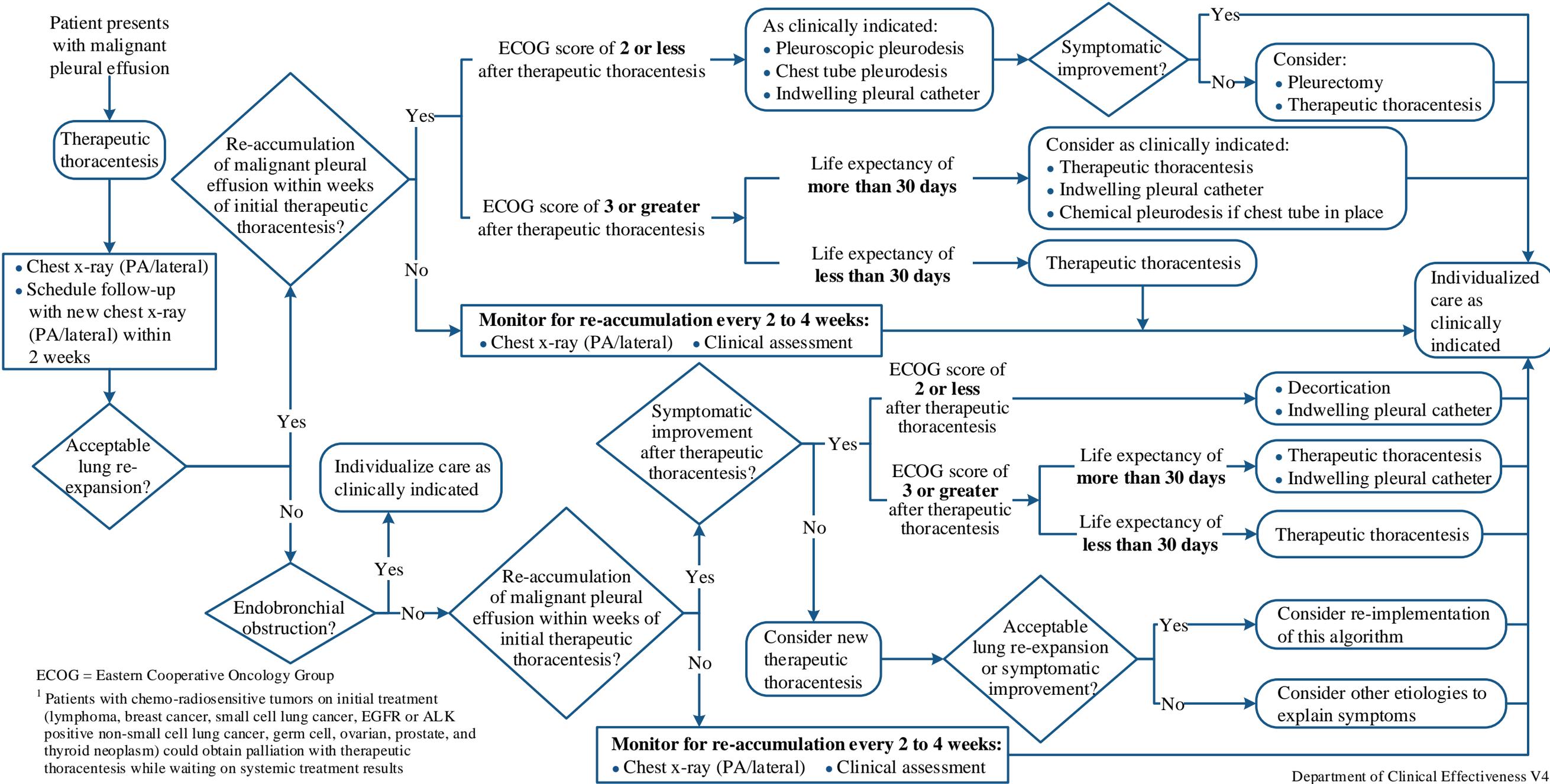


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ECOG = Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group

<sup>1</sup> Patients with chemo-radiosensitive tumors on initial treatment (lymphoma, breast cancer, small cell lung cancer, EGFR or ALK positive non-small cell lung cancer, germ cell, ovarian, prostate, and thyroid neoplasm) could obtain palliation with therapeutic thoracentesis while waiting on systemic treatment results

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