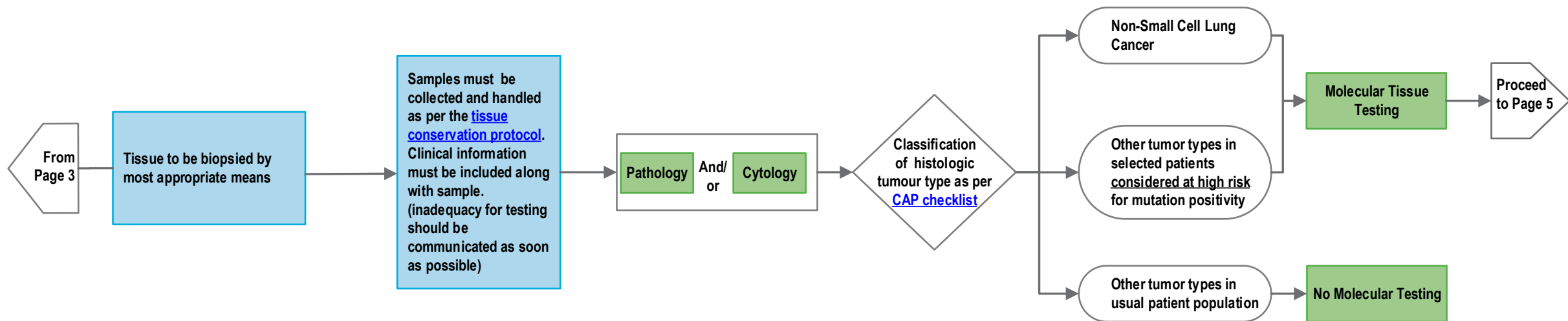
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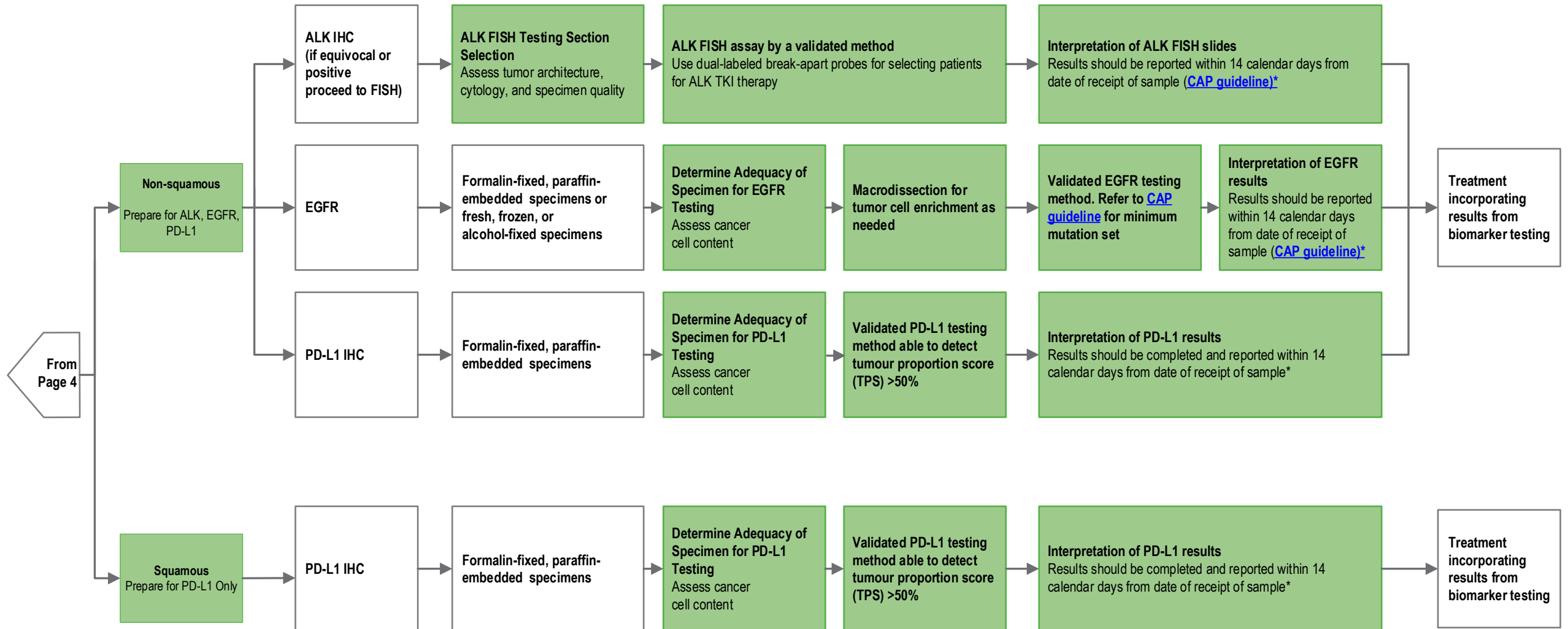
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