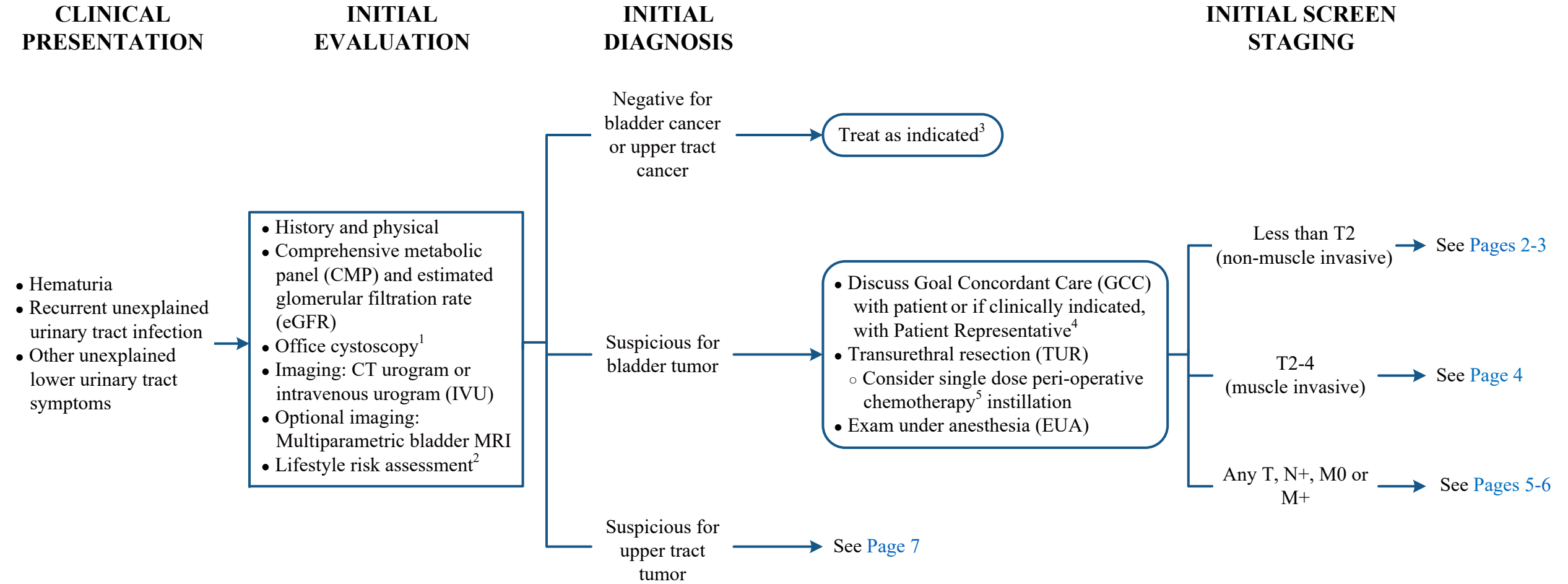


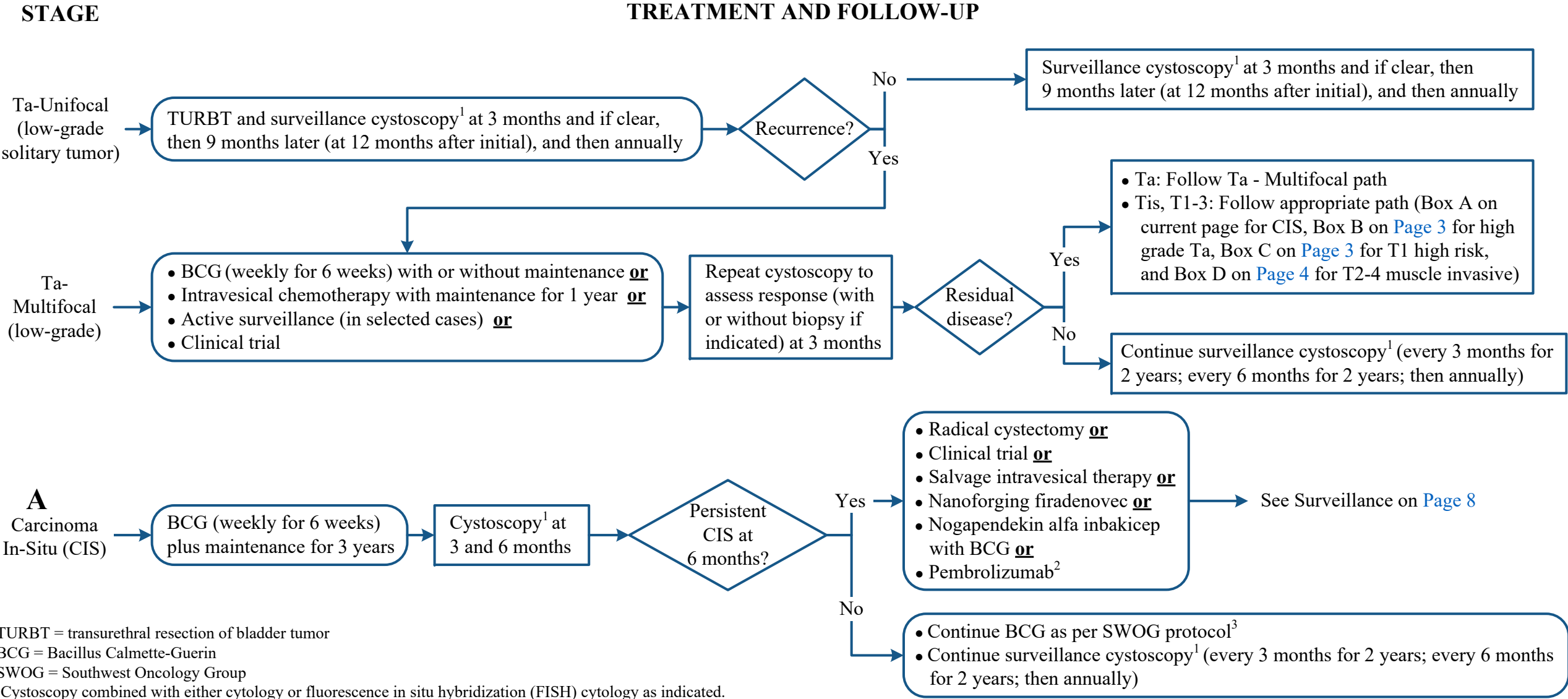
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TURBT = transurethral resection of bladder tumor
BCG = Bacillus Calmette-Guerin
SWOG = Southwest Oncology Group

¹ Cystoscopy combined with either cytology or fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) cytology as indicated.

In selected patients, fluorescent cystoscopy should be considered.

² Pembrolizumab is indicated for the treatment of patients with BCG-unresponsive, high-risk, non-muscle invasive bladder cancer (NMIBC) with carcinoma in situ (CIS) with or without papillary tumors who are ineligible for or have elected not to undergo cystectomy

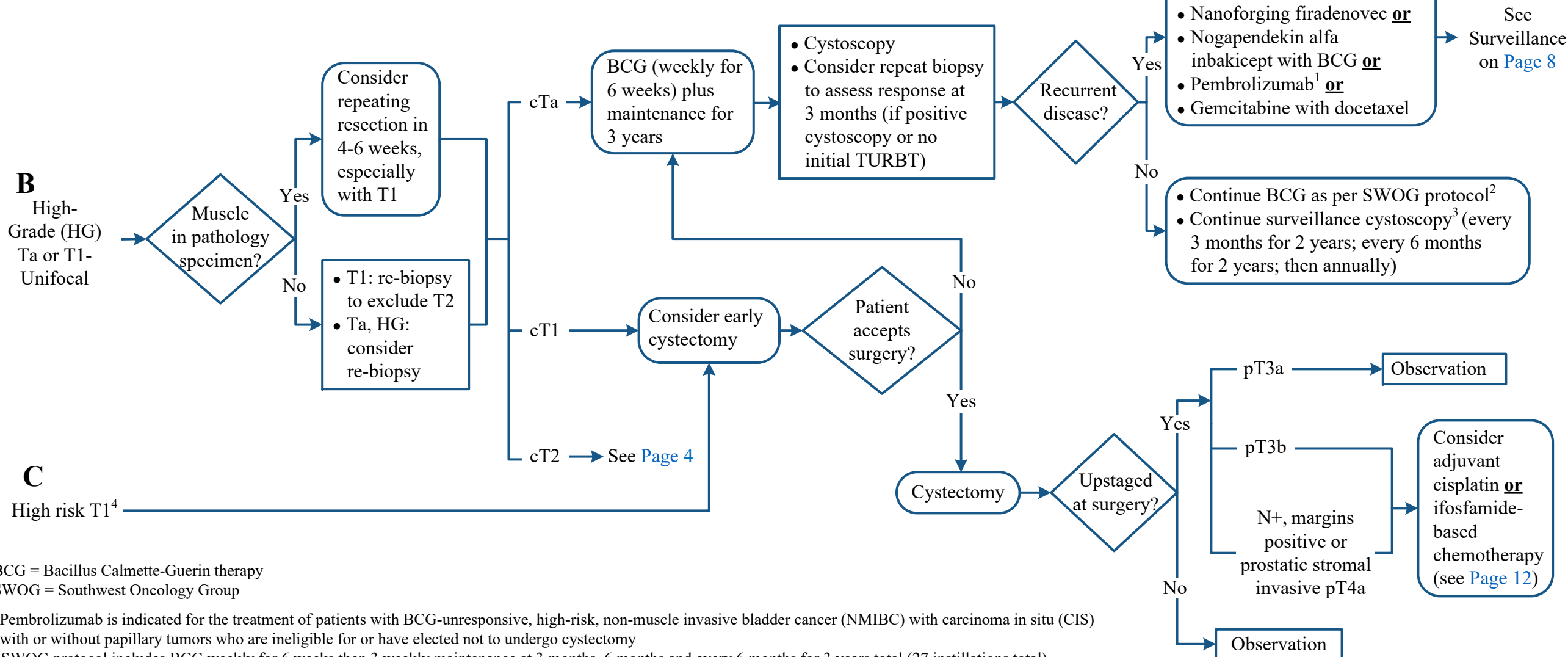
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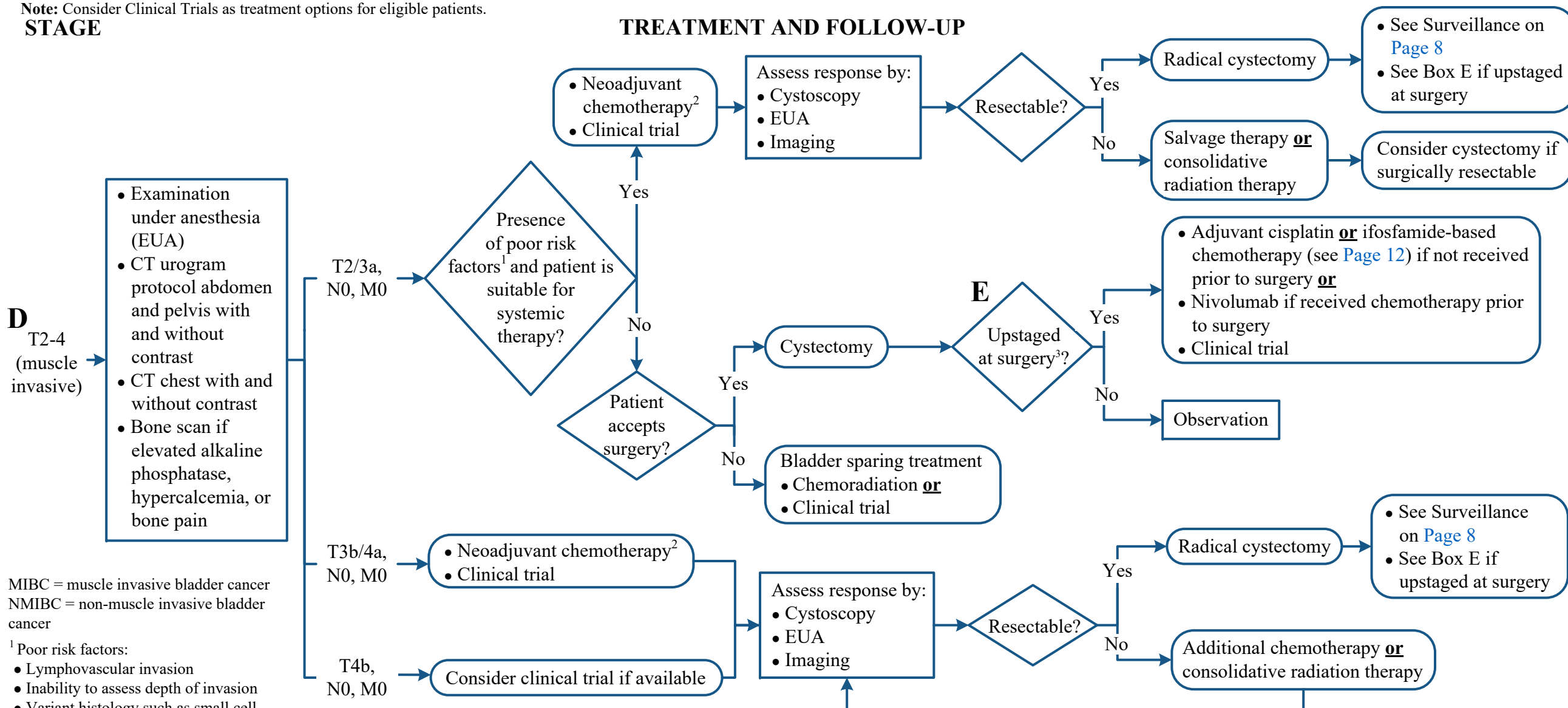
⁴ T1 multifocal, variant histology with concurrent carcinoma in situ (CIS), lymphovascular invasion (LVI) and/or resectable tumor 3 cm or greater with poor prognosticator or too large to resect completely

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MIBC = muscle invasive bladder cancer
NMIBC = non-muscle invasive bladder cancer

¹ Poor risk factors:

- Lymphovascular invasion
- Inability to assess depth of invasion
- Variant histology such as small cell
- Hydronephrosis
- Tumor involving bladder diverticulum
- Progression to MIBC from NMIBC after adequate BCG

² Consider neoadjuvant/adjuvant cisplatin or ifosfamide-based systemic chemotherapy (*i.e.*, DDMVAC, IAG, *etc.*). Refer to Principles of Systemic Therapy on [Page 10](#)

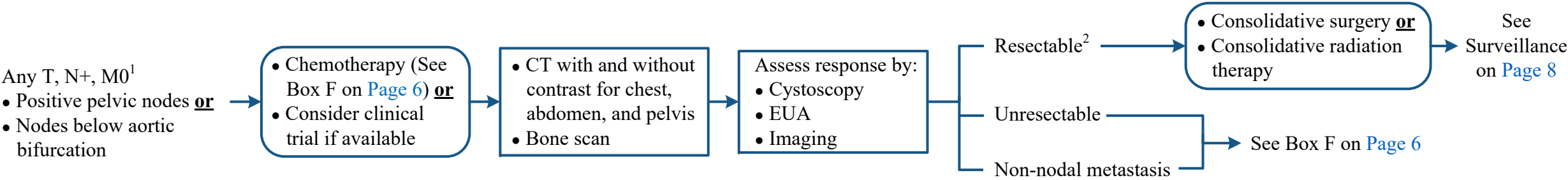
³ Pathologic stage T3 or T4, N+, margins positive, or prostatic stromal invasion T4a

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CLINICAL PRESENTATION

METASTATIC DISEASE



¹ Consider *FGFR* mutation testing and *HER2* IHC testing

² Patients are generally considered surgically resectable if no tumor present in the bladder and near complete response in lymph nodes.
If tumor still present on cystoscopy or on biopsy of nodes, consider additional chemotherapy prior to considering surgical consolidation.

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CLINICAL PRESENTATION

Any T, N+, M+¹
• Nodes above aortic bifurcation **or**
• Visceral metastasis

- CT with and without contrast for chest, abdomen, and pelvis
- Bone scan

DDMVAC = dose-dense methotrexate, vinblastine, doxorubicin, and cisplatin

GC = gemcitabine and cisplatin

GCa = gemcitabine and carboplatin

IAGem = ifosfamide, doxorubicin, and gemcitabine

ITP = ifosfamide, paclitaxel, and cisplatin

GTP = gemcitabine, paclitaxel, and cisplatin

CGI = cisplatin, gemcitabine, and ifosfamide

TMP = paclitaxel, methotrexate, and cisplatin

GTA = gemcitabine, paclitaxel, and doxorubicin

GCtx = gemcitabine and cyclophosphamide

GVinorelbine = gemcitabine and vinorelbine

PD-L1 = programmed death-ligand 1

FGFR3 = fibroblast growth factor receptor 3

¹ Consider *FGFR* mutation testing and *HER2* IHC testing

² See [Appendix A](#) for standard systemic treatments

³ Not on MD Anderson Formulary

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TREATMENT

For patients with oligometastatic disease or oligoprogressive disease after upfront systemic therapy, metastasis directed therapy using consolidative radiation therapy should be considered. Clinical trial or systemic treatment² per patient’s comorbidities:

Front-line systemic treatment:

- If no contraindication: enfortumab vedotin plus pembrolizumab
- If contraindication to enfortumab vedotin (*e.g.* biliary clearance issues) but eligible for cisplatin: nivolumab with gemcitabine and cisplatin
- If contraindication to immunotherapy (*e.g.* uncontrolled autoimmune disease): see regimens below
 - Cisplatin eligible:
 - CrCl ≥ 50 mL/minute: full dose cisplatin or ifosfamide-based combinations (*i.e.*, DDMVAC, GC, IAGem, ITP, GTP)
 - CrCl ≥ 40 mL/minute and < 50 mL/minute: modified cisplatin-combinations including DDMVAC with split-dose cisplatin, GC with split-dose cisplatin, CGI, or TMP
 - Cisplatin ineligible:
 - GCa, GTA, GCtx, GVinorelbine
 - Pembrolizumab for any patient ineligible for platinum-based chemotherapy
- Maintenance therapy with avelumab for patients with locally advanced or metastatic disease that has not progressed with first-line platinum containing chemotherapy

Second-line systemic treatment:

- *FGFR3* mutation or fusion: erdafitinib³
- *HER2* 3+ on IHC: fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan
- Wild type *FGFR3*:
 - Immune checkpoint inhibition: pembrolizumab, nivolumab, or avelumab
 - Ineligible for immune checkpoint inhibition: consider alternative chemotherapy regimen from the front-line list of therapies or single agent taxane or move to third-line treatment below

Third-line systemic treatment :

- Enfortumab vedotin (nectin-4 testing is not required)
- Ineligible for enfortumab vedotin: consider alternative chemotherapy regimen from front-line, erdafitinib³, or immune checkpoint inhibition if not previously received. Otherwise, move to fourth-line below.

Fourth-line systemic treatment:

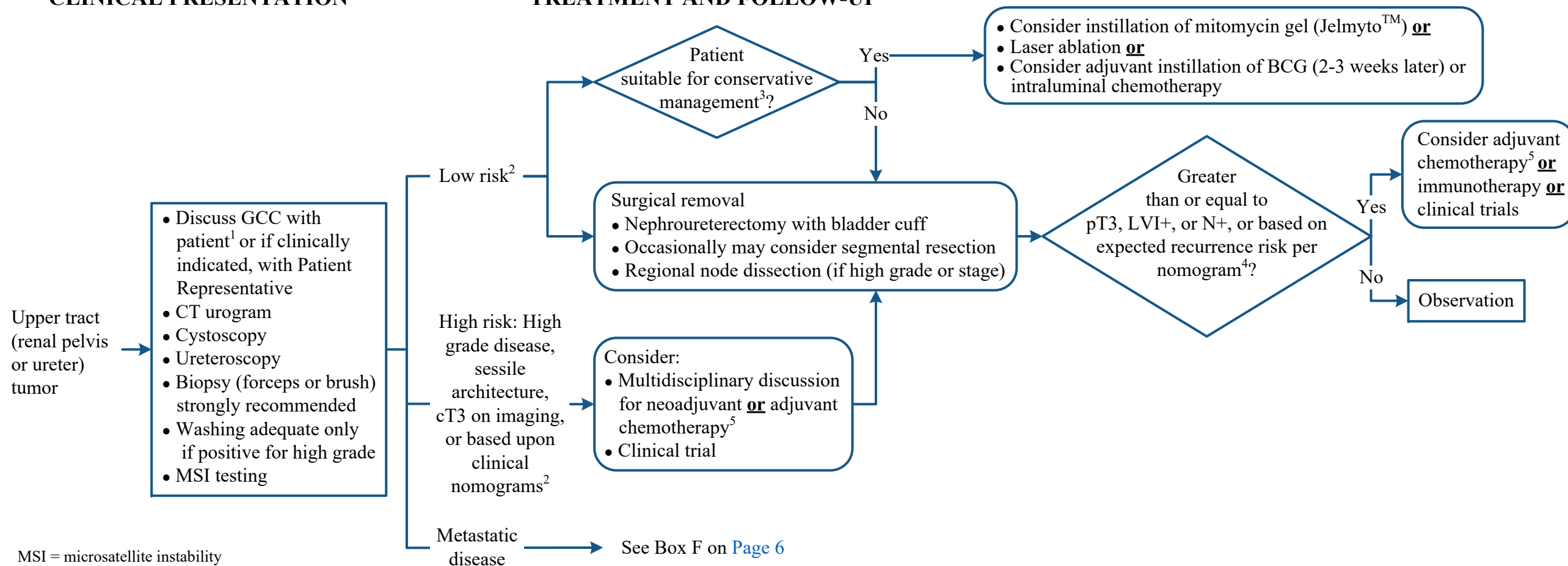
- Sacituzumab govitecan (Trop-2 testing is not required)

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MSI = microsatellite instability

LVI = lymphovascular invasion

¹ 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 the [GCC home page](#) (for internal use only).

² See [Appendix B](#), [Appendix C](#), and [Appendix D](#) for clinical risk nomograms

³ Conservative management is based on individual patient status and clinical findings; elective indications ideally meet low-risk European Association of Urology (EAU) criteria: unifocal disease, tumor size < 2 cm, low-grade cytology, low-grade ureteroscopic (URS) biopsy, and no invasive aspect on computed tomography urography (CTU)

⁴ Refer to [postoperative nomogram for prediction of relapse-free survival](#)

⁵ Consider neoadjuvant/adjuvant cisplatin or ifosfamide-based systemic chemotherapy (i.e., DDMVAC, IAG, etc.). Refer to Principles of Systemic Therapy on [Page 10](#).

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SURVEILLANCE AFTER RADICAL CYSTECTOMY

	Month								
	3	6	12	18	24	30	36	48	60 or more
Less than or equal to pT1 (no variant histology) ¹									Refer to Survivorship – Bladder/Ureter/ Renal Pelvis Cancer algorithm
History ² / PE / Laboratory ³	x	x	x		x		x	x	
Chest X-ray			x		x		x	x	
CT urogram	x	x		x		x	x	x	
CT abdomen and pelvis		x ⁴							
pT2 N0:									
History ² / PE / Laboratory ³	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Chest X-ray		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
CT urogram			x		x		x	x	
CT abdomen and pelvis		x		x					
pT3/T4 or pTxN+:									
History ² / PE / Laboratory ³	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Chest X-ray	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
CT urogram			x		x		x	x	
CT abdomen and pelvis	x	x		x		x			

PE = physical examination

¹ Patients with adverse pathologic features, e.g. micropapillary disease, presence of lymphovascular invasion (LVI), sacromatoid de-differentiation, or those who have been downstaged after neoadjuvant chemotherapy, may be followed as pT2 patients

² History should include urethral discharge/bloody mucus

³ Laboratory tests include CBC, electrolytes, BUN, creatinine, and LFTs. Cytology is optional if imaging is routinely obtained.

⁴ As clinically indicated

Note: For all patients with urinary diversion, imaging study 6-8 weeks after surgery to confirm patency of anastomosis is at treating surgeon’s discretion. Choices include: loopogram (or cystogram), IVU, or renal ultrasound.

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BLADDER CANCER TREATMENT PRINCIPLES

PRINCIPLES OF RADIATION THERAPY MANAGEMENT OF INVASIVE DISEASE

- External beam radiation is rarely appropriate for patients with superficial tumors or carcinoma in situ (CIS). Surgery remains the standard of care.
- Precede radiation by maximal transurethral resection of the bladder tumor (TURBT) when safely possible
- Combining concurrent chemotherapy with radiation is encouraged for added tumor cytotoxicity
- Simulate and treat patients with the bladder empty
- Use multiple fields from high-energy linear accelerator beams
- Treat the whole bladder with 40-55 Gy and then boost bladder tumor to a total dose of 64-66 Gy excluding, if possible, normal areas of bladder from the high-dose volume
- TURBT followed by chemoradiation is an option for patients with non-muscle invasive bladder cancer refractory to BCG with limited phase II data
- Precede radiation by maximally safe transurethral resection of bladder tumor (TURBT)
- Combining concurrent chemotherapy with radiation is standard of care. Radiosensitizing chemotherapy can include weekly cisplatin, once or biweekly gemcitabine. For patients not candidates for concurrent chemotherapy, concurrent immunotherapy such as pembrolizumab can be used.
- Radiation planning will use optimal bladder filling in order to reduce bowel dose and spare normal bladder in select cases. This may include both full and empty bladder filling at time of radiation simulation or only empty bladder.
- Radiation technique will include IMRT/VMAT (intensity modulated radiation/volumetric arc therapy) as standard of care
- Dose and fractionation regimens include 55 Gy in 20 fractions over 4 weeks or 64 Gy in 32 fractions over 6.5 weeks
- Radiation to the surrounding pelvic lymph nodes are recommended for patients with large T2 tumors, T3-T4 tumors, variant subtypes, and those with node positive disease
- For patients with node positive disease, radiation to the bladder and surrounding lymph nodes with nodal boost is recommended without violation of bowel dose constraints

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BLADDER CANCER TREATMENT PRINCIPLES - continued

PRINCIPLES OF SYSTEMIC THERAPY

- Enfortumab vedotin plus pembrolizumab is a frontline combination for treatment of metastatic disease
- An alternative frontline regimen is gemcitabine, cisplatin plus nivolumab
- Two-to-three drug combinations based on cisplatin, docetaxel, paclitaxel, ifosfamide, gemcitabine or MVAC (methotrexate, vinblastine, doxorubicin, cisplatin) may still be used for treatment of metastatic disease in those ineligible for immunotherapy. Adjuvant or neoadjuvant therapy is also considered for patients at high risk of recurrence. Adjuvant immunotherapy can be considered for those not suitable for adjuvant chemotherapy.
- Patients at increased risk for morbidity from more toxic regimens (*e.g.*, MVAC) may be treated with combinations of lower toxicity profiles. These patients are characterized by more than one of the following:
 - Comorbid conditions
 - Poor performance status
 - Liver or bone metastases
 - High alkaline phosphatase
 - High lactate dehydrogenase
 - Poor renal function
- Pembrolizumab is indicated for front-line platinum ineligible patients
- Immunotherapy (pembrolizumab, nivolumab, or avelumab) has been approved for patients failing frontline chemotherapy. *PD-L1* testing is not required.
- Erdafitinib has been approved second-line for patients with *FGFR3* mutations and fusions
- Enfortumab vedotin has been approved for third-line setting. Nectin-4 testing is not required.
- Fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan has been approved subsequent line therapy for patients with *HER2* 3+ on IHC
- Sacituzumab govitecan is indicated for the 4th line treatment of metastatic urothelial cancer. Trop-2 testing is not required.

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BLADDER CANCER TREATMENT PRINCIPLES - continued

PRINCIPLES OF SURGICAL MANAGEMENT

- Transurethral resection of bladder tumor (TURBT)
 - The first step in surgical management of bladder tumors is a complete TURBT. Muscle must be present in the TURBT specimen to appropriately stage the tumor; if no muscle is present in the specimen, re-resection/biopsy of tumor base should be discussed with patient.
 - Repeat TURBT at 4-6 weeks is to be strongly considered if incomplete initial resection, no muscle in specimen, or T1 stage. It must also be considered if first TURBT does not allow adequate staging or attribution of risk factor for treatment selection or when using bladder-preserving treatment by chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy.
 - In cases of positive cytology with no evidence of tumor, patient should undergo multiple biopsies of the bladder mucosa (if visibly abnormal with or without use of fluorescent cystoscopy) as well as prostate urethral biopsies and evaluation of upper tracts
- Radical cystectomy
 - Radical cystectomy should include bilateral pelvic node resection with goal of at least 10 nodes removed
 - Nerve sparing and type of diversion selected depends on many factors, several of which are patient specific

PRINCIPLES OF INTRAVESICAL TREATMENT

- Immunotherapy
 - Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) immunotherapy is the most effective treatment for non-muscle invasive bladder cancer
 - It is ideal to wait 14-21 days after TURBT (no gross hematuria)
 - BCG induction (6 weekly treatments) should be followed by maintenance therapy (weekly for 3 weeks at months 3 and 6, and then every 6 months for a total of 3 years)
 - Dose reduction of BCG is preferable to shorter duration of maintenance
 - If patient fails 2 courses of BCG, strongly consider radical cystectomy or clinical trial
- Chemotherapy
 - Peri-operative intravesical chemotherapy is most effective when given right after TURBT (ideally within 6 hours)
 - Induction and maintenance chemotherapy in selected patients if indicated
 - Agents include gemcitabine and mitomycin
- Salvage therapy after BCG is preferably with combination chemotherapy (*i.e.*, gemcitabine and docetaxel)

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APPENDIX A: Standard Systemic Treatments

Chemotherapy Regimens:

- Dose-dense MVAC (DDMVAC):
Methotrexate 30 mg/m² IV **and**
Vinblastine 3 mg/m² IV **and**
Doxorubicin 30 mg/m² IV **and**
Cisplatin 70 mg/m² IV
 - Cisplatin followed with ½ NS IV plus mannitol 40 g/L typically for 3 LitersThis regimen is repeated every 2 weeks with growth factor support
- Gemcitabine, Cisplatin (GC):
Gemcitabine 900 mg/m² IV over 90 minutes^a on Day 1 and Day 8 **and**
Cisplatin 70 mg/m² IV on Day 1
 - Cisplatin followed with ½ NS IV plus mannitol 40 g/L typically for 3 LitersThis regimen is repeated every 3 weeks with growth factor support
- Gemcitabine, Carboplatin (GCa):
Gemcitabine 900 mg/m² IV over 90 minutes^a on Day 1 and Day 8 **and**
Carboplatin AUC 4.5 IV on Day 1
This regimen is repeated every 3 weeks with growth factor support
- Gemcitabine, Paclitaxel, Doxorubicin (GTA):
Doxorubicin 30 mg/m² IV **and**
Paclitaxel 135 mg/m² IV **and**
Gemcitabine 900 mg/m² IV over 90 minutes^a
This regimen is repeated every 2 weeks with growth factor support

- Ifosfamide, Doxorubicin, Gemcitabine (IAGem):
Ifosfamide 1,500 mg/m² IV plus mesna 300 mg/m² IV on Day 1 through Day 4 **and**
 - Mesna given at hours 0, 4, and 8 (with respect to ifosfamide’s start time)Doxorubicin 45 mg/m² IV on Day 3 only **and**
Gemcitabine 150 mg/m² IV over 30 minutes on Day 2 and Day 4
This regimen is repeated every 3 weeks with growth factor support
- Cisplatin, Gemcitabine, Ifosfamide (CGI):
Gemcitabine 900 mg/m² IV over 90 minutes^a **and**
Ifosfamide 1,000 mg/m² IV **and**
Cisplatin 50 mg/m² IV on Day 1
 - Cisplatin followed with ½ NS IV plus mannitol 40 g/L, typically for 3 LitersThis regimen is repeated every 2 weeks with growth factor support
- Paclitaxel, Methotrexate, Cisplatin (TMP):
Methotrexate 30 mg/m² IV **and**
Paclitaxel 100 mg/m² IV **and**
Cisplatin 40 mg/m² IV
 - Cisplatin followed with ½ NS IV plus mannitol 40 g/L, typically for 3 LitersThis regimen is repeated every 2 weeks with growth factor support
- Gemcitabine, Vinorelbine (GemVinorelbine):
Vinorelbine 25 mg/m² IV **and**
Gemcitabine 900 mg/m² IV over 90 minutes^a
This regimen is repeated every 2 weeks with growth factor support

^a Fixed dose rate of 10 mg/m²/minute. Infusion duration changes according to dose.

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APPENDIX A: Standard Systemic Treatments - continued

Chemotherapy Regimens (continued):

- Ifosfamide, Paclitaxel, Cisplatin (ITP):
Paclitaxel 200 mg/m² IV **and**
Ifosfamide 1,500 mg/m² plus mesna 300 mg/m² IV on Day 1 through Day 3 **and**
 - Mesna given at hours 0, 4, and 8 (with respect to ifosfamide’s start time)Cisplatin 70 mg/m² IV
 - Cisplatin followed with ½ NS IV plus mannitol 40 g/L, typically for 3 LitersThis regimen is repeated every 3 weeks with growth factor support
- Gemcitabine, Paclitaxel, Cisplatin (GTP):
Paclitaxel 80 mg/m² IV on Day 1 and Day 8 **and**
Gemcitabine 900 mg/m² IV over 90 minutes^a on Day 1 and Day 8 **and**
Cisplatin 70 mg/m² IV on Day 1
 - Cisplatin followed with ½ NS IV plus mannitol 40 g/L, typically for 3 LitersThis regimen is repeated every 3 weeks with growth factor support

Immunotherapy:

- Avelumab 800 mg IV every 2 weeks
- Nivolumab 240 mg IV every 2 weeks or 480 mg IV every 4 weeks
- Nivolumab 360 mg IV on Day 1 with gemcitabine and cisplatin (GC) every 3 weeks for 6 cycles, followed by nivolumab 480 mg IV every 4 weeks
- Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV every 3 weeks or 400 mg IV every 6 weeks

Antibody Drug Conjugate:

- Enfortumab vedotin 1.25 mg/kg (maximum dose 125 mg) IV on Days 1, 8, and 15 of a 4-week cycle
- Enfortumab vedotin 1.25 mg/kg (maximum dose 125 mg) IV on Days 1 and 8, with pembrolizumab 200 mg IV on Day 1, of a 3-week cycle
- Fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan 5.4 mg/kg IV every 3 weeks
- Sacituzumab govitecan 10 mg/kg IV on Day 1 and Day 8 of a 3-week cycle

Targeted Therapy:

- Erdafitinib^b 8 mg PO daily
 - May titrate up to 9 mg PO daily if phosphorous level on Day 14 to 21 is < 9 mg/dL

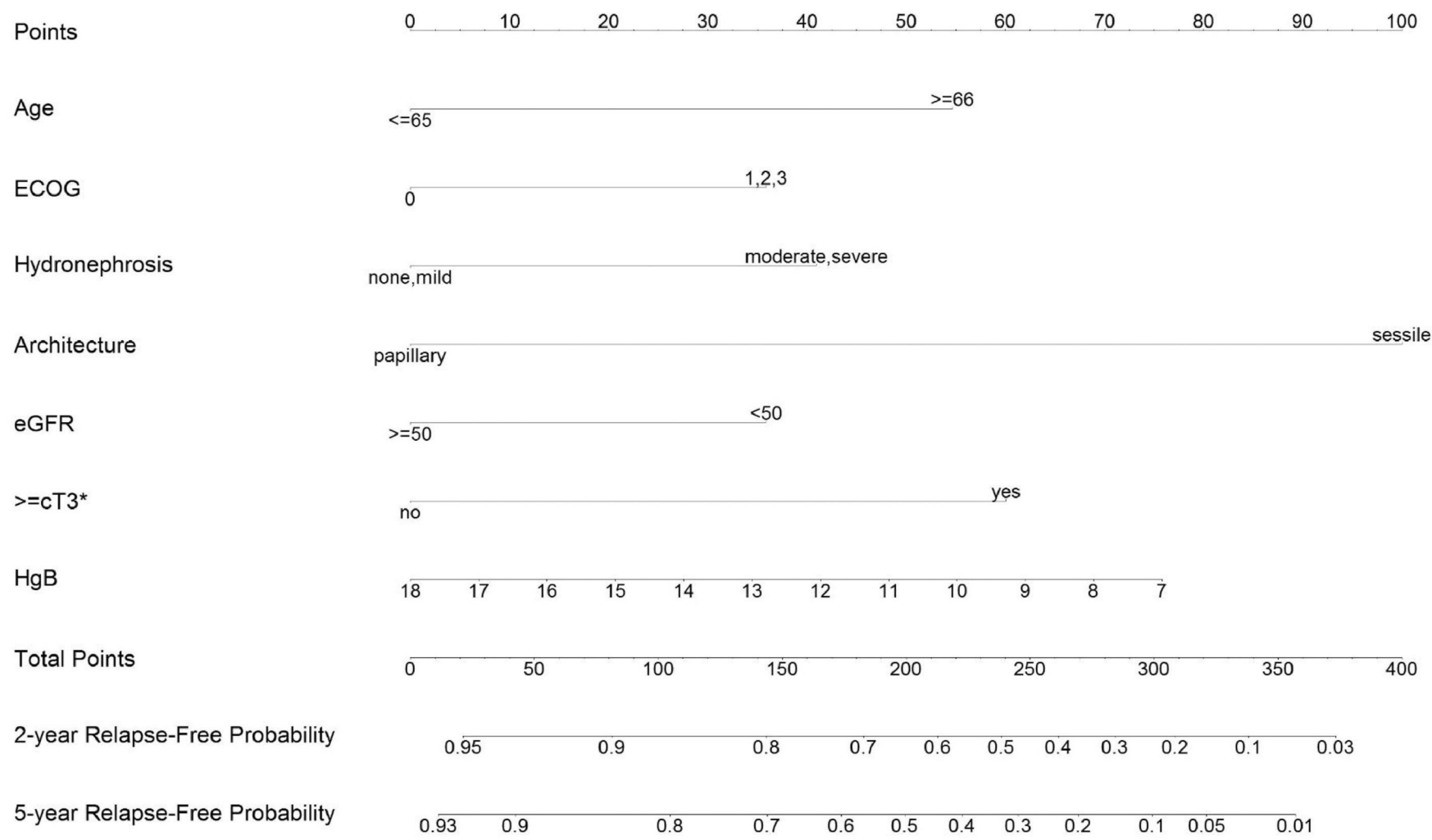
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APPENDIX B: Clinical Risk Nomograms

Preoperative relapse-free probability following radical nephroureterectomy for high grade upper tract urothelial carcinoma



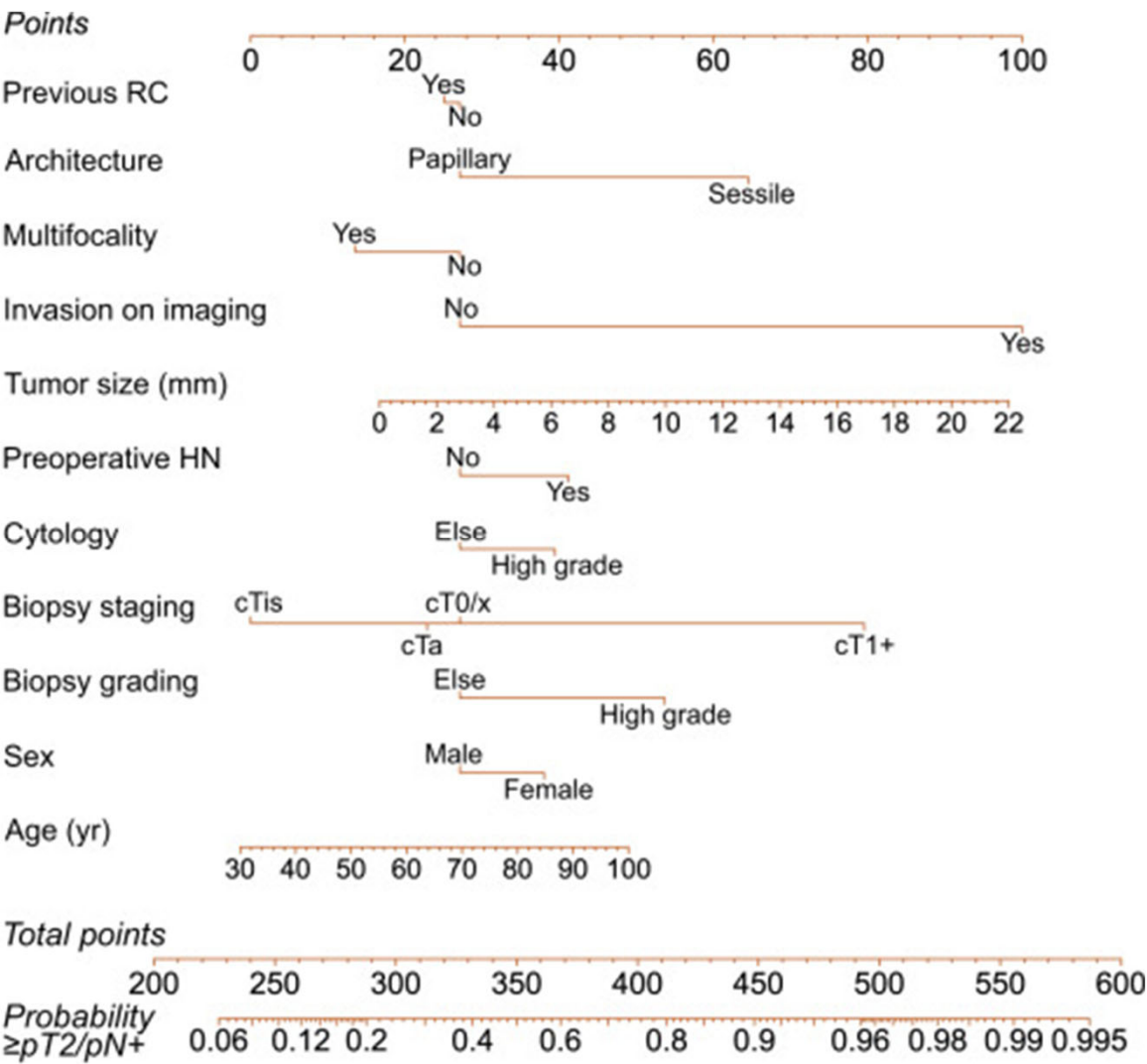
* based on imaging studies

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APPENDIX C: Clinical Risk Nomograms

Predicting the probability of ≥pT2/pN+ disease in patients undergoing radical nephroureterectomy



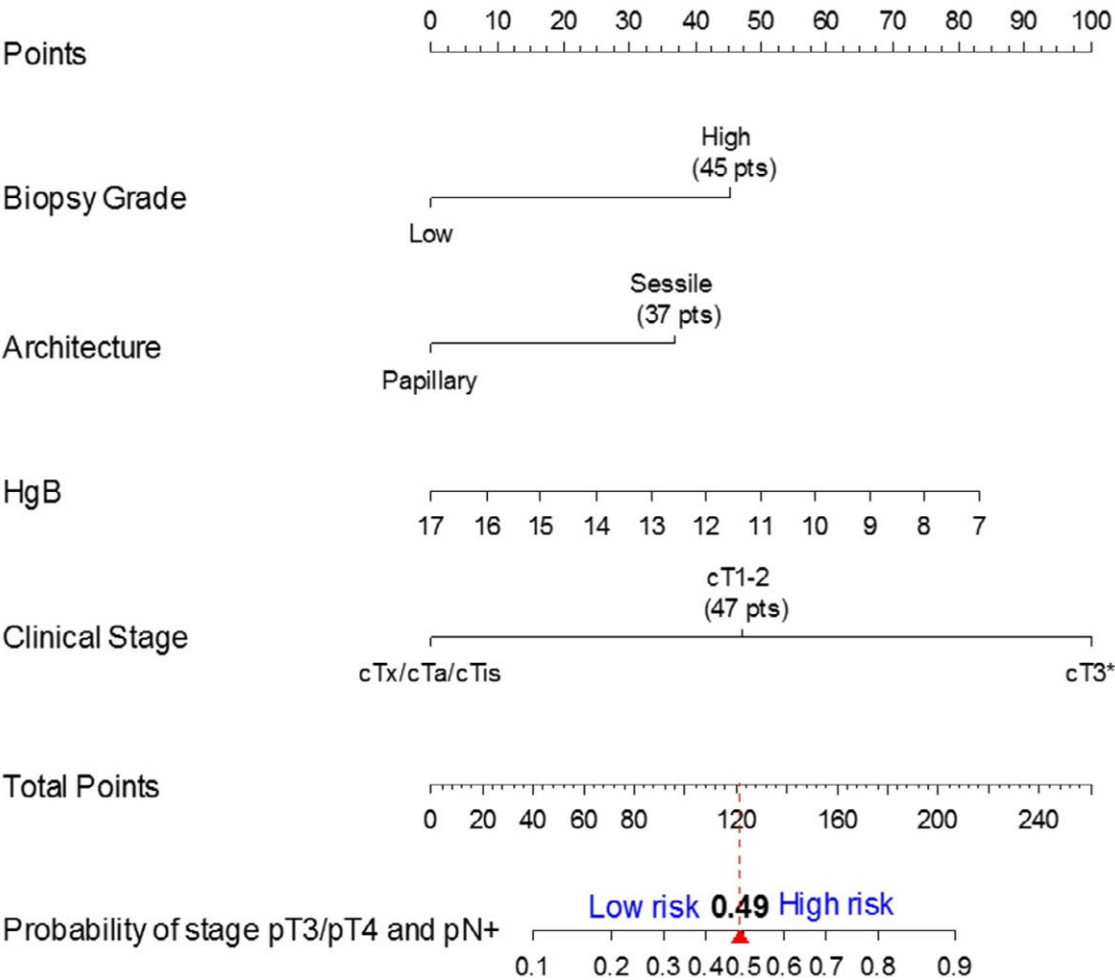
Instructions: Locate the patient’s age on the corresponding axis. Draw a line straight upward to the point axis to determine the points toward the probability of ≥pT2/pN+ disease the patient receives for his age value. Perform this process for each additional variable and sum the points for each predictor. Locate the final sum on the total point axis. Draw a line straight down to find the patient’s probability of having ≥pT2/pN+ disease. HN = hydronephrosis; RC = radical cystectomy.

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APPENDIX D: Clinical Risk Nomograms

Preoperative probability of non-organ confined (pT3-4, N+) upper tract urothelial carcinoma, low or high grade



* Peripelvic fat, parenchymal invasion (renal tumor) or periureteral fat invasion (ureteral tumor) or other infiltrative component on imaging

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