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¹There are special circumstances in which these guidelines do not apply. These include, but are not limited to:

- Sarcoma of the breast
- Patients with lupus and scleroderma
- Cancer during pregnancy
- Lymphoma of the breast
- Patients with limited life expectancy
- Special histologies (*i.e.*, tubular, medullary, pure papillary, or colloid)

²For inflammatory breast cancer, see [Breast Cancer – Inflammatory \(IBC\) algorithm](#)

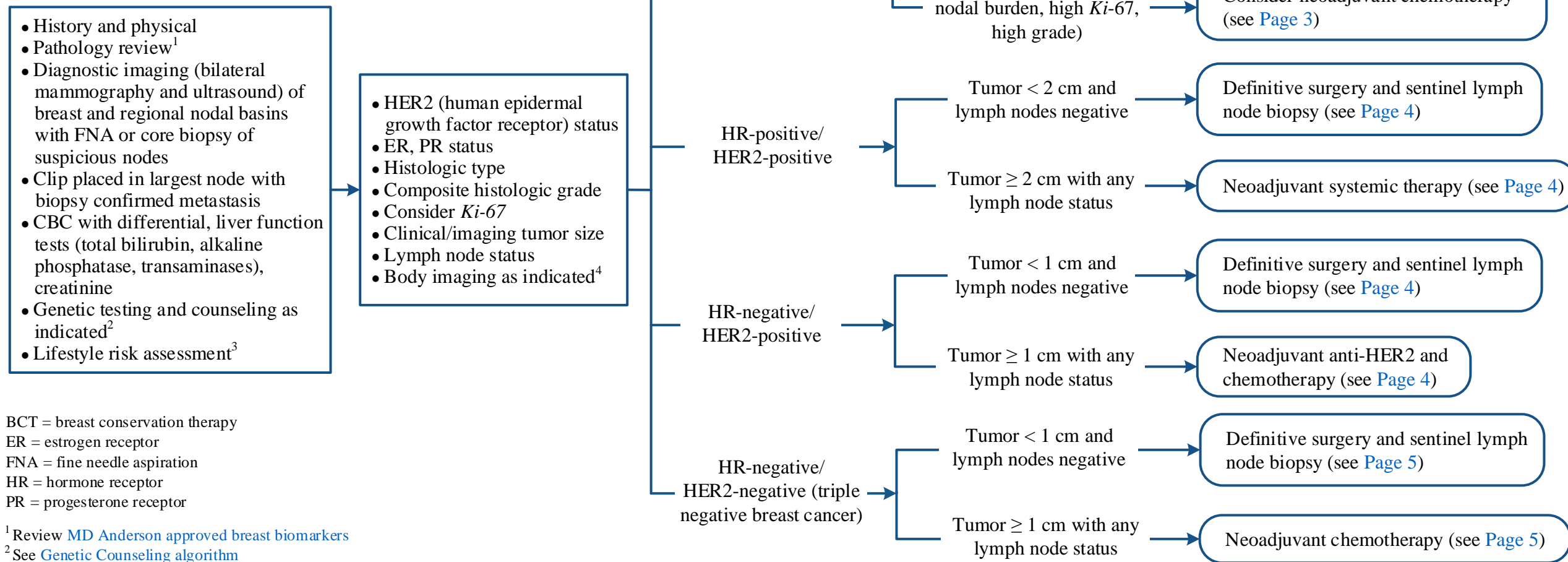
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INITIAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY EVALUATION

CLINICAL STAGING

TREATMENT



BCT = breast conservation therapy
 ER = estrogen receptor
 FNA = fine needle aspiration
 HR = hormone receptor
 PR = progesterone receptor

¹ Review MD Anderson approved breast biomarkers

² See Genetic Counseling algorithm

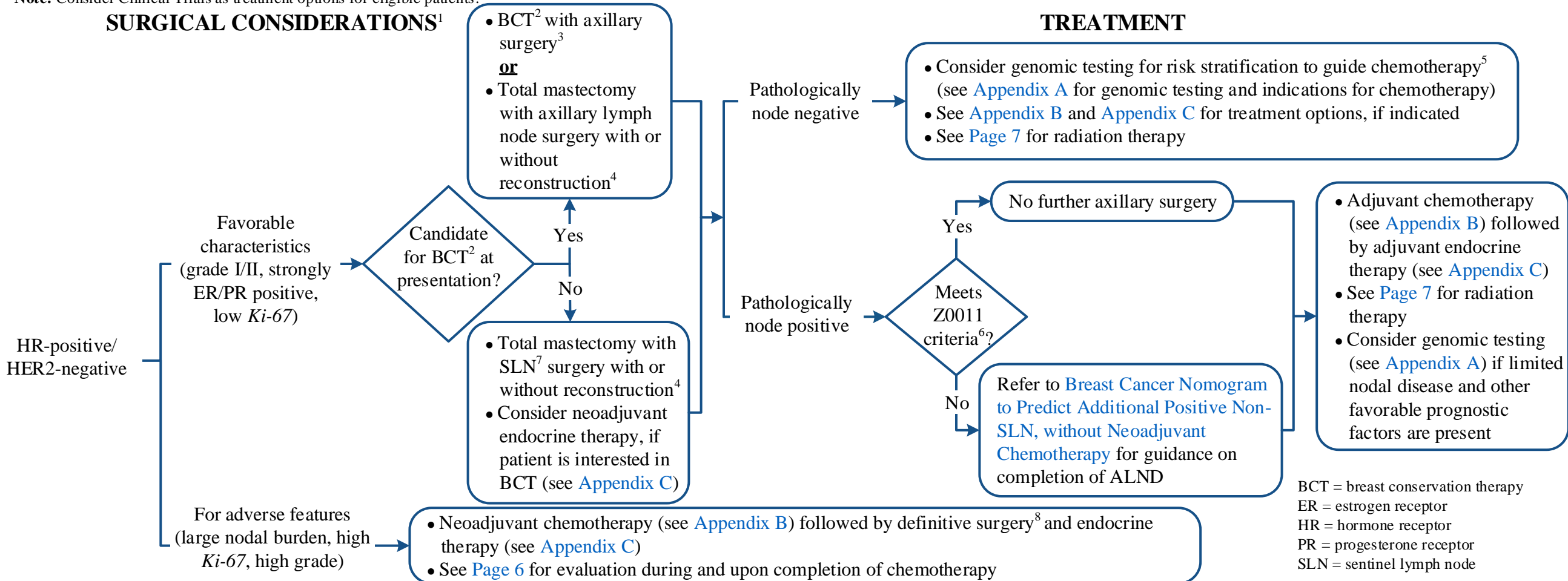
³ See Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Tobacco Cessation algorithms; ongoing reassessment of lifestyle risks should be a part of routine clinical practice

⁴ Patients with signs or symptoms suggestive of metastatic disease should be considered for additional imaging

⁵ Candidates for BCT: • Tumor to breast size ratio allows for acceptable cosmetic result • No evidence of diffuse calcifications on mammogram

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⁴ For patients with stage II disease requiring post-mastectomy radiation, consider delayed reconstruction. For patients with stage III disease, delayed reconstruction is generally preferred. Pre-operative consultation with Plastic Surgery and Radiation Oncology recommended.

⁵ Genomic testing may not be indicated for post-surgery patients with all favorable prognostic factors present

⁶ Z0011 criteria: Clinical T1 or T2, N0, M0, lumpectomy and sentinel lymph node surgery, and tumor positive sentinel node (up to two nodes positive on sentinel node surgery) and are planned for whole breast irradiation and systemic therapy

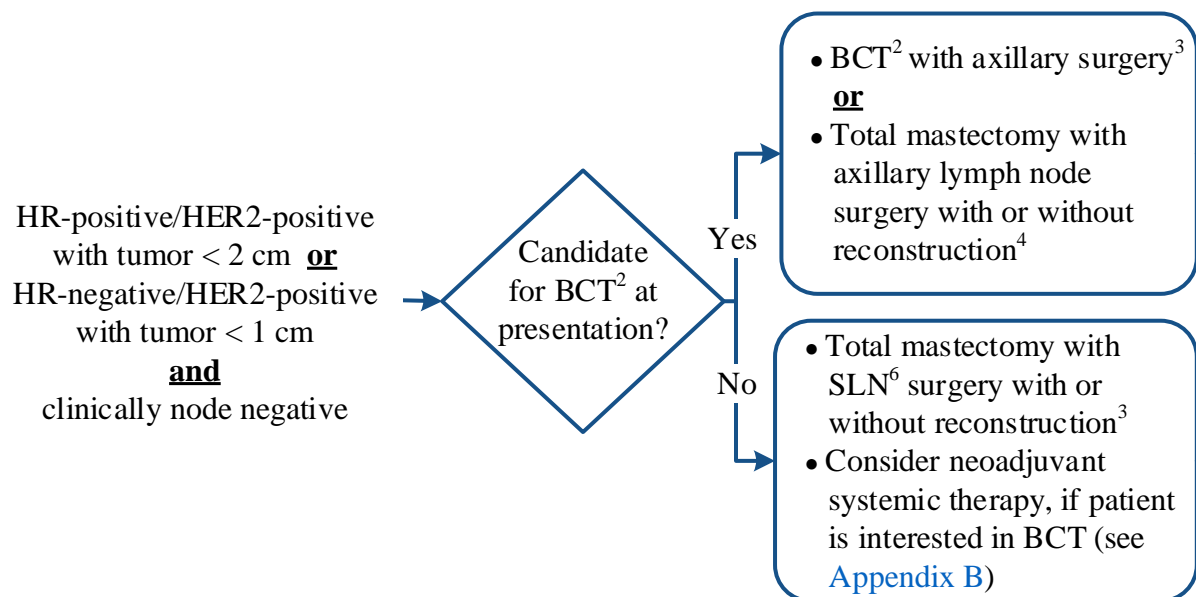
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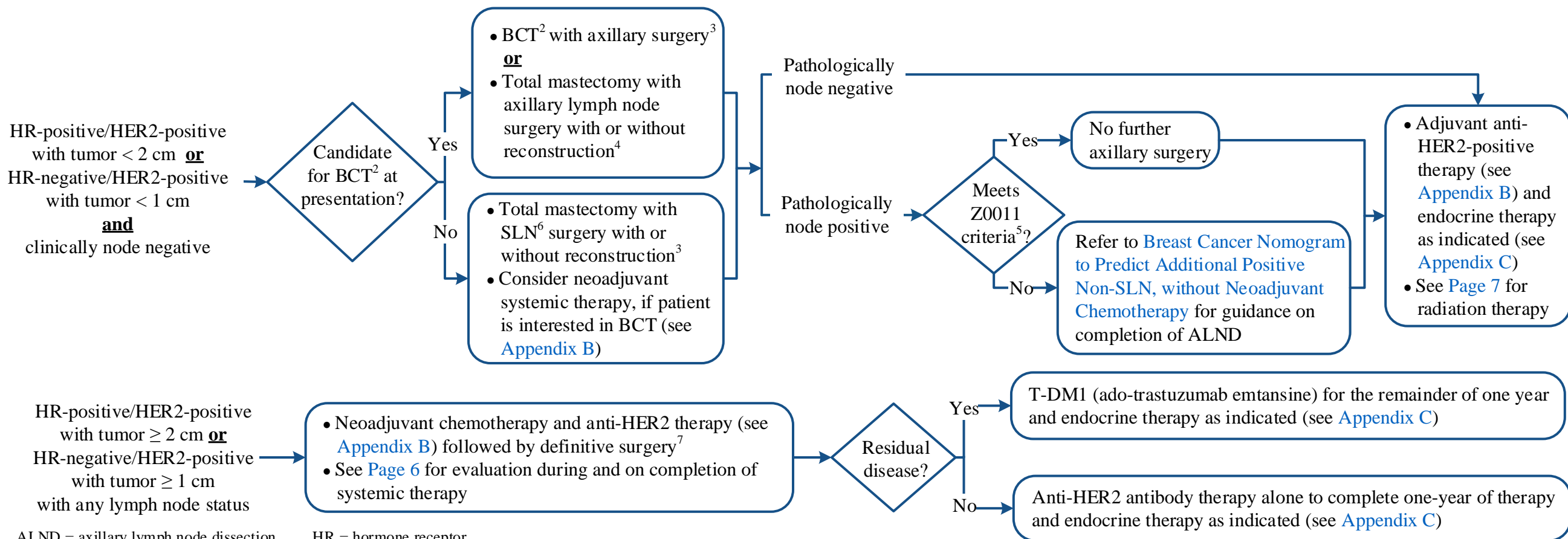
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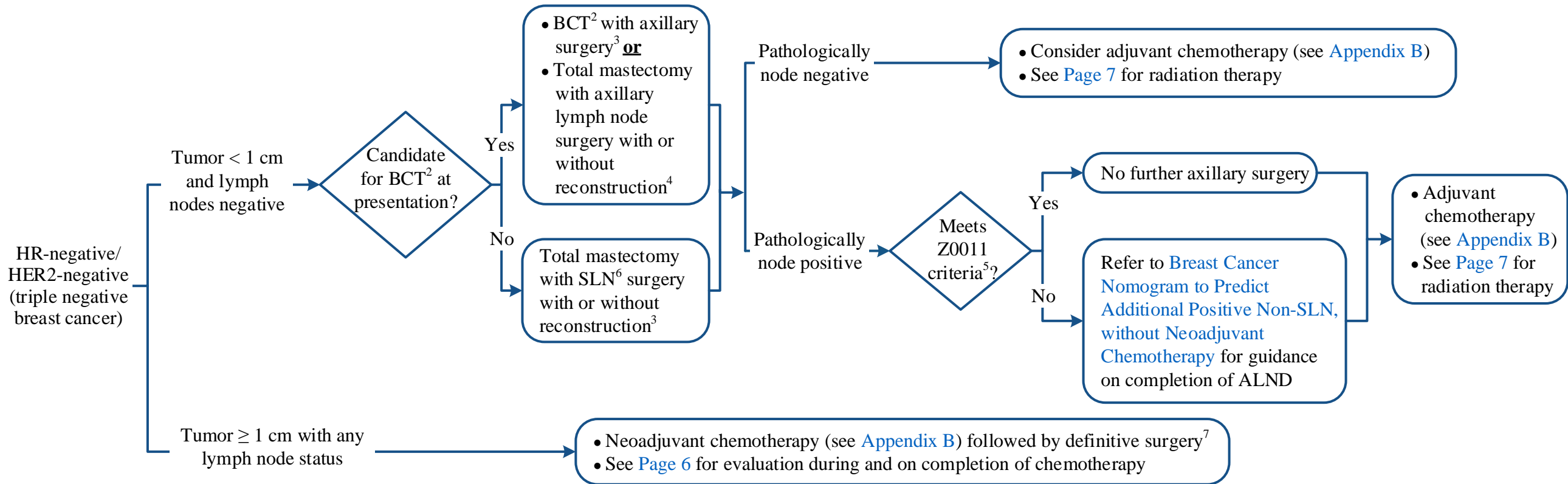
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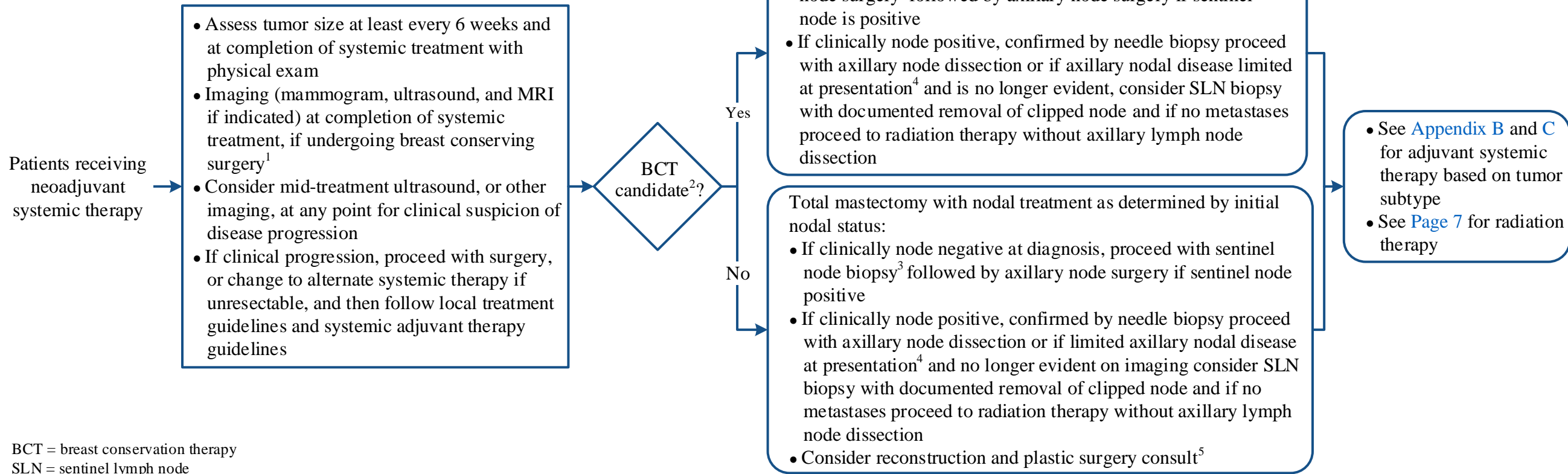
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EVALUATION DURING AND POST NEOADJUVANT TREATMENT

SURGICAL OPTIONS



¹ Neoadjuvant response assessment with MRI in cases where mammogram and/or ultrasound are insufficient

² Candidates for BCT:

• Tumor to breast size ratio allows for acceptable cosmetic result • No evidence of diffuse calcifications on mammogram • Negative margins after surgery • Resolution of any skin edema after systemic therapy

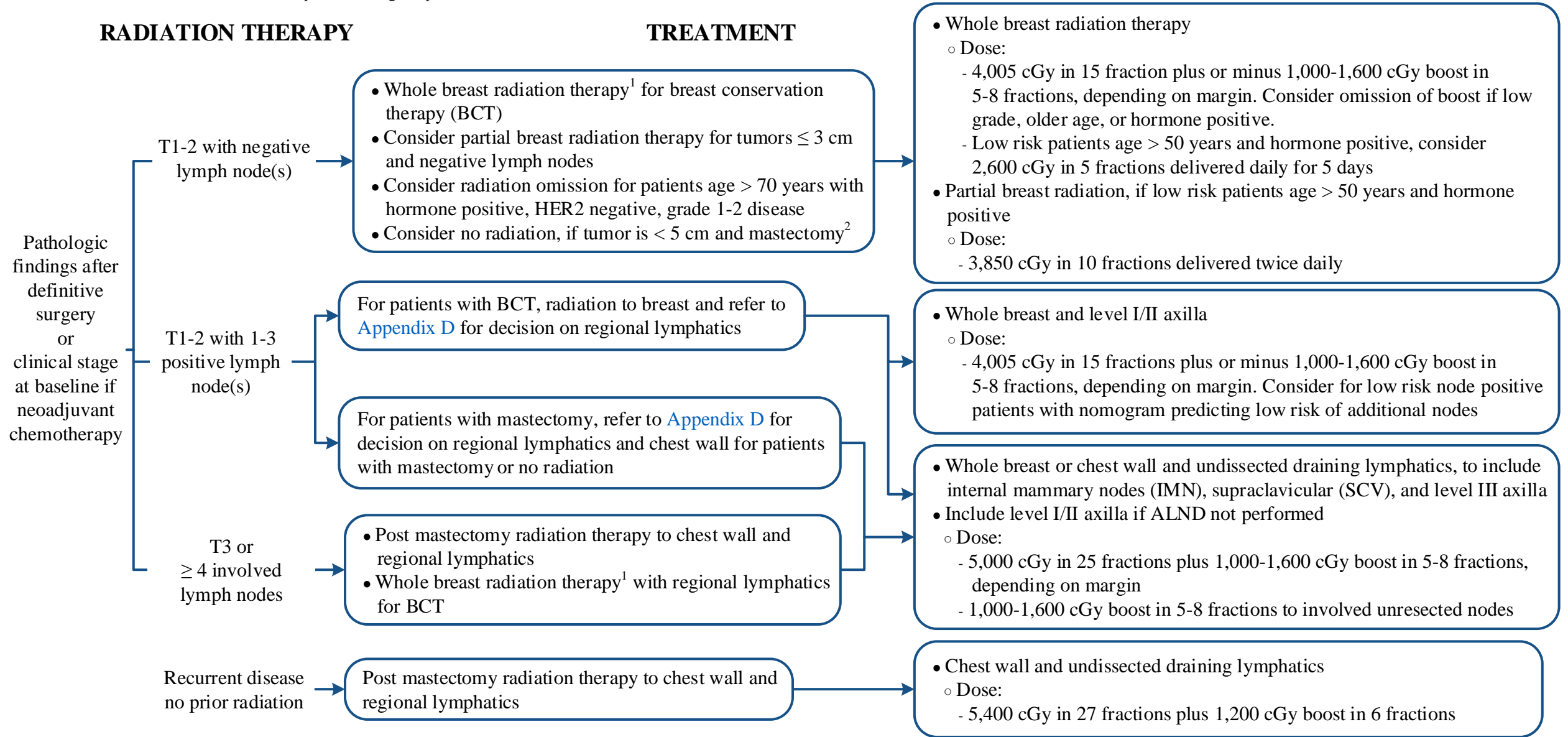
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⁴ Limited nodal involvement at presentation is defined as ≤ 3 abnormal nodes on axillary ultrasound. The largest biopsy proven positive node should be clipped at presentation and documentation of clipped nodes is required at surgery.

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¹ Radiation therapy for BCT and post-mastectomy radiation are generally delivered at completion of chemotherapy. For early stage node negative patients, patients waiting for genomic scores, or patients eligible for partial breast irradiation, radiation therapy may be delivered before chemotherapy.

² See [Appendix D](#): Selection of Patients for Radiation to Regional Lymphatics

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SURVEILLANCE

- Physical exam at least every 3-6 months for 5 years, then annually after year 5
- If breast conservation therapy (BCT), mammogram of treated breast at 6 months following completion of radiation therapy, then annually
- For patients with germline mutations, alternating mammogram and breast MRI every 6 months; consider annual breast MRI depending on age and breast density as indicated
- Annual gynecologic exam, if receiving tamoxifen
- Assess bone health (see [Breast Cancer Survivorship: Bone Health algorithm](#))
- Encourage age appropriate cancer and general health guidelines
- Educate, screen and refer for lymphedema management as needed

See [Page 9](#) for Evaluation
for Local Recurrence

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EVALUATION FOR LOCAL RECURRENCE

Ipsilateral breast/chest wall recurrence or ipsilateral regional nodal recurrence

Systemic workup including biopsy to confirm recurrence and evaluate presence of distant metastasis:

- Biomarkers¹ of breast/chest wall recurrence or nodal recurrence (if no breast/chest wall recurrence)
- If intact breast, bilateral diagnostic mammogram
- Ultrasound of affected breast including regional nodal basins
- Body imaging for invasive recurrence
- Multidisciplinary team discussion to determine appropriate sequencing of treatment options

Distant metastasis?

Yes
No

See NCCN guidelines

Local only recurrence

Regional only **or** local and regional recurrence

TREATMENT FOR RECURRENCE

Initial treatment with lumpectomy plus radiation therapy

Initial treatment with mastectomy plus level I/II axillary dissection and prior radiation therapy

Initial treatment with mastectomy and no prior radiation therapy²

Axillary recurrence

Supraclavicular recurrence

Internal mammary node recurrence

Total mastectomy plus axillary lymph node staging if level I/II axillary dissection not previously done²

Surgical resection if possible²

Surgical resection if possible plus radiation therapy³

• Surgical resection if possible plus radiation therapy^{2,3} if possible
 • Consider preoperative systemic therapy, as per tumor subtype

• Radiation therapy^{2,3} if possible
 • Consider systemic therapy, as per tumor subtype, prior to radiation therapy

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Consider systemic therapy:

- See [Appendix B](#) for preoperative/adjuvant chemotherapy plus/minus anti-HER2 therapy
- See [Appendix C](#) for adjuvant endocrine therapy
- See [Appendix E](#) for recurrent systemic therapy treatment options

¹ Consider MD Anderson approved breast biomarkers

² Consider referral to radiation therapy for evaluation of re-irradiation if prior treatment > 2 years and for potential clinical benefit

³ See [Page 7](#) for radiation therapy

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APPENDIX A: Genomic Considerations for Determination of Prognosis and Need for Adjuvant Chemotherapy in Patients with HR+ Breast Cancer

Genomic panels supported by level 1 or 2 evidence:

- 21-gene recurrence score (Oncotype DX®)
- 12-gene risk score (EndoPredict®)
- PAM50 risk of recurrence (ROR) score (Prosigna™ Breast Cancer Prognostic Gene Signature Assay)
- Breast Cancer Index

Genomic Assay	Benefit from Chemotherapy ¹	No Benefit from Chemotherapy
Oncotype DX® recurrence score (RS)		
◦ Age ≤ 50	RS ≥ 16	RS < 16
◦ Age > 50	RS > 25	RS ≤ 25
EndoPredict® risk score (RS)	RS > 3.3287 (high)	RS < 3.3287 (low)
Prosigna™ recurrence score (RS)	RS ≥ 41	RS < 41
Breast Cancer Index recurrence score (RS)	RS ≥ 5	RS < 5

¹ These assays have been validated for use in patients with negative lymph nodes. Evidence in patients with positive lymph nodes is emerging, but is not yet compelling.

Harris, L., Ismaila, N., McShane, L., Andre, F., Collyar, D., Gonzalez-Angulo, A., . . . Hayes, D. (2016). Use of biomarkers to guide decisions on adjuvant systemic therapy for women with early-stage invasive breast cancer: American Society of Clinical Oncology clinical practice guideline. *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, 34(10), 1134–1150. doi:10.1200/JCO.2015.65.2289

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APPENDIX B: Chemotherapy and Anti-HER2 Neoadjuvant/Adjuvant Systemic Therapy Options¹

HER2-negative disease

Preferred regimens:

- AC-T (doxorubicin 60 mg/m² IV and cyclophosphamide 600 mg/m² IV either every 3 weeks or every 2 weeks (dose-dense) followed or preceded by weekly paclitaxel 80 mg/m² for 12 doses, or dose-dense paclitaxel every 2 weeks)
- FAC-T (fluorouracil 500 mg/m² IV on Day 1 and 8, doxorubicin 50 mg/m² IV on Day 1, and cyclophosphamide 500 mg/m² IV on Day 1 followed or preceded by weekly paclitaxel 80 mg/m²)
- Consider the addition of carboplatin (AUC 6 IV) for triple negative disease
- TC (docetaxel 75 mg/m² IV on Day 1 and cyclophosphamide 600 mg/m² IV on Day 1) every 3 weeks

Other regimens²

- Dose-dense AC (doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide) followed or preceded by docetaxel every 3 weeks
- Docetaxel and carboplatin (not routinely used except when there is no response to therapy or patient is borderline operable)

HER2-positive disease

Optimal duration of adjuvant anti-HER2 antibody therapy is one year

All anti-HER2 regimens include trastuzumab every 3 weeks following chemotherapy to complete a full year of trastuzumab, including what was given with chemotherapy

Preferred regimens:

- AC-T (doxorubicin 60 mg/m² IV and cyclophosphamide 600 mg/m² IV followed by paclitaxel 80 mg/m² IV plus trastuzumab 8 mg/kg IV loading dose, followed by 6 mg/kg IV, plus pertuzumab 840 mg IV followed by 420 mg IV); AC (doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide) given every 2 or 3 weeks for 4 cycles and dose-dense paclitaxel every 2 weeks for 4 cycles or weekly for 12 cycles
- TCHP (docetaxel 75 mg/m² IV, carboplatin AUC 6 IV, trastuzumab 8 mg/kg loading dose, followed by 6 mg/kg IV, pertuzumab 840 mg IV followed by 420 mg IV)
- For stage II or higher, consider addition of pertuzumab with chemotherapy portion of regimen or for the entire year with the trastuzumab

Other regimens²:

- Weekly paclitaxel plus trastuzumab (for low-risk disease, such as stage I)
- T-DM1 adjuvant therapy after preoperative trastuzumab for residual HER2 positive disease
- Consider use of neratinib after completion of T-DM1 therapy for patients with high risk tumors (multiple positive nodes, locally advanced disease, etc.)

T-DM1 = ado-trastuzumab emtansine

¹ Refer to NCCN Guidelines for specific doses and number of cycles

² May consider other neoadjuvant/adjuvant regimens per NCCN guidelines

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APPENDIX C: Endocrine Neoadjuvant/Adjuvant Therapy Options

First Line Therapy	Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premenopausal¹ at diagnosis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ OFS plus AI^{2,3} for 5 years ◦ Tamoxifen for 5-10 years • Postmenopausal at diagnosis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ AI^{2,3} for 5-7 years (maximum of 10 years) ◦ Tamoxifen for 5-10 years only if AI⁴ not possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premenopausal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Consider OFS plus tamoxifen for patients who cannot tolerate AI • Postmenopausal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Consider adjuvant bisphosphonate for postmenopausal women

Notes:

- Longer durations of endocrine therapy for > 5 years provide larger absolute benefit for higher risk cases (e.g., node-positive, or stage III), although extended aromatase inhibitor > 5 years has not yet shown to improve distant-metastasis-free or overall survival
- Bone density should be monitored in postmenopausal patients, consider antiresorptive therapy for osteopenia and institute for osteoporosis. Calcium/vitamin D replacement is recommended for all patients.

¹ Male patients should be treated similarly to premenopausal patients. Use of aromatase inhibitors or fulvestrant should be accompanied by androgen deprivation therapy (medical/surgical).

² Aromatase inhibitors should only be used in patients who are clearly post menopausal (status post surgical bilateral oophorectomy, clinically suppressed on gonadotropin analogues, > 2 years without clinical menses if stopped early due to chemotherapy, or naturally ceased menses for 1 year; for patients after hysterectomy or < 55 years old, consider verifying with estrogen, luteinizing hormone (LH) and follicle stimulating hormone (FSH) levels)

³ Aromatase inhibitors may not be an option if the patient is intolerant, concerns over bone density or patient declines therapy

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APPENDIX D: Selection of Patients for Radiation to Regional Lymphatics

pN1 (macromets, > 2 mm):

- Age ≤ 40 years, upfront surgery
- 3+ LNs, upfront surgery
- ypN+
- cT3 N1
- ER negative, upfront surgery
- Age < 50 years with recurrence score > 18, if known
- SLNB only and > 33% risk of additional nSLNS
- Age > 40 years, p1-2LN+, ER positive and meets at least two of the following criteria:
 - Luminal B (*Ki-67* > 20% or HER2 positive)
 - Grade 3
 - Lymphovascular space invasion (LVSI)
 - High genomic score
 - Medial tumor location

pN0, pN0(i+) or micromets:

- Meets at least 3 of the following criteria:
 - T3
 - N1(mic)
 - Multiple mic nodes
 - Medial tumor location
 - Age ≤ 45 years
 - Grade 3
 - LVSI
 - ER negative
 - Luminal B (high *Ki-67* > 20% or HER2 positive)
 - SLN only, > 33% nomogram risk
 - High genomic score

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APPENDIX E: Recurrent Systemic Therapy Treatment Options

Chemotherapy	Preferred single agents: Anthracyclines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doxorubicin • Pegylated liposomal doxorubicin 	Taxanes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paclitaxel 	Anti-metabolites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capecitabine • Gemcitabine 	Other microtubule inhibitors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vinorelbine • Eribulin
	Other single agents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyclophosphamide • Docetaxel • Cisplatin • Carboplatin • Ixabepilone • Albumin-bound paclitaxel • Epirubicin • Sacituzumab govitecan-hziy • Mitomycin C 			
	Combination chemotherapy regimens: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAC/CAF (cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, and fluorouracil) • FEC (fluorouracil, epirubicin, and cyclophosphamide) • AC (doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide) • EC (epirubicin and cyclophosphamide) • CMF (cyclophosphamide, methotrexate, and fluorouracil) • Gemcitabine and carboplatin • Docetaxel and capecitabine • Gemcitabine and paclitaxel • Ixabepilone/capecitabine 			
HER2 Based Therapies	First-line regimens for HER2-positive disease¹: (patients with trastuzumab naïve disease or those who recurred after 6 to 12 months after adjuvant trastuzumab) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pertuzumab plus trastuzumab and docetaxel • Pertuzumab plus trastuzumab and paclitaxel 			
	Other options (not considered preferred first options): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trastuzumab with docetaxel • Trastuzumab with paclitaxel with or without carboplatin • Trastuzumab with vinorelbine • Trastuzumab with capecitabine • Trastuzumab plus pertuzumab (if pertuzumab not previously given) 			
	Regimens for trastuzumab-exposed HER2-positive disease¹: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T-DM1 (ado-trastuzumab emtansine) for recurrence (6 to 12 months from adjuvant trastuzumab) • Trastuzumab plus lapatinib without cytotoxic therapy • Fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki • Lapatinib plus capecitabine • Trastuzumab plus capecitabine • Tucatinib plus trastuzumab plus capecitabine • Neratinib plus capecitabine 			
BRCA-positive directed therapies: Olaparib or talazoparib				
Endocrine based therapies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aromatase inhibitors (AI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Anastrozole ◦ Letrozole ◦ Exemestane ◦ AI with or without CDK 4/6 inhibitor (abemaciclib, palbociclib, or ribociclib) ◦ Exemestane plus everolimus • Fulvestrant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Fulvestrant with or without CDK 4/6 inhibitor (abemaciclib, palbociclib, or ribociclib) ◦ Fulvestrant with alpelisib ◦ Fulvestrant with AI • Tamoxifen • Abemaciclib single agent • Megestrol acetate 				

¹After maximal benefit achieved with chemotherapy, consider continuous anti-HER2 therapy alone, if ER or PR positive, in combination with appropriate endocrine therapy (does not apply to T-DM1)

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PRINCIPLES OF BREAST ONCOLOGIC SURGERY

Multidisciplinary management of invasive breast cancer

Surgical management of breast cancer is an important aspect of curative intent therapy. Surgical decision-making is embedded within the context of the multidisciplinary management of the breast oncology patient (both male and female). Patient participation in clinical trials when appropriate is strongly encouraged.

Diagnosis of breast malignancy

- Dedicated breast imaging at presentation should include bilateral diagnostic mammogram and unilateral breast/nodal basin ultrasound to evaluate extent of disease in the breast and regional nodes
- Consider MRI breast when there is an inability to evaluate extent of disease by conventional imaging or due to breast density and in cases of patients with occult breast primary or Paget's disease of the nipple with no underlying cancer identified
- Core needle biopsy is the preferred method of diagnosis of a palpable breast mass or non-palpable breast imaging abnormality. Pathology should include biomarker assessment.
- Excisional biopsy for diagnosis is necessary only in cases of discordance between imaging and core needle biopsy pathology or inability to obtain core needle biopsy
- Fine needle aspiration biopsy can be used for additional suspicious lesions in the ipsilateral breast to evaluate for multifocal/multicentric disease and for diagnosis of metastasis in suspicious regional nodes
- Placement of radio-opaque clip marker with confirmation by imaging should be performed at the time of needle biopsy
- Medical photography should be utilized in patients who present with skin changes
- Punch biopsy of the skin should be considered to document skin involvement

Breast conserving surgery (BCS)

- Breast conserving surgery is appropriate in patients with early stage breast cancer where complete excision of the malignancy may result in an acceptable cosmetic result. Traditionally this has been restricted to patients with unifocal breast tumors. This approach can be considered for selected patients with multifocal/multi-centric malignancy when deemed appropriate by the multidisciplinary team.
- Adjuvant radiation therapy is recommended to decrease the rate of local-regional failure. Recommend multidisciplinary team discussion prior to surgical treatment.
- Partial breast radiation therapy may be considered in postmenopausal women with ER positive tumors ≤ 3 cm and no pathologic nodal involvement
- "No ink on tumor" is an acceptable margin for invasive breast carcinoma
- Re-excision segmental mastectomy is recommended in the setting of a positive margin. It should be considered in patients with multiple close margins, discordance between clinical findings and final surgical pathology.
- Imaging guided localization with wire/needle or seed technology is recommended to facilitate intraoperative localization of non-palpable breast lesions
- Intraoperative specimen radiograph should be performed confirming excision of the lesion, clip marker and localization device and for margin assessment
- Surgical clips should be placed within the segmental cavity to guide radiation therapy planning
- Oncoplastic approaches to reconstruction of the segmental mastectomy defect should be offered to patients to facilitate improved aesthetic outcomes
- New baseline mammogram is recommended at 6 months after the completion of radiation therapy and annually thereafter for breast cancer surveillance

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PRINCIPLES OF BREAST ONCOLOGIC SURGERY - continued

Mastectomy

- Immediate post-mastectomy reconstruction should be offered to patients with early stage disease
- Delayed reconstruction is appropriate in patients with locally advanced or stage III disease. A delayed immediate approach with temporary placement of a tissue expander at the initial surgery may be considered after consultation with the plastic surgeon and radiation oncologist.
- Modified radical mastectomy is standard of care in patients with inflammatory breast cancer. Immediate breast reconstruction is contraindicated.
- Nipple sparing mastectomy is oncologically safe and appropriate in high-risk patients undergoing risk-reducing mastectomy or patients with early stage disease, appropriate breast anatomy and no evidence of nipple involvement by examination or imaging. Candidacy for nipple sparing approach includes an interdisciplinary discussion with the breast oncologic and reconstructive surgeon.
- Contralateral risk-reducing mastectomy may be considered in patients with a high-risk for future breast malignancy (including BRCA mutation carrier, strong family history, history of chest wall radiation). This approach should be avoided in patients with locally advanced breast cancer, inflammatory breast cancer and multiple medical comorbidities which increase risk of perioperative complications. A staged approach to contralateral risk-reducing mastectomy at the time of definitive breast reconstruction is preferred in patients with advanced disease.

Surgical staging of the axilla

- Axillary ultrasound and physical examination are recommended for clinical axillary staging in invasive breast cancer. Biopsy of suspicious axillary node(s) and placement of radio-opaque clip marker if positive for metastasis is recommended (usually placed in the largest node with documentation of the number of abnormal nodes).
- Sentinel node dissection is the standard of care for axillary staging in patients with clinically node negative breast cancer. Surgeons should demonstrate proficiency in lymphatic mapping through residency/fellowship training and/or a minimum of 20 cases with an identification rate of > 85% and a false negative rate of < 5%. After neoadjuvant chemotherapy, dual tracer technique utilizing blue dye and technetium radioisotope is recommended to improve sentinel node identification and to reduce the chance of a false negative sentinel node.
- Targeted axillary dissection (TAD) is appropriate surgical staging in selected patients with clinically node positive breast cancer treated with neoadjuvant systemic therapy to evaluate for residual nodal disease following systemic therapy after discussion with the multidisciplinary team. TAD includes sentinel node dissection using dual tracer technique and excision of the biopsy proven clipped axillary node via image-guided localization.

Management of biopsy proven axillary disease

- Axillary lymph node dissection (level I and II) is indicated in patients with biopsy proven clinically node positive disease who are not Z0011 candidates or those who have pathologic positive nodal involvement following systemic therapy. Level III dissection may be considered in patients with residual level III disease after neoadjuvant chemotherapy. Radiation therapy can be considered as an alternative in selected patients.
- Axillary dissection may be omitted in
 - Patients undergoing breast conserving surgery for early stage clinically node negative (T1 and T2 N0 M0) breast cancer or 1-2 positive sentinel nodes planned for adjuvant whole breast radiation therapy and adjuvant systemic therapy
 - Patients treated with neoadjuvant chemotherapy with cT1 or T2 N1 (fewer than 4 suspicious or involved nodes at presentation) disease and appropriate response to therapy determined by normal axillary physical exam and resolution of findings on axillary ultrasound who undergo TAD showing no residual nodal disease (including isolated tumor cells). Axillary radiation therapy is recommended in the omission of axillary dissection, and preoperative multidisciplinary discussion is required.
- Evaluation by a physical therapist should be performed in patients undergoing axillary lymph node dissection for improved range of motion and screening for lymphedema

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Neoadjuvant systemic therapy

- Neoadjuvant systemic therapy is standard practice in patients with inflammatory breast cancer, locally advanced breast cancer and occult primary with axillary metastasis
- In early-stage, operable breast cancer, neoadjuvant systemic therapy should be considered in patients planned for adjuvant chemotherapy including those with triple receptor negative disease (TNBC), HER2-positive disease and/or biopsy proven node-positive disease
- Neoadjuvant chemotherapy can also be considered in patients who desire breast conservation and are not candidates based on tumor size to breast volume ratio
- Neoadjuvant endocrine therapy may be considered in selected cases of ER-positive breast cancer
- Extent of disease in the breast and regional nodes should be determined and documented prior to initiation of neoadjuvant systemic therapy

Management of local-regional recurrence

- Breast imaging including mammogram (if recurrence after BCS), breast/chest wall and nodal basin ultrasound and MRI when appropriate should be obtained
- Diagnosis by core needle biopsy including biomarker evaluation is recommended
- Staging should be performed to evaluate for distant metastatic disease
- Multidisciplinary team discussion should occur to determine appropriate sequencing of treatment options
- Multimodality therapy is recommended including systemic therapy and radiation therapy if possible. If resectable at diagnosis may proceed with local-regional management followed by adjuvant systemic therapy. Neoadjuvant systemic therapy should be considered especially for HER2-positive and triple negative breast cancer (TNBC).
- Surgical management of in-breast tumor recurrence after previous radiotherapy should include total mastectomy. Breast conserving surgery may be considered if no prior radiotherapy or if re-irradiation is possible.
- Surgical management of chest wall recurrence after mastectomy should include wide local excision of the chest wall recurrence
- R0 resection with negative margins is critical and en-bloc resection of underlying musculature or chest wall may be necessary with chest wall coverage/reconstruction
- Consider sentinel node staging in the setting of in-breast tumor recurrence in patients. Lymphoscintigraphy can be helpful to identify extra-axillary drainage.

Stage IV disease

- Traditionally, surgical management of the primary and regional nodes are not recommended in the setting of stage IV disease
- In selected patients with oligometastatic disease, excellent response to systemic therapy and acceptable performance status, surgery of the primary tumor and nodal involvement may be considered to achieve no evidence of disease (NED) status. Definitive management of the oligometastatic site(s) is also recommended.

Management of patients at high-risk for breast malignancy

- Patients with hereditary breast and ovarian cancer syndrome, deleterious BRCA1 and 2 mutations, history of chest wall radiation therapy and greater than 20% lifetime risk of breast cancer should be considered for high-risk screening. High-risk screening includes bi-annual clinical examination and bilateral mammogram and MRI alternating every 6 months.
- Consideration for risk-reducing mastectomy for risk reduction may be appropriate in this population. Referral to Plastic Surgery for reconstruction is recommended. Psychosocial and body image concerns should be addressed prior to surgery.

Special considerations

- Omission of breast and/or axillary surgery may be appropriate in patients with advanced age, multiple medical co-morbidities and other clinical competing morbidity/mortality risks in comparison to the breast malignancy
- Radiation therapy or palliative mastectomy may be considered in patients with advanced local progression, symptomatic fungating and/or bleeding tumors not responsive to systemic therapy

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