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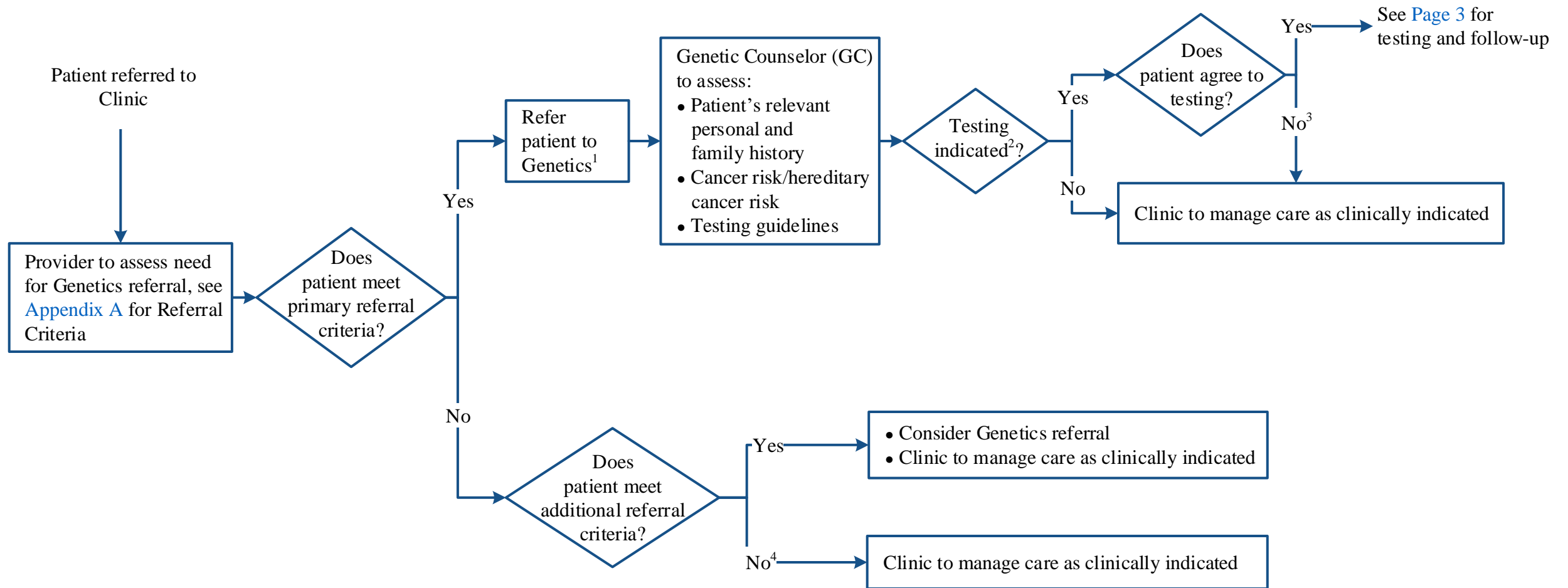
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PATIENT EVALUATION

RECOMMENDATION



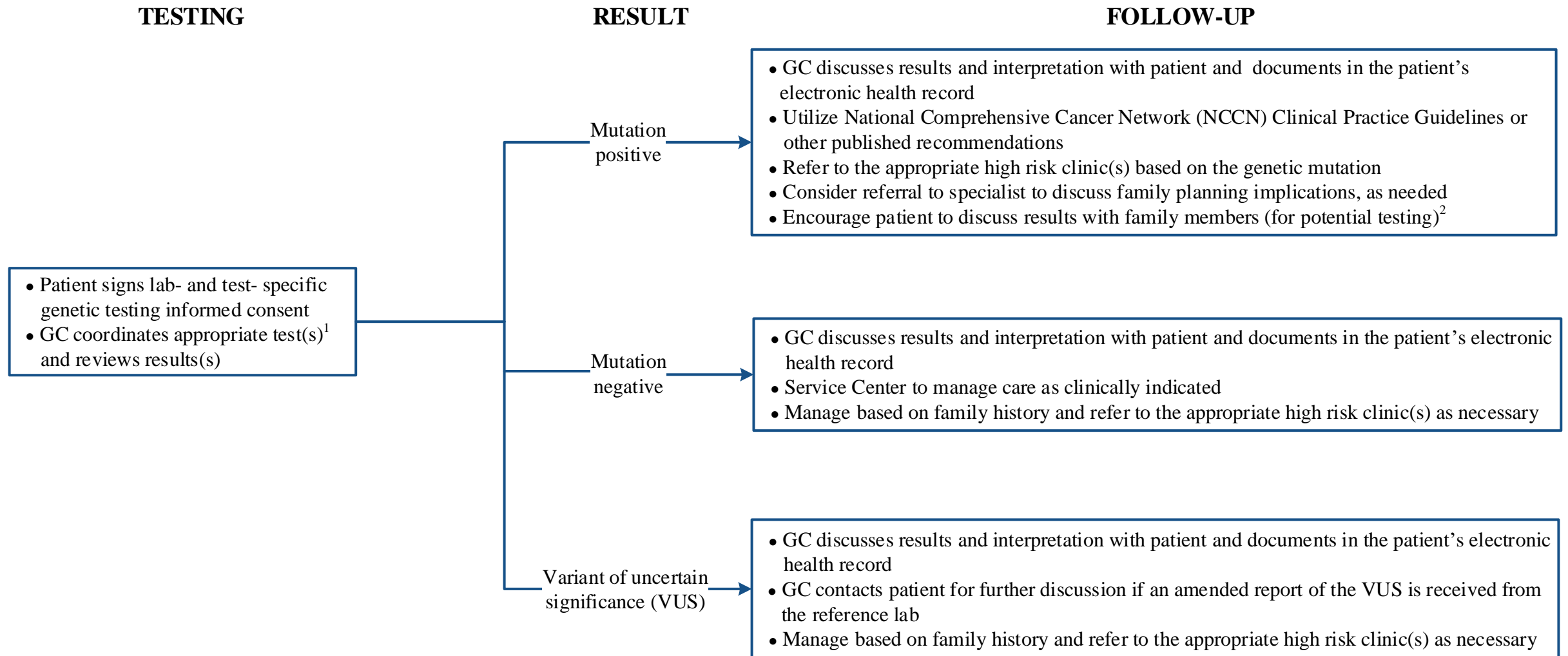
¹ Provider to document in patient's electronic health record if patient declines the recommendation for genetic counseling. For an appointment or further information, call 855-384-6254 and indicate the appropriate disease center (e.g., Breast Medical Oncology, Gynecology Oncology, Gastrointestinal Center).

² Genetic Counselor to document recommendation within the patient's electronic health record (whether testing is recommended or not)

³ Genetic Counselor to document in patient's electronic health record if patient declines the recommendation for genetic testing

⁴ Provider may document that the patient does not meet criteria for Genetics referral within the patient's electronic health record

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¹ In most cases peripheral blood is the preferred sample; in select cases (e.g., allogeneic stem cell transplant or hematologic malignancy) a different source of DNA such as cultured fibroblasts from a skin punch biopsy is required

² Refer to [Appendix B](#) for Patient Education Material

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APPENDIX A: Genetics Counseling Referral Criteria

	Primary Referral Criteria	Additional Referral Criteria
Breast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient with a personal history of breast cancer diagnosed at ≤ 50 years of age • Patient with a personal history of TRIPLE NEGATIVE breast cancer diagnosed at ≤ 60 years of age • Patient with two breast primaries when first breast cancer is diagnosed ≤ 50 years of age • Patient with a personal history of breast cancer diagnosed at any age, and one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Personal history of ovarian cancer or pancreatic cancer ◦ Family history of ovarian cancer ◦ Family history of breast cancer diagnosed at ≤ 50 years of age ◦ Family history of male breast cancer ◦ Family¹ history of ≥ 2 relatives diagnosed with breast cancer at any age ◦ Family history of metastatic or high grade (Gleason score ≥ 7) prostate cancer ◦ Family history of pancreatic cancer ◦ Family history of thyroid cancer, endometrial cancer, and/or dermatologic manifestations of Cowden syndrome ◦ Family history of sarcoma, adrenocortical cancer, brain tumors, leukemia or lymphoma ◦ Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry • Any male patient with a personal history of breast cancer • Any member of a family with a known mutation • Metastatic breast cancer patient considering targeted therapy based on genetic test results (<i>i.e.</i>, PARP inhibitors) • Patient with BRCA1/2 pathogenic or likely pathogenic variant detected on tumor profiling on any tumor type in absence of germline pathogenic/likely pathogenic variant analysis 	<p>Patients that do not meet Primary Referral Criteria, but have a personal history of breast cancer and there is a strong clinical suspicion for hereditary cancer (<i>i.e.</i>, strong family history of early onset pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, or melanoma)</p>

¹ Family history should be all on the same side of the family (*i.e.*, either maternal **or** paternal) and includes first, second, and third-degree relatives

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Gastrointestinal	<p>Patients with any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior tumor studies suggestive of hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC) syndrome (MSI-high and/or loss of staining for any mismatch repair protein by IHC), regardless of tumor type <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ If loss of MLH1/PMS2, no evidence of MLH1 methylation and/or no somatic BRAF mutation (in primary colorectal tumors) • Colorectal adenocarcinoma diagnosed at < 50 years of age • Colorectal adenocarcinoma diagnosed at any age and first- or second-degree relative with any HNPCC-related cancers¹, diagnosed at < 50 years of age • Colorectal adenocarcinoma, regardless of age and one or more of the following in his/her personal history: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Synchronous or metachronous colorectal cancer ◦ HNPCC-related cancers¹ • Multiple (> 10) adenomas on a single colonoscopy or > 20 lifetime cumulative adenomas • Hamartomatous polyps, any number, occurring at any age • Diffuse gastric adenocarcinoma (linitis plastica) diagnosed at or under 40 years of age • Diffuse gastric adenocarcinoma (linitis plastica) regardless of age and a first- or second-degree relative with gastric cancer or lobular breast cancer. • Pancreatic adenocarcinoma • Family history of a known mutation for a cancer predisposition syndrome • Somatic test results concerning for a germline mutation 	<p>Patients with any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorectal cancer diagnosed at any age and first- or second-degree relative with any HNPCC-related cancer¹ • Multiple (> 5) adenomas on a single colonoscopy at < 50 years of age • Unusual polyp burden (young age at diagnosis, histology, number)

¹ HNPPC-related cancers include: colorectal, endometrial, ovarian, gastric, pancreas, ureter and renal pelvis, biliary tract, brain, small intestinal cancers and sebaceous gland adenomas and keratoacanthomas (per revised Bethesda guidelines, Umar *et al*, JNCI 2004)

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Gynecologic	<p>Patients with any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High grade non-mucinous epithelial ovarian cancer, including primary peritoneal cancer and fallopian tube cancer • Endometrial cancer, and one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Personal history of colorectal cancer, regardless of age ◦ First-degree relative with colorectal or endometrial cancer at any age ◦ Any family history of colorectal or endometrial cancer diagnosed at < 50 years of age ◦ Microsatellite instability (MSI)/immunohistochemistry (IHC) suggestive of Lynch syndrome • Family history of a known mutation for a cancer predisposition syndrome 	<p>Patients with any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not meet Primary Referral Criteria, but have a significant family history of cancer • Patient diagnosed with endometrial cancer at < 50 years of age may be considered for referral at the clinician's discretion particularly if known endometrial cancer risk factors (<i>e.g.</i>, obesity) are absent • Endometrial cancer plus personal or family history of follicular thyroid cancer, breast cancer, and/or dermatologic manifestations of Cowden syndrome

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APPENDIX B: Patient Education Material

Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Syndrome

https://www.mdanderson.org/patient-education/Genetics/Hereditary-Breast-and-Ovarian-Cancer-Syndrome_docx_pe.pdf

Lynch Syndrome: Hereditary Nonpolyposis Colorectal Cancer Syndrome (HNPCC)

[https://www.mdanderson.org/patient-education/Genetics/Lynch-Syndrome-\(HNPCC\)_docx_pe.pdf](https://www.mdanderson.org/patient-education/Genetics/Lynch-Syndrome-(HNPCC)_docx_pe.pdf)

Cancer Genetics Overview

https://www.mdanderson.org/patient-education/Genetics/Cancer-Genetics-Overview_docx_pe.pdf

Genetic Counseling

https://www.mdanderson.org/patient-education/Genetics/Genetic-Counseling_docx_pe.pdf

Genetic Discrimination Laws

https://www.mdanderson.org/patient-education/Genetics/Genetic-Discrimination-Laws_docx_pe.pdf

Family History: Gathering Information About Cancer

https://www.mdanderson.org/patient-education/Genetics/Family-History-Gathering-Information-About-Cancer_docx_pe.pdf

Familial Adenomatous Polyposis (FAP)

[https://www.mdanderson.org/patient-education/Genetics/Familial-Adenomatous-Polyposis-\(FAP\)_docx_pe.pdf](https://www.mdanderson.org/patient-education/Genetics/Familial-Adenomatous-Polyposis-(FAP)_docx_pe.pdf)

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