

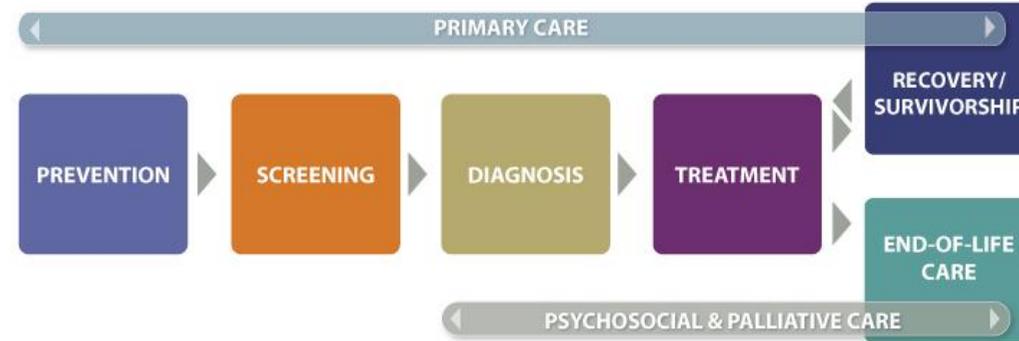
## Colorectal Cancer Screening Pathway

Disease Pathway Management Secretariat

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### The cancer journey

*Better cancer services every step of the way*



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## Pathway Disclaimer

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## Pathway Considerations

- The family physician should be informed of all tests and consultations. Usual ongoing care with the family physician is assumed to be part of the Pathway.
- Registered Nurse-Performed Flexible Sigmoidoscopy and Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) are currently being explored as screening tools via formal provincial pilot projects in selected regions across Ontario.

## Pathway Legend

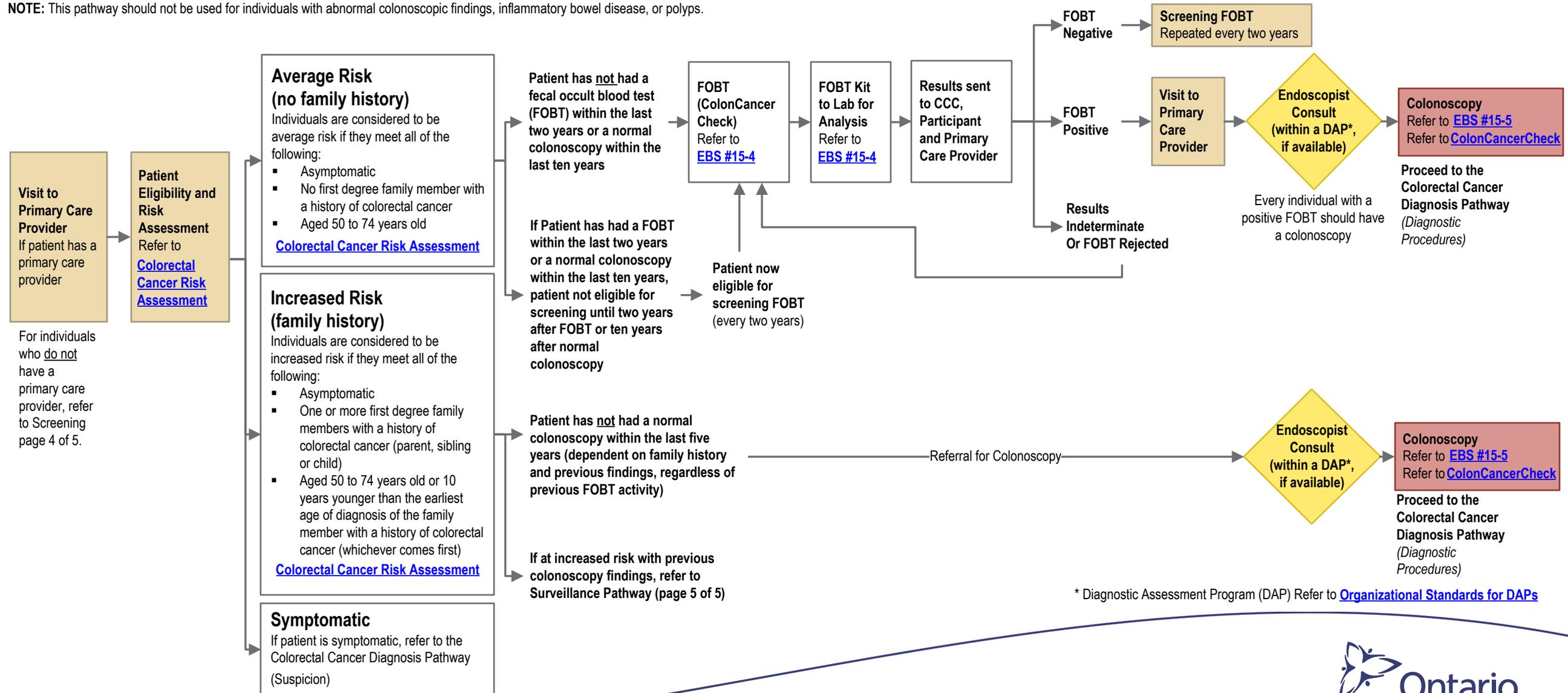
	Primary Care Provider (Family Physician, Nurse Practitioner, Emergency Department Physician)
	Endoscopist
	Pathologist
	Diagnostic Assessment Program (DAP)
	Surgeon
	Radiation Oncologist
	Medical Oncologist
	Imaging
	Multi-disciplinary Cancer Conferences (MCC)
	Palliative Care and Psychosocial Oncology Team
	No Specific Specialist Designated
	Possible Action or Result
	Referral to
	Managing Physician at Pathway Entry Point

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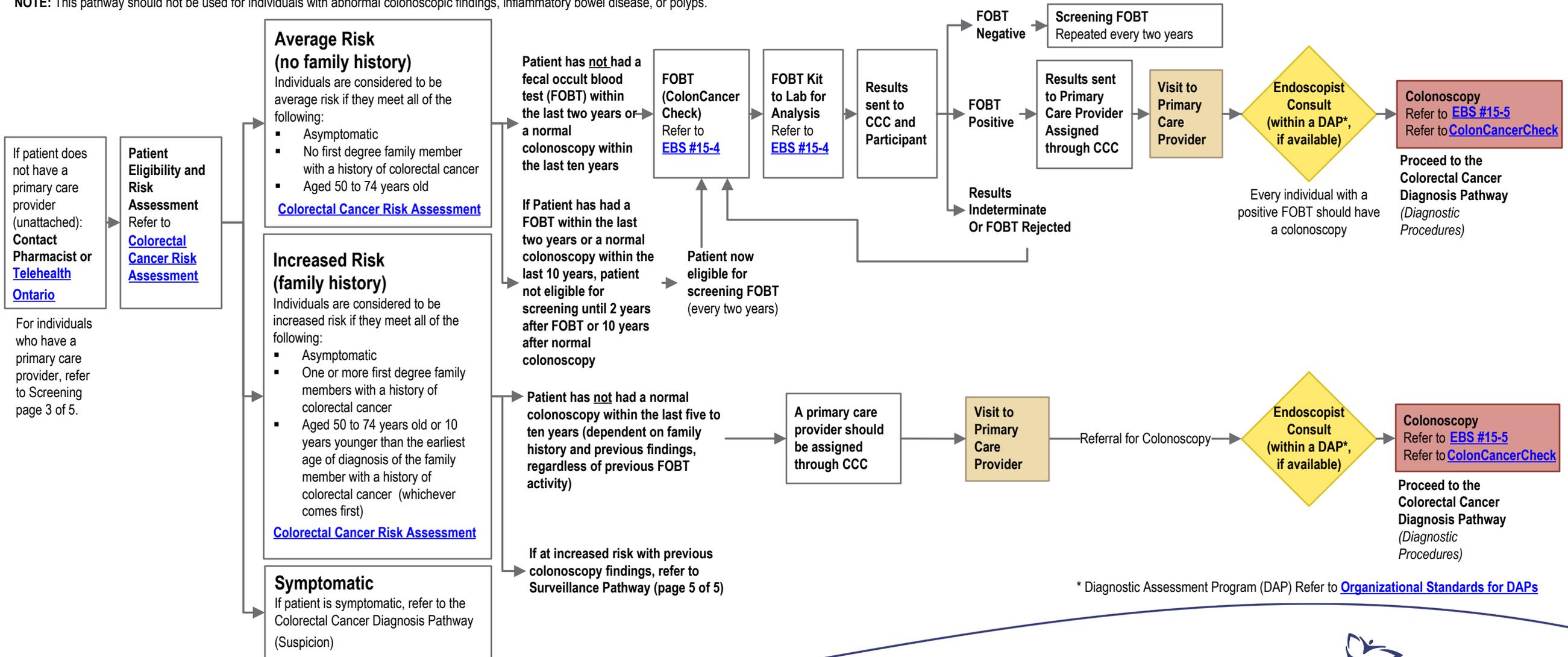
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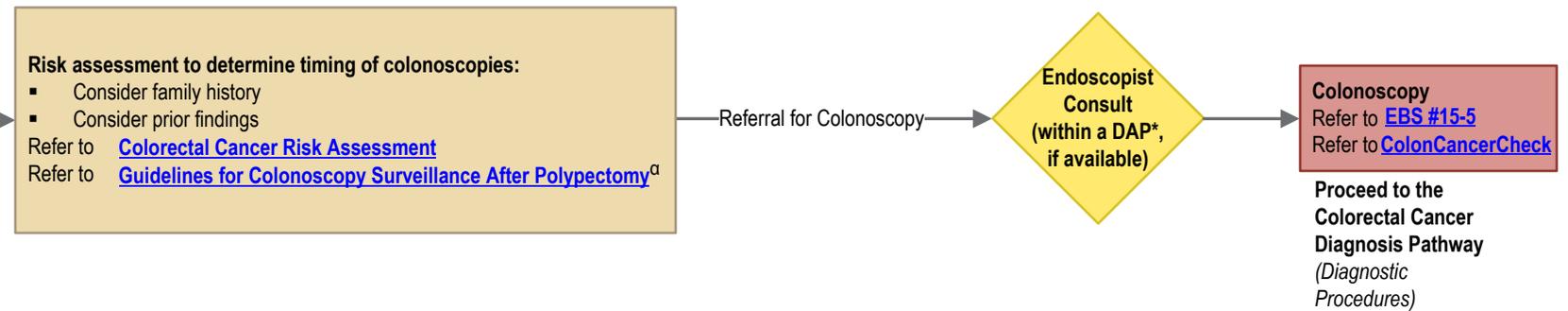
### Surveillance

Follow-up on previous colonoscopy findings, polyps or a previous cancer

Refer to [Colorectal Cancer Risk Assessment](#)

Refer to [Guidelines for Colonoscopy Surveillance After Polypectomy](#)<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> To complement the colonoscopy standards, CCC adopted the Guidelines for Colonoscopy Surveillance after Polypectomy. Gastroenterology 2006; 130:1872-1885



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