

## Early and locally advanced breast cancer: diagnosis and management

### Supplement 3: Pathway algorithm

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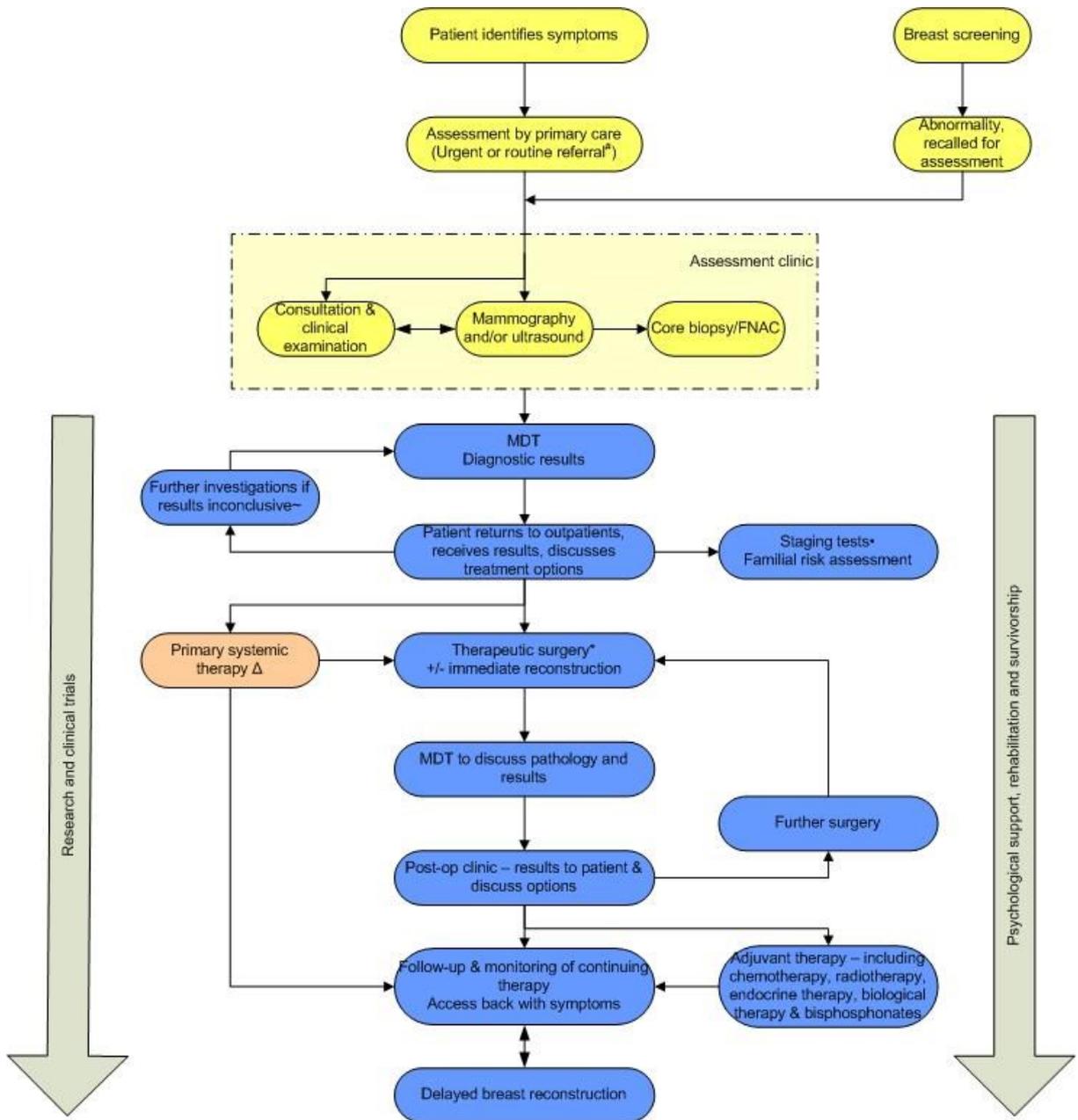
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Key:

- ~ Include repeat core biopsy/open biopsy/MRI etc.
- \* Could include breast conservation, mastectomy & axillary staging (sentinel lymph node biopsy or clearance)
- Δ For elderly or unfit patients, surgery may not be appropriate. For locally advanced but non metastatic, primary systemic therapy precedes therapeutic surgery in order to reduce size of tumour
- Not all patients will require staging: Quality standard 12 Breast cancer (NICE 2011).
- # Following the publication of the Cancer Reform Strategy (Department of Health 2007), by December 2009 all patients presenting with breast problems referred by their GP to a specialist should be seen within two weeks, in England.

MDT – multidisciplinary team; FNAC – fine needle aspiration cytology

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