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INITIAL EVALUATION

- History and physical (H&P)
- CBC with differential, total protein, albumin, calcium, total bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase, LDH, ALT, sodium, potassium, chloride, carbon dioxide, PT, and PTT
- Plain films of primary to include whole bone
- MRI with contrast of the primary site
- Bone scan
- Baseline chest x-ray **and** CT chest with contrast
- Consider CT of the primary site²
- Consider FDG PET/CT for osteosarcomas and small cell³ sarcomas
- Screening MRI spine for small cell
- Core needle biopsy if not done outside
- Histology review by bone tumor pathologist
- EKG and cardiac scan (MUGA or echocardiogram)
- Sarcoma Multidisciplinary Planning Conference
- Discuss fertility options and sperm banking for patients of child bearing potential (refer to [Fertility Preservation Prior to Cancer Treatment algorithm](#))
- Lifestyle risk assessment⁴

ADIC = doxorubicin and dacarbazine

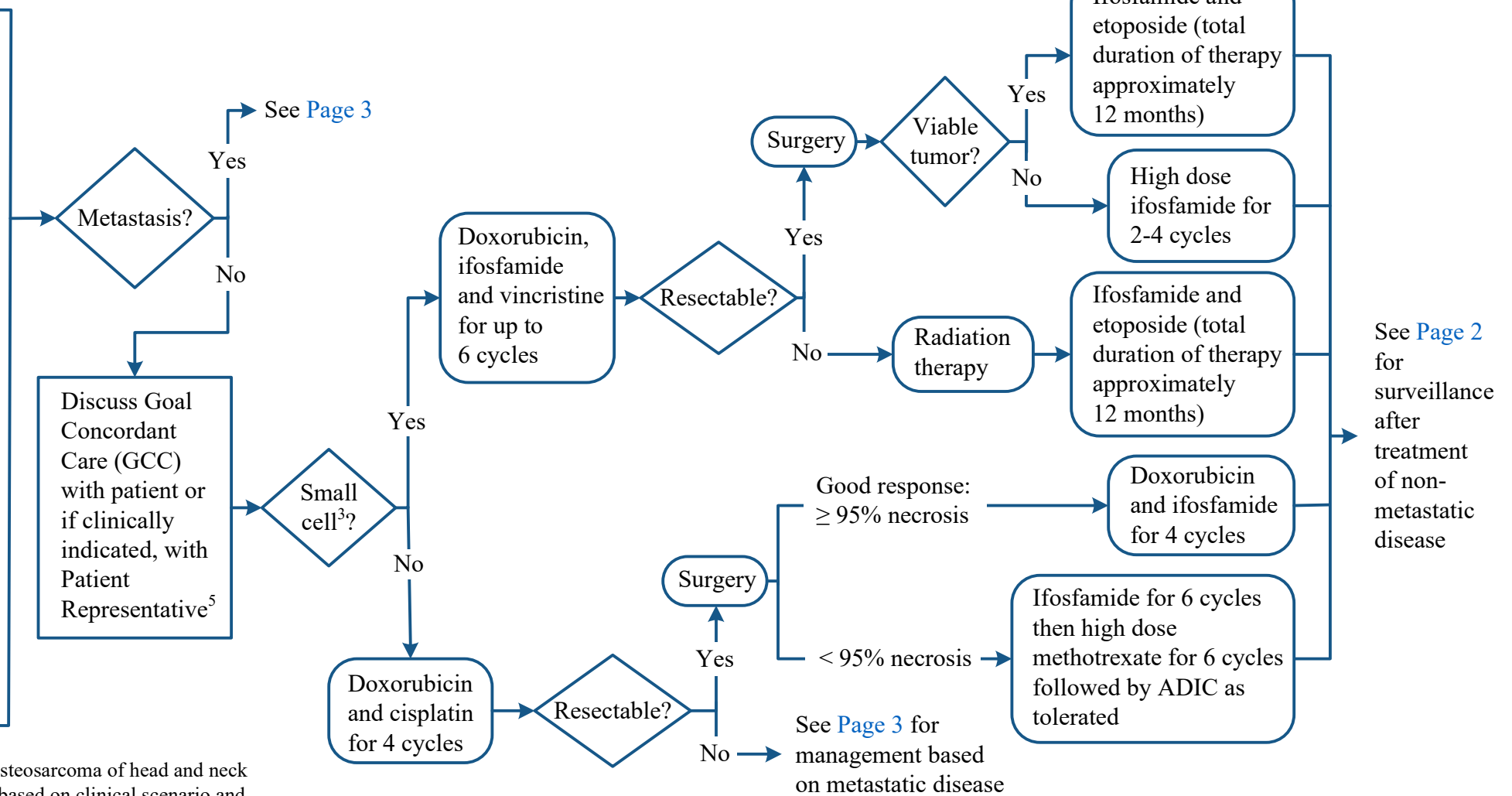
¹ Excluding chondrosarcoma not otherwise specified, and osteosarcoma of head and neck

² CT of the primary site is not routinely done; it is optional based on clinical scenario and is particularly helpful with pelvis and shoulder girdle

³ Small cell includes the following: rhabdomyosarcoma, Ewing's Sarcoma/Primitive, neuroectodermal tumor, mesenchymal chondrosarcoma, and unclassified small cell sarcoma

⁴ See [Physical Activity](#), [Nutrition](#), and [Tobacco Cessation Treatment](#) algorithms; ongoing reassessment of lifestyle risks should be a part of routine clinical practice

TREATMENT



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SURVEILLANCE: Non-Metastatic Disease

- H&P:
 - Every 3 months for 2 years, then
 - Every 4 months for 2 years, then
 - Every 6 months for 1 year, then
 - Annually
- CBC with differential, total protein, albumin, calcium, glucose, creatinine, total bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase, LDH, and ALT every visit
- Plain films of primary at each visit
- For pelvic primaries: MRI with contrast and x-ray each visit with H&P above
- X-ray to symptomatic bone metastases
- Bone scan for symptomatic patients with history of bone metastases
- Chest x-ray each visit with H&P above
- CT chest with contrast if chest x-ray equivocal or for surgical planning
- Sarcoma Multidisciplinary Planning Conference if further multidisciplinary decisions required

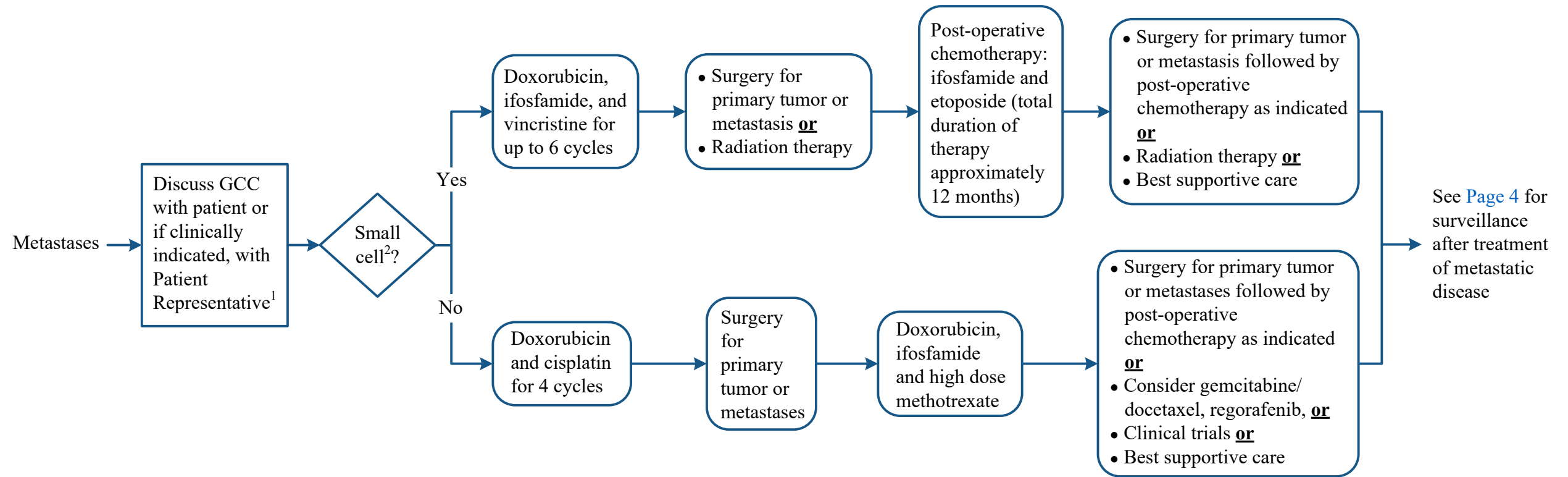
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SURVEILLANCE: Metastatic Disease

- H&P
 - Every 3 months for 2 years, then
 - Every 4 months for 2 years, then
 - Every 6 months for 1 year, then
 - Annually
- CBC with differential annually
- Total protein, albumin, calcium, glucose, creatinine, total bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase, LDH, and ALT every other visit for 5 years, then annually
- Plain films of primary at each visit
- X-ray to symptomatic bone metastases
- MRI with contrast at end of treatment for pelvic primaries
- Bone scan for symptomatic patients with history of bone metastases
- Chest x-ray each visit with H&P above
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SUGGESTED READINGS

General Overview

MD Anderson Institutional Policy #CLN1202 - Advance Care Planning Policy. Advance Care Planning (ACP) Conversation Workflow (ATT1925)

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Doxorubicin/cisplatin for osteosarcoma:

Benjamin, R. S., Chawla, S. P., Carrasco, C. H., Raymond, A. K., Murray J. A., Armen, T., ... Martin, R. G. (1992). Preoperative chemotherapy for osteosarcoma with intravenous adriamycin and intra-arterial cis-platinum. *Annals of Oncology*, 3 (Suppl. 2), S3-S6. doi:10.1093/annonc/3.suppl_2.S3

Jaffe, N., Patel, S. R., & Benjamin, R. S. (1995). Chemotherapy in Osteosarcoma: Basis for Application and Antagonism to Implementation; Early Controversies Surrounding its Implementation. *Hematology/Oncology Clinics of North America*, 9(4), 825-840. doi:10.1016/S0889-8588(18)30074-1

Doxorubicin/ifosfamide for osteosarcoma and soft-tissue sarcomas:

Patel S. R., Vadhan-Raj S., Burgess M. A., Plager C., Papadopoulos N., Jenkins J., & Benjamin R. S. (1998). Results of two consecutive trials of dose-intensive chemotherapy with doxorubicin and ifosfamide is highly active in patients with soft-tissue sarcomas. *American Journal of Clinical Oncology*, 21(3), 317-321. Retrieved from: https://journals.lww.com/amjclinicaloncology/fulltext/1998/06000/results_of_two_consecutive_trials_of.25.aspx

Gemcitabine/docetaxel for osteosarcoma:

Navid, F., Willert, J. R., McCarville, M. B., Furman, W., Watkins, A., Roberts, W., & Daw, N. C. (2008). Combination of gemcitabine and docetaxel in the treatment of children and young adults with refractory bone sarcoma. *Cancer*, 113(2), 419-425. doi:10.1002/cncr.23586

High-dose ifosfamide for osteosarcoma and soft-tissue sarcoma:

Patel S. R., Vadhan-Raj S., Papadopoulos N., Plager C., Burgess M. A., Hays C., & Benjamin R. S. (1997). High-dose ifosfamide in bone and soft-tissue sarcomas - Results of phase II and pilot studies - Dose response and schedule dependence. *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, 15(6), 2378-2384. doi:10.1200/JCO.1997.15.6.2378

Regorafenib for osteosarcoma:

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