

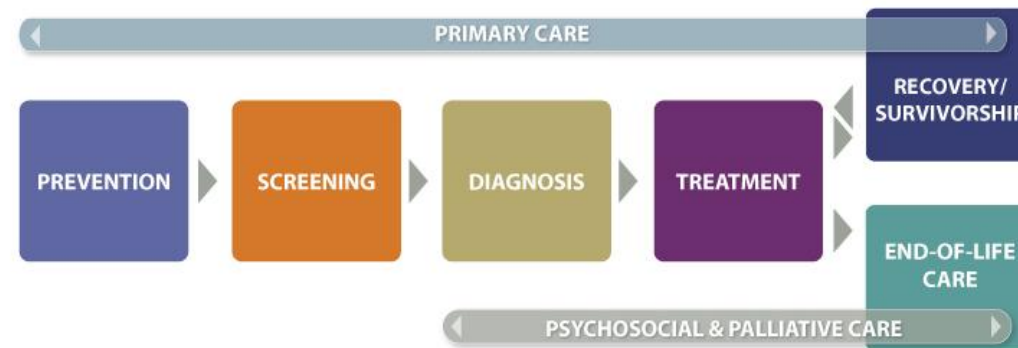
Colorectal Cancer Diagnosis Pathway

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The cancer journey

Better cancer services every step of the way



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






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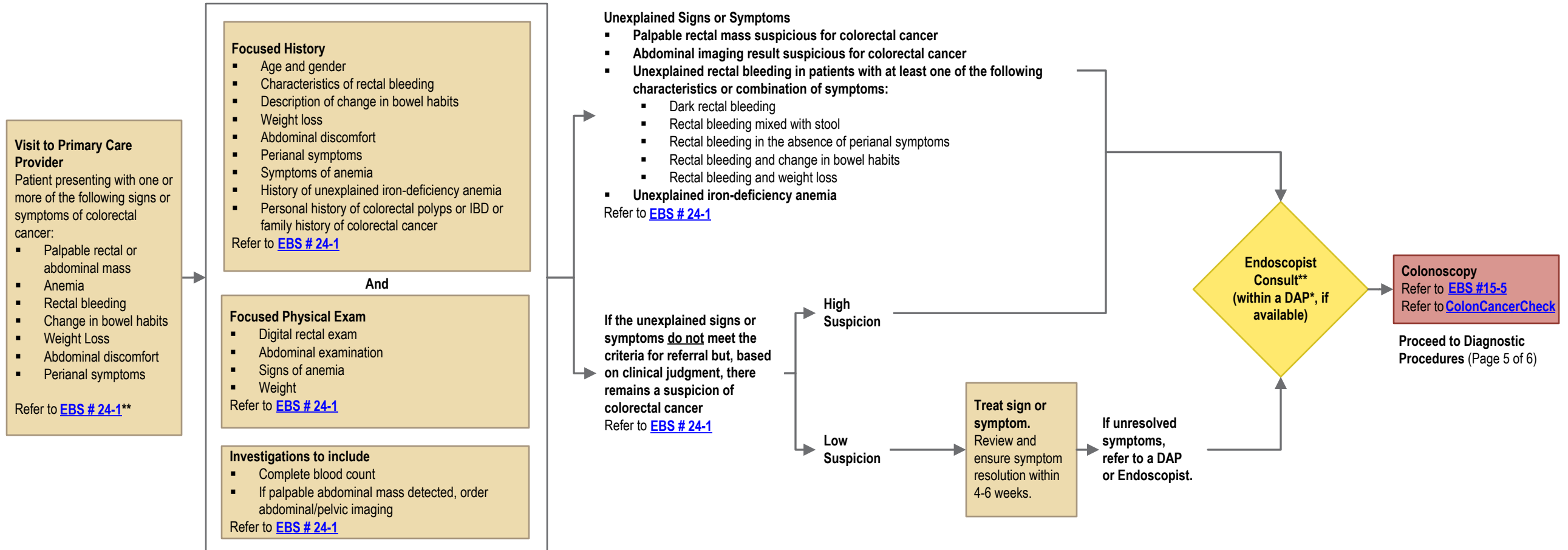
- The family physician should be informed of all tests and consultations. Usual ongoing care with the family physician is assumed to be part of the Pathway.

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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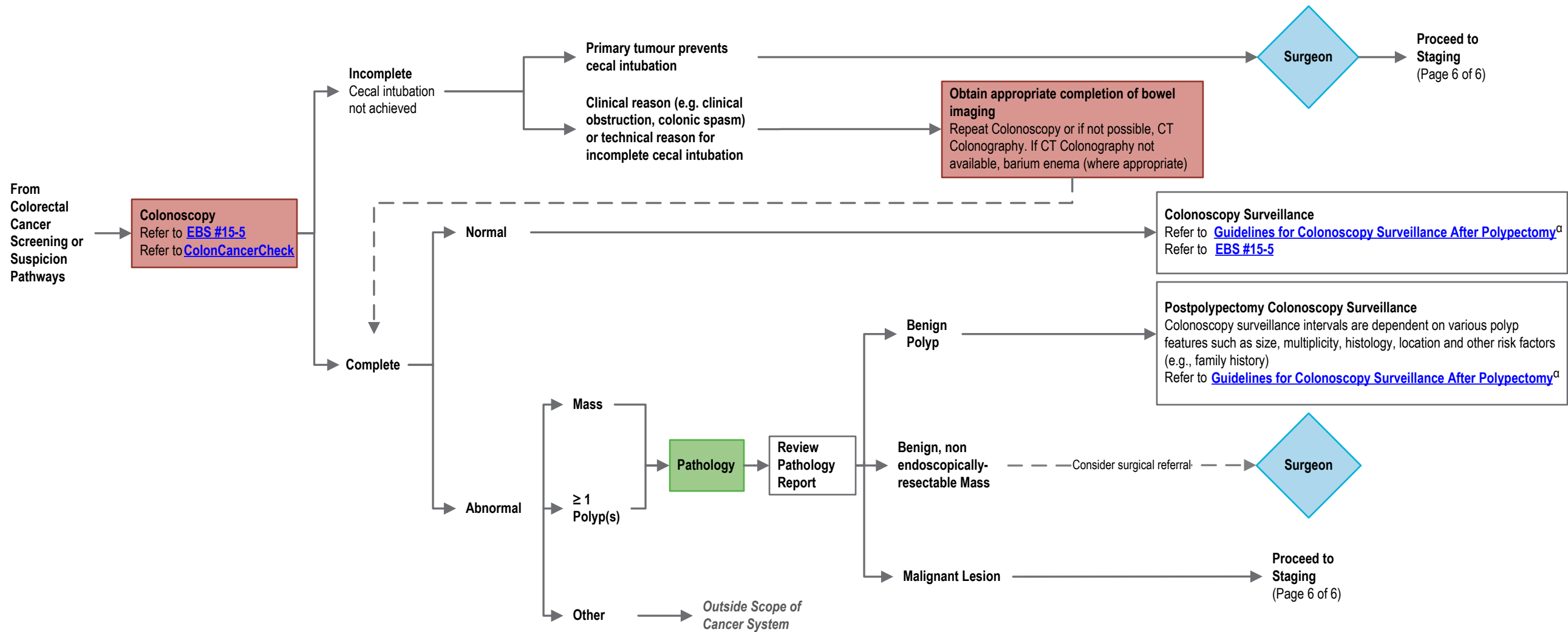
Symptomatic Patients



* Diagnostic Assessment Program (DAP) Refer to [Organizational Standards for DAPs](#)

** Note: In situations where wait times for specialists to perform colonoscopy are considered excessive, referring physicians may, in coordination with the specialist or Colorectal Cancer Diagnostic Assessment Program (CRC DAP), order other imaging, eg. CT colonography. Normal or negative results should not lead to a cancellation of the consult with the CRC DAP or specialist. Positive results may facilitate more timely investigation of a patient. Refer to [EBS # 24-1](#)

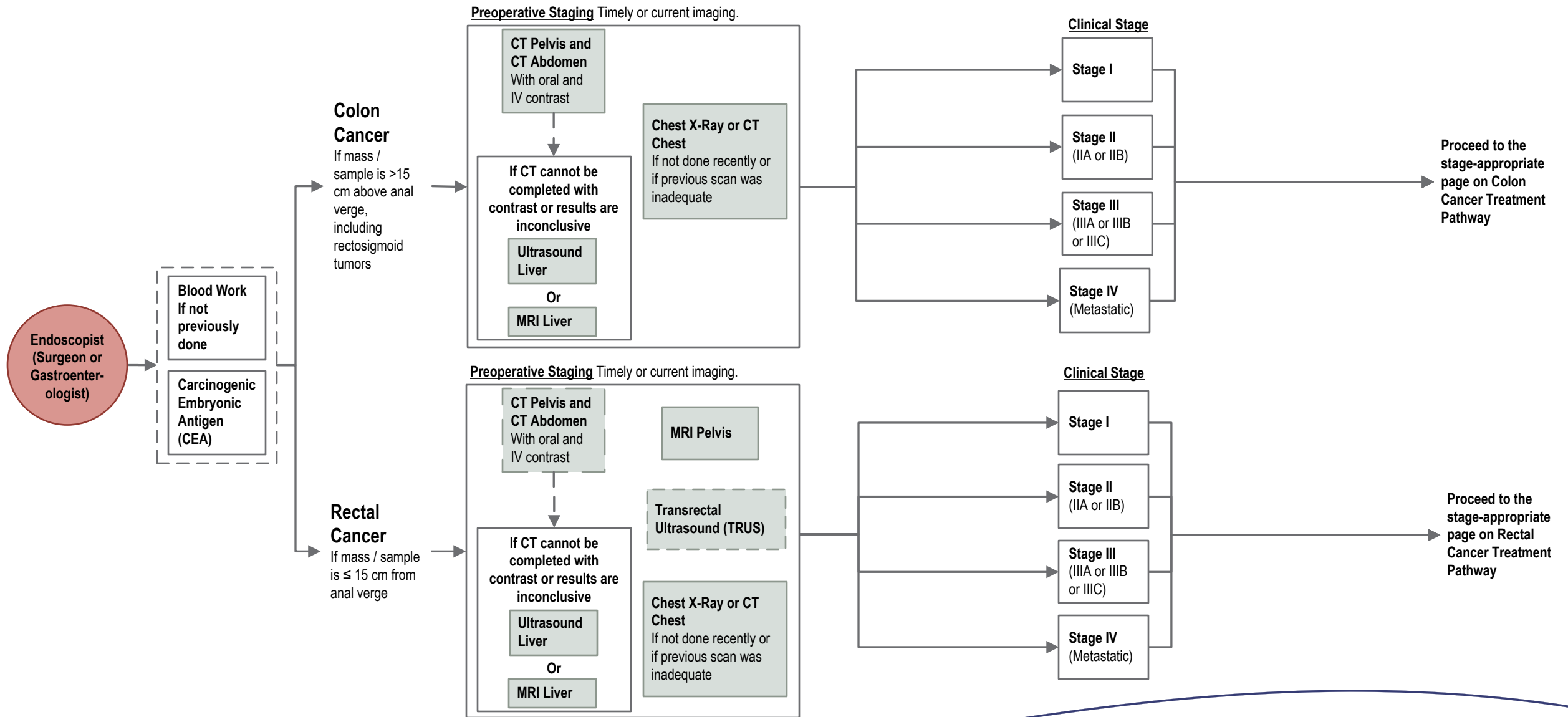
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^a To complement the colonoscopy standards, ColonCancerCheck adopted these surveillance guidelines:

Guidelines for Colonoscopy Surveillance after Polypectomy: A consensus update by the US Multi-Society Task Force on Colorectal Cancer and the American Cancer Society. Gastroenterology 2006; 130:1872-1885

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NOTE: Stage 0 does not require staging investigation. Proceed to the stage-appropriate page on the Colon or Rectal Cancer Treatment Pathway.