

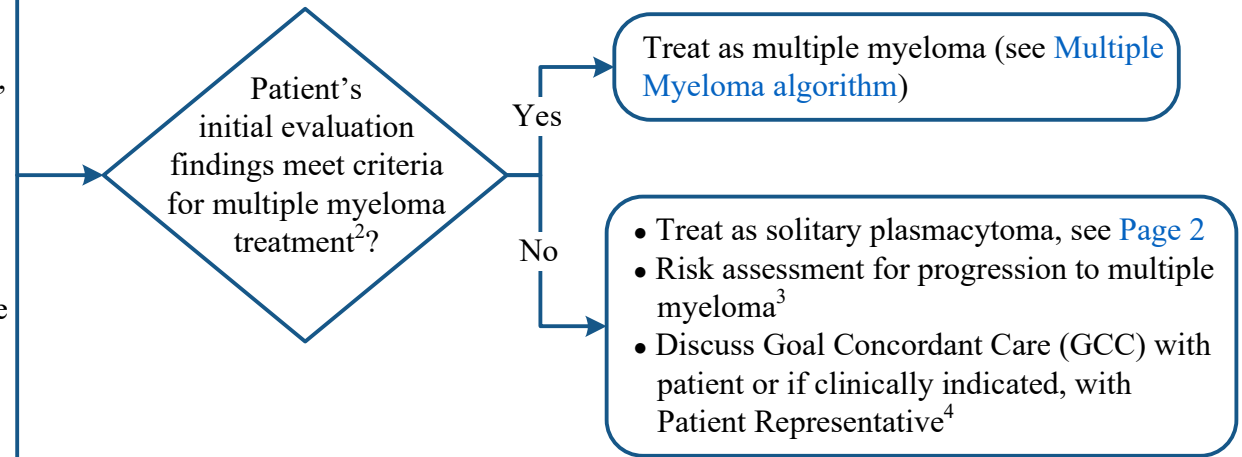
Disclaimer: This algorithm has been developed for MD Anderson using a multidisciplinary approach considering circumstances particular to MD Anderson's specific patient population, services and structure, and clinical information. This is not intended to replace the independent medical or professional judgment of physicians or other health care providers in the context of individual clinical circumstances to determine a patient's care. This algorithm should not be used to treat pregnant women.

Note: Consider Clinical Trials as treatment options for eligible patients.

INITIAL EVALUATION

- History and physical (if palpable upon physical examination, document the size of mass)
- CBC with differential, CMP, LDH, beta-2-microglobulin, serum quantitative immunoglobulins, serum protein electrophoresis, serum immunofixation, serum free light chains (kappa and lambda), and quantitative immunoglobulins (IgG, IgM, IgA)
- 24-hour urine protein electrophoresis and urine immunofixation
- Bone marrow biopsy and aspirate (immunohistochemistry, flow cytometry, cytogenetics, and FISH; molecular diagnostics if available and indicated)
- Tissue biopsy (immunohistochemistry, flow cytometry, cytogenetics, and FISH; molecular diagnostics if available and indicated)
 - Touch imprints for additional FISH testing as clinically indicated
- PET/CT of whole body **or** non-contrast MRI of whole body
- If PET/CT of whole body or MRI of whole body is unavailable, then perform MRI of the cervical, thoracic, lumbar spine with and without contrast
- Consider CT with contrast or MRI with and without contrast of the affected area, if clinically indicated
- Lifestyle risk assessment¹

TREATMENT



CMP = comprehensive metabolic panel

FISH = fluorescence in situ hybridization

¹ See [Physical Activity, Nutrition, Obesity Screening and Management](#) and [Tobacco Cessation Treatment](#) algorithms; ongoing reassessment of lifestyle risks should be a part of routine clinical practice

² Criteria for multiple myeloma treatment:

- Anemia, hypercalcemia, renal failure due to multiple myeloma **and/or**
- Bony lytic lesions due to multiple myeloma in a skeletal survey **and/or** MRI of whole body and/or PET/CT of whole body **and/or**
- Serum free light chains involved:uninvolved ratio ≥ 100 **and/or**
- Greater than one focal lesions on MRI (each focal lesion must be 5 mm or more in size) **and/or**
- Percentage of clonal plasma cells is $\geq 60\%$ in the core biopsy by CD138 immunohistochemistry

Note: Treatment may be considered if percentage of clonal plasma cells is $\geq 10\%$ in the core biopsy by CD138 immunohistochemistry

³ Risk assessment:

- Plasmacytoma size ≥ 5 cm at diagnosis
- Persistent presence of serum paraprotein 1 year after treatment

Rates of progression to multiple myeloma for patients with 1 or 2 risk factors:

- 3 years from diagnosis – 65%
- 5 years from diagnosis – 70%
- 10 years from diagnosis – 82%

⁴ GCC should be initiated by the Primary Oncologist. If Primary Oncologist is unavailable, Primary Team/Attending Physician to initiate GCC discussion and notify Primary Oncologist. Patients, or if clinically indicated, the Patient Representative should be informed of therapeutic and/or palliative options. GCC discussion should be consistent, timely, and re-evaluated as clinically indicated. The Advance Care Planning (ACP) note should be used to document GCC discussion. Refer to [GCC home page](#) (for internal use only).

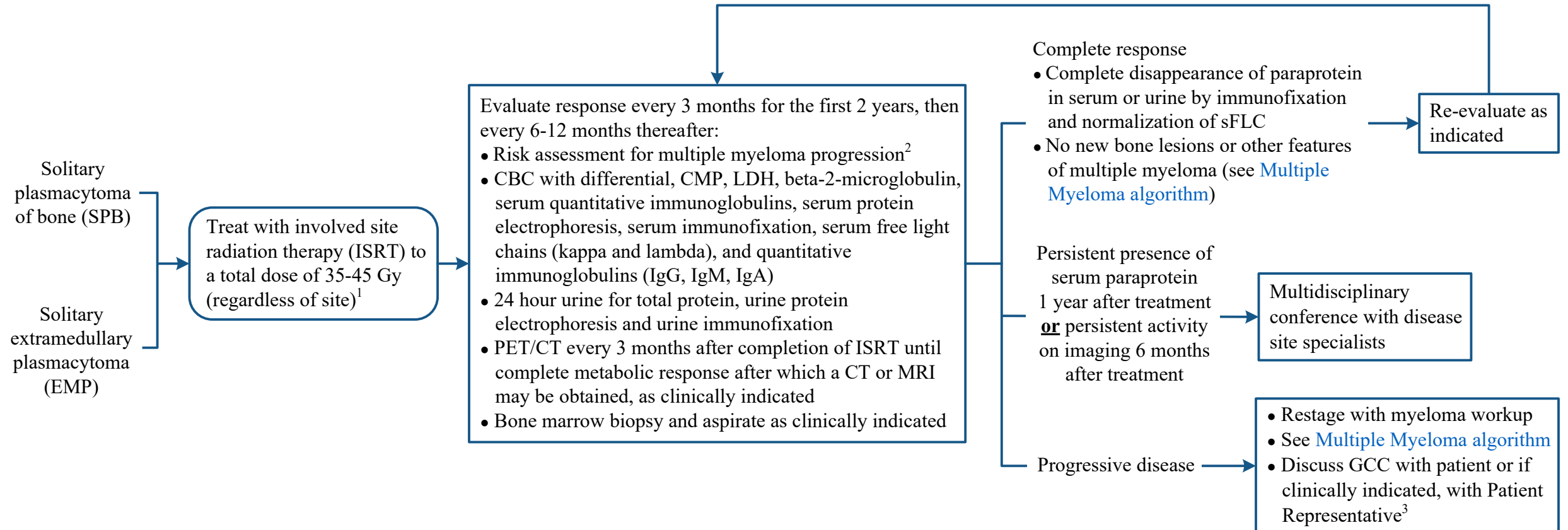
Disclaimer: This algorithm has been developed for MD Anderson using a multidisciplinary approach considering circumstances particular to MD Anderson's specific patient population, services and structure, and clinical information. This is not intended to replace the independent medical or professional judgment of physicians or other health care providers in the context of individual clinical circumstances to determine a patient's care. This algorithm should not be used to treat pregnant women.

Note: Consider Clinical Trials as treatment options for eligible patients.

CLINICAL PRESENTATION

PRIMARY TREATMENT

FOLLOW-UP SURVEILLANCE



¹ Although historically the recommended dose has been 40-50 Gy, more recent data suggests that lower doses may be sufficient (35 Gy for lesions < 5 cm). Refer to suggested readings for data regarding ISRT dose.

² Risk assessment:
 • Plasmacytoma size ≥ 5 cm at diagnosis
 • Persistent presence of serum paraprotein 1 year after treatment

Rates of progression to multiple myeloma for patients with 1 or 2 risk factors:
 • 3 years from diagnosis – 65%
 • 5 years from diagnosis – 70%
 • 10 years from diagnosis – 82%

³ GCC should be initiated by the Primary Oncologist. If Primary Oncologist is unavailable, Primary Team/Attending Physician to initiate GCC discussion and notify Primary Oncologist. Patients, or if clinically indicated, the Patient Representative should be informed of therapeutic and/or palliative options. GCC discussion should be consistent, timely, and re-evaluated as clinically indicated. The Advance Care Planning (ACP) note should be used to document GCC discussion. Refer to [GCC home page](#) (for internal use only).

Disclaimer: This algorithm has been developed for MD Anderson using a multidisciplinary approach considering circumstances particular to MD Anderson's specific patient population, services and structure, and clinical information. This is not intended to replace the independent medical or professional judgment of physicians or other health care providers in the context of individual clinical circumstances to determine a patient's care. This algorithm should not be used to treat pregnant women.

SUGGESTED READINGS

- Caers, J., Paiva, B., Zamagni, E., Leleu, X., Bladé, J., Kristinsson, S. Y., . . . Rosiñol, L. (2018). Diagnosis, treatment, and response assessment in solitary plasmacytoma: Updated recommendations from a European Expert Panel. *Journal of Hematology & Oncology*, *11*(1). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13045-017-0549-1>
- Cavo, M., Terpos, E., Nanni, C., Moreau, P., Lentzsch, S., Zweegman, S., . . . Zamagni, E. (2017). Role of 18 F-FDG PET/CT in the diagnosis and management of multiple myeloma and other plasma cell disorders: A consensus statement by the International Myeloma Working Group. *The Lancet Oncology*, *18*(4), e206-e217. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S1470-2045\(17\)30189-4](https://doi.org/10.1016/S1470-2045(17)30189-4)
- Dimopoulos, M. A., Mouloupoulos, L. A., Maniatis, A., & Alexanian, R. (2000). Solitary plasmacytoma of bone and asymptomatic multiple myeloma. *Blood*, *96*(6), 2037-2044. <https://doi.org/10.1182/blood.V96.6.2037>
- Fang, P., Pinnix, C. C., Wu, S. Y., Lee, H. C., Patel, K. K., Saini, N., . . . Gunther, J. R. (2024). Management and outcomes of patients with refractory solitary plasmacytoma after treatment with definitive radiation therapy. *International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology, Physics*, *119*(1), 193-199. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijrobp.2023.11.039>
- Liebross, R. H., Ha, C. S., Cox, J. D., Weber, D., Delasalle, K., & Alexanian, R. (1999). Clinical course of solitary extramedullary plasmacytoma. *Radiotherapy and Oncology*, *52*(3), 245-249. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0167-8140\(99\)00114-0](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0167-8140(99)00114-0)
- Manasanch, E. E., Kunacheewa, C., Claussen, C. M., Lee, H. C., Thomas, S. K., Gunther, J., . . . Weber, D. M. (2021). Serum paraprotein persistence and size determine outcome in a cohort of patients with a modern definition of plasmacytoma with up to 19 years of follow up. *Blood Cancer Journal*, *11*(17), 1-5. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41408-021-00419-1>
- MD Anderson Institutional Policy #CLN1202 - Advance Care Planning Policy
Advance Care Planning (ACP) Conversation Workflow (ATT1925)
- Mendenhall, C. M., Thar, T. L., & Million, R. R. (1980). Solitary plasmacytoma of bone and soft tissue. *International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology, Physics*, *6*(11), 1497-1501. [https://doi.org/10.1016/0360-3016\(80\)90006-1](https://doi.org/10.1016/0360-3016(80)90006-1)
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network. (2024). *Multiple Myeloma* (NCCN Guideline Version 4.2024). Retrieved from https://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/pdf/myeloma.pdf
- Ozsahin, M., Tsang, R. W., Poortmans, P., Belkacémi, Y., Bolla, M., Dinçbas, F. O., . . . Zouhair, A. (2006). Outcomes and patterns of failure in solitary plasmacytoma: A multicenter Rare Cancer Network study of 258 patients. *International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology, Physics*, *64*(1), 210-217. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijrobp.2005.06.039>
- Reed, V., Shah, J., Medeiros, L. J., Ha, C. S., Mazloom, A., Weber, D. M., . . . Dabaja, B. S. (2011). Solitary plasmacytomas. *Cancer*, *117*(19), 4468-4474. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cncr.26031>
- Soutar, R., Lucraft, H., Jackson, G., Reece, A., Bird, J., Low, E., & Samson, D. (2004). Guidelines on the diagnosis and management of solitary plasmacytoma of bone and solitary extramedullary plasmacytoma. *British Journal of Haematology*, *124*(6), 717-726. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1365-2141.2004.04834.x>
- Tsang, R. W., Gospodarowicz, M. K., Pintilie, M., Bezjak, A., Wells, W., Hodgson, D. C., & Stewart, A. K. (2001). Solitary plasmacytoma treated with radiotherapy: Impact of tumor size on outcome. *International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology, Physics*, *50*(1), 113-120. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0360-3016\(00\)01572-8](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0360-3016(00)01572-8)
- Weber, D. M. (2005). Solitary bone and extramedullary plasmacytoma. *Hematology*, *2005*(1), 373-376. <https://doi.org/10.1182/asheducation-2005.1.373>
- Wilder, R. B., Ha, C. S., Cox, J. D., Weber, D., Delasalle, K., & Alexanian, R. (2002). Persistence of myeloma protein for more than one year after radiotherapy is an adverse prognostic factor in solitary plasmacytoma of bone. *Cancer*, *94*(5), 1532-1537. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cncr.10366>

Disclaimer: *This algorithm has been developed for MD Anderson using a multidisciplinary approach considering circumstances particular to MD Anderson's specific patient population, services and structure, and clinical information. This is not intended to replace the independent medical or professional judgment of physicians or other health care providers in the context of individual clinical circumstances to determine a patient's care. This algorithm should not be used to treat pregnant women.*

DEVELOPMENT CREDITS

This practice algorithm is based on majority expert opinion of the Myeloma Center providers at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. It was developed using a multidisciplinary approach that included input from the following:

Core Development Team Leads

Christine Ye, MD (Lymphoma/Myeloma)

Workgroup Members

Behrang Amini, MD (Musculoskeletal Imaging)

Melody Becnel, MD (Lymphoma/Myeloma)

Bouthaina Dabaja, MD (Radiation Oncology)

Penny Fang, MD (Radiation Oncology)

Wendy Garcia, BS♦

Andres Quesada, MD (Hematopathology Administration)

Claudio Tatsui, MD (Neurosurgery)

Mary Lou Warren, DNP, APRN, CNS-CC♦

♦ Clinical Effectiveness Development Team