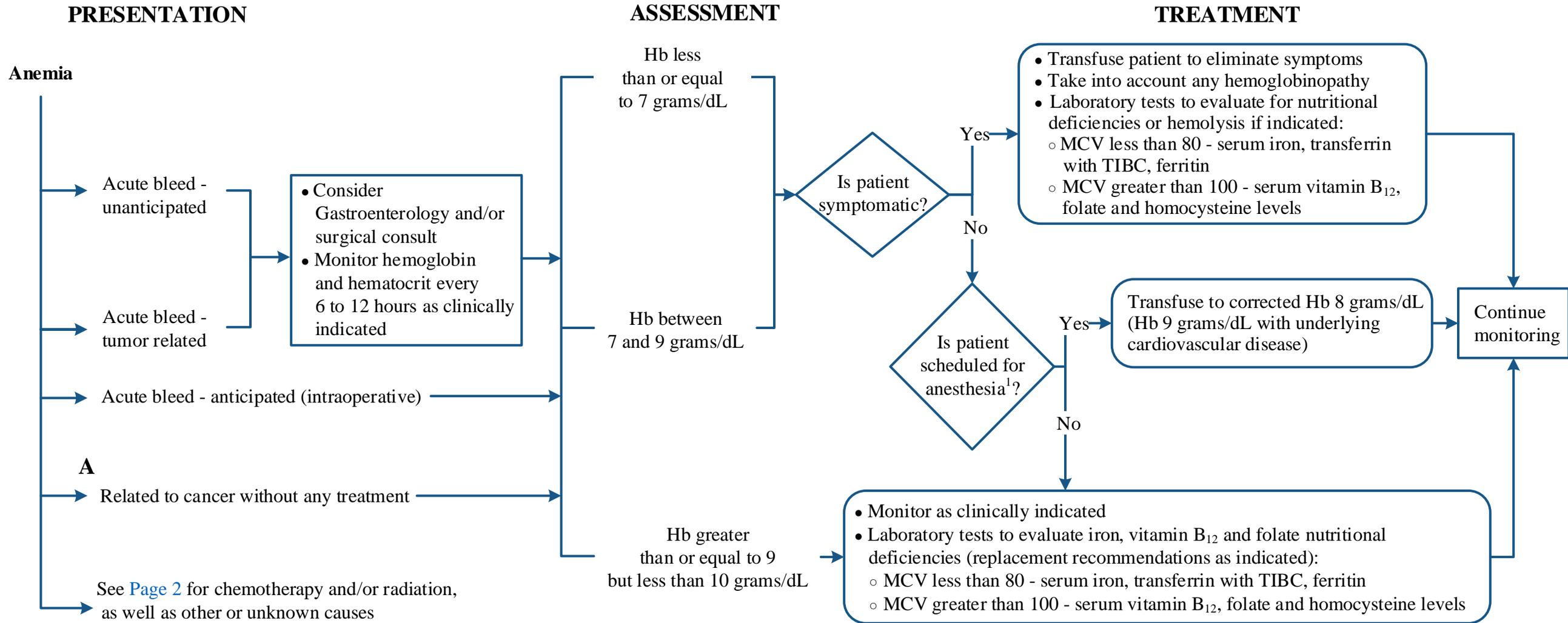


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Hb = Hemoglobin
 MCV = mean corpuscular volume
 TIBC = total iron binding capacity

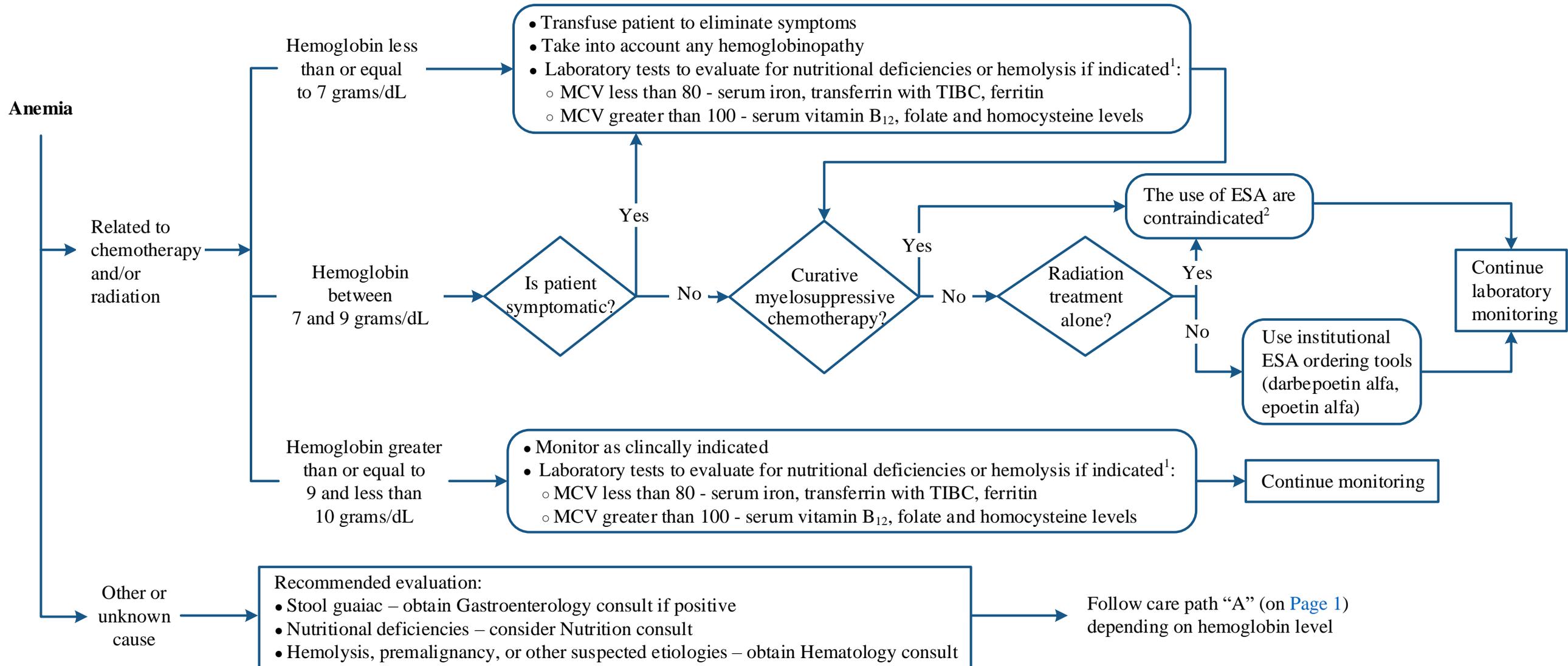
¹ Considerations and associated risks in patients with anemia that receive anesthesia care:

- Under anesthesia, patients often experience systemic vasodilation and are at risk of significant hypotension, resulting in hypoperfusion and decreased tissue oxygenation
- Use of vasopressors or IV fluid boluses to maintain adequate blood pressure invariably results in hemodilution and further decrease in Hb concentration (e.g. if baseline Hb 7 grams/dL, hemodilution will decrease Hb to below 7 grams/dL and increase risks for perioperative complications)

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PRESENTATION

TREATMENT



ESA = erythropoietin stimulating agents

¹ ESAs may be considered for patients who refuse blood transfusions after discussing the risks

² See FDA approved indications and CMS guidelines

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