



Scottish HepatoPancreatoBiliary Network (SHPBN)

Pancreatic Collaborative review 2019

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Summary:

- (1) Broad brush outline of audit process and data sources
- (2) Outline of Executive Summary findings
- (3) Summary of some of the problem areas
- (4) Discussion of where we may focus effort for the best return
- (5) Propose some potential changes with potential to affect positive change and act as a basis for subsequent group discussion



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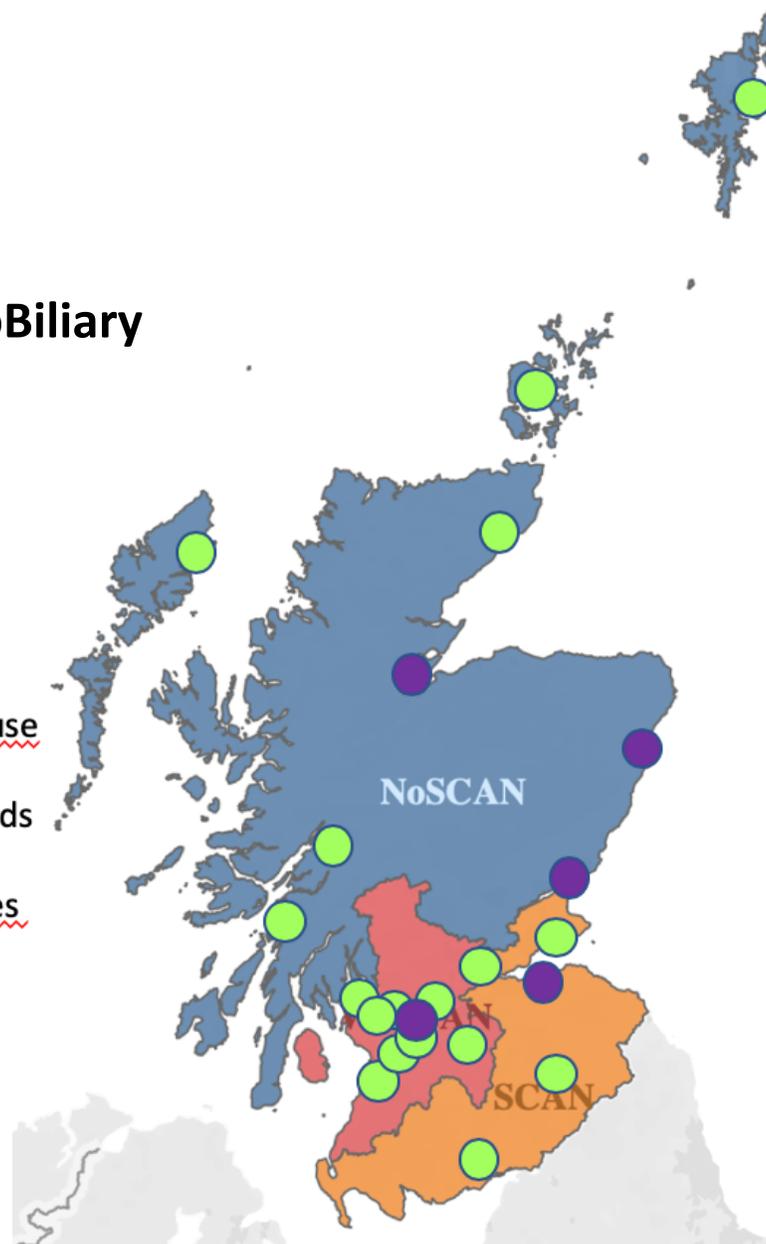
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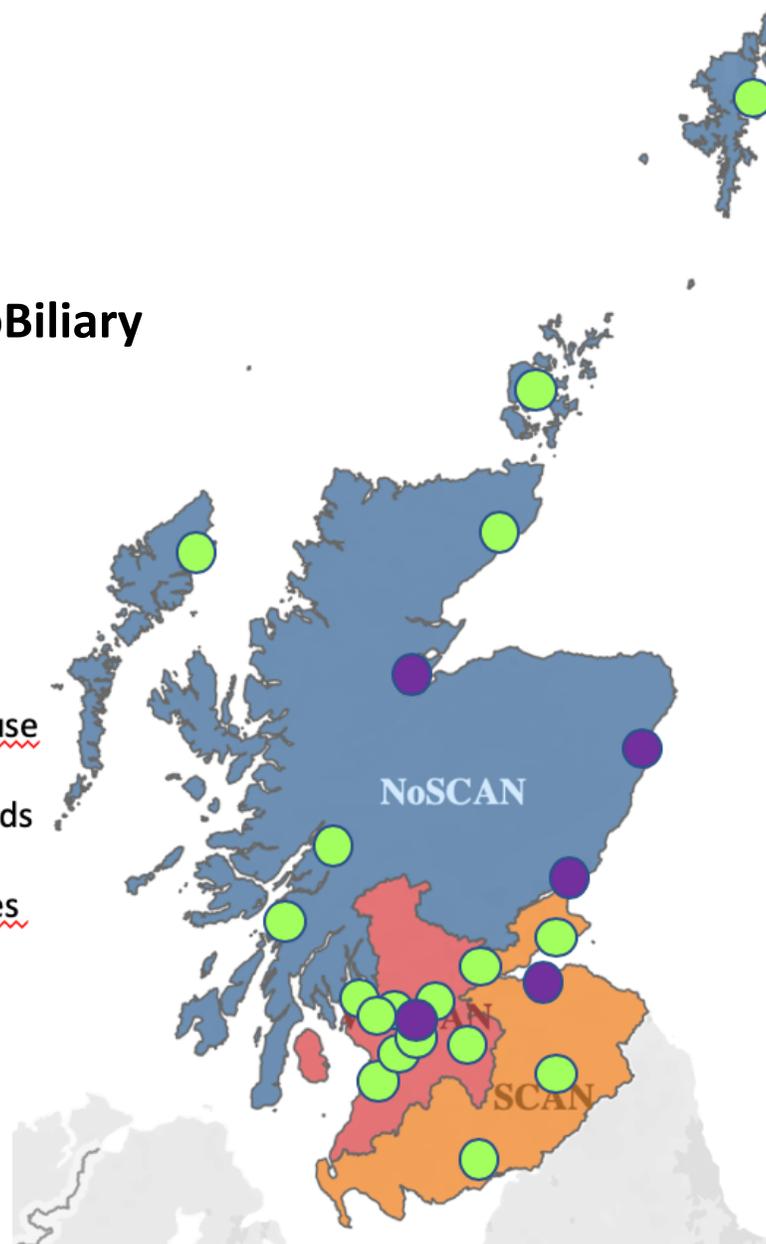
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.. A big thank you to all involved ...

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Section 1: Diagnosis to Regional MDM Referral pathway

- Delineation of local pathways / delays in imaging etc
- Communication of suspicious imaging findings
- Communication and support of patients
- Existence of local MDM meetings
- What local services are available
- Communication with GP, CNS, Palliative care

Section 2 - Regional MDM to initiation of treatment

- Regional pathways
- Duration of staging / waiting times for interventions
- Communication of findings with patients and primary care

Section 3 - Delivery of MDT proposed Treatment

- Details of where and what is available
- Standard regional pathways / preferred options
- Problems with delivery of proposed care
- Recruitment to trials / research

Section 4 - Follow up, holistic care and anticipatory care provision:

- Detail of holistic support (CNS, dietician, psychologist, palliative care)
- Anticipatory care planning



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Local audit



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Phase 2:

- (6) MDM meetings in District General Hospitals results in **dual discussion** and potential delay referral to a Regional MDT.
- (7) **Referral information pre MDT is inconsistent / incomplete.**
- (8) **Communication** of outcome to patients, referring clinicians and general practitioners **pre MDT** is inconsistent and **often poor.**

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(13) Significant **specialist nurse time** is taken up organising staging investigations/ **administrating MDTs** rather than maximising direct patient contact.

(14) There is **variable CNS, community palliative care, dietetic, and psychological support and less than required**

(15) Universally **limited best supportive care resource** / community access to support

Problem areas:

Surgery: Time between decision and surgery between 2-6 weeks
18 surgeons performing pancreatic resection in 5 sites
Problems: High surgeon / volume number

Chemotherapy: Variability of access to regimes across regions
consolidation CRT in Glasgow and Aberdeen
central belt (Forth / Lanarkshire pathway for surgery / oncology inconsistent
Problems: Inconsistent pathways
Low trial recruitment / deterioration in performance status

Provision of endoscopic , percutaneous or interventional radiological services.:

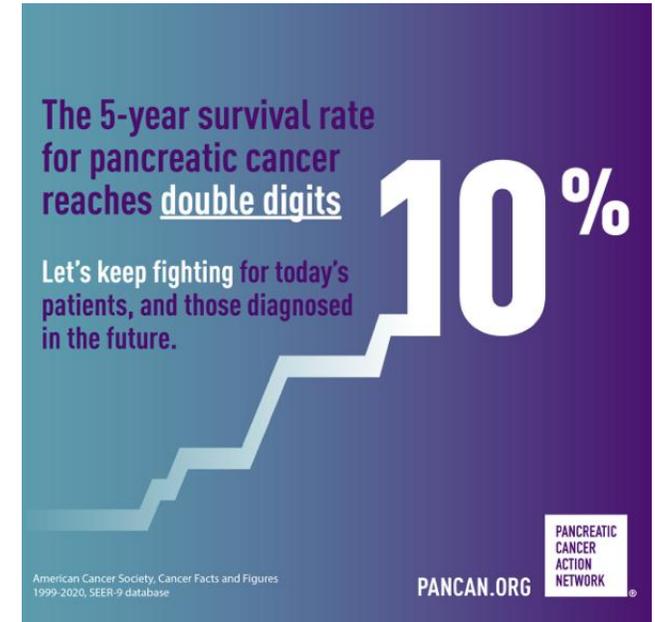
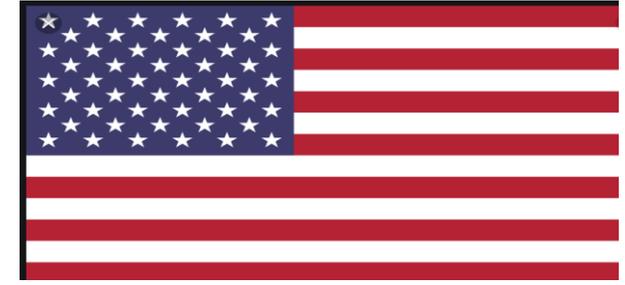
Intermittent availability for palliation of jaundice
Not always 24hr IR cover in some hospitals
Radiological ablative techniques(RFA, Microwave, IRE) not routinely available
Problems: MDT communication problems and intermittent availability

Palliative care: Poor communication with patients during and after staging process
Symptom control (esp. non active treatment patients) poor
deterioration in performance status during assessment and treatment
Problems: Late referral to palliative care services
communication sporadic



Summary statistics for pancreatic cancer

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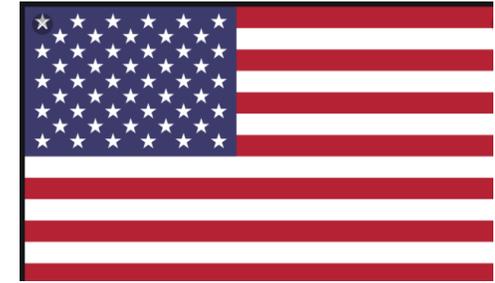


... is it time for change?



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The 5-year survival rate for pancreatic cancer reaches **double digits**

Let's keep fighting for today's patients, and those diagnosed in the future.

10%

American Cancer Society, Cancer Facts and Figures 1999-2020, SEER-9 database

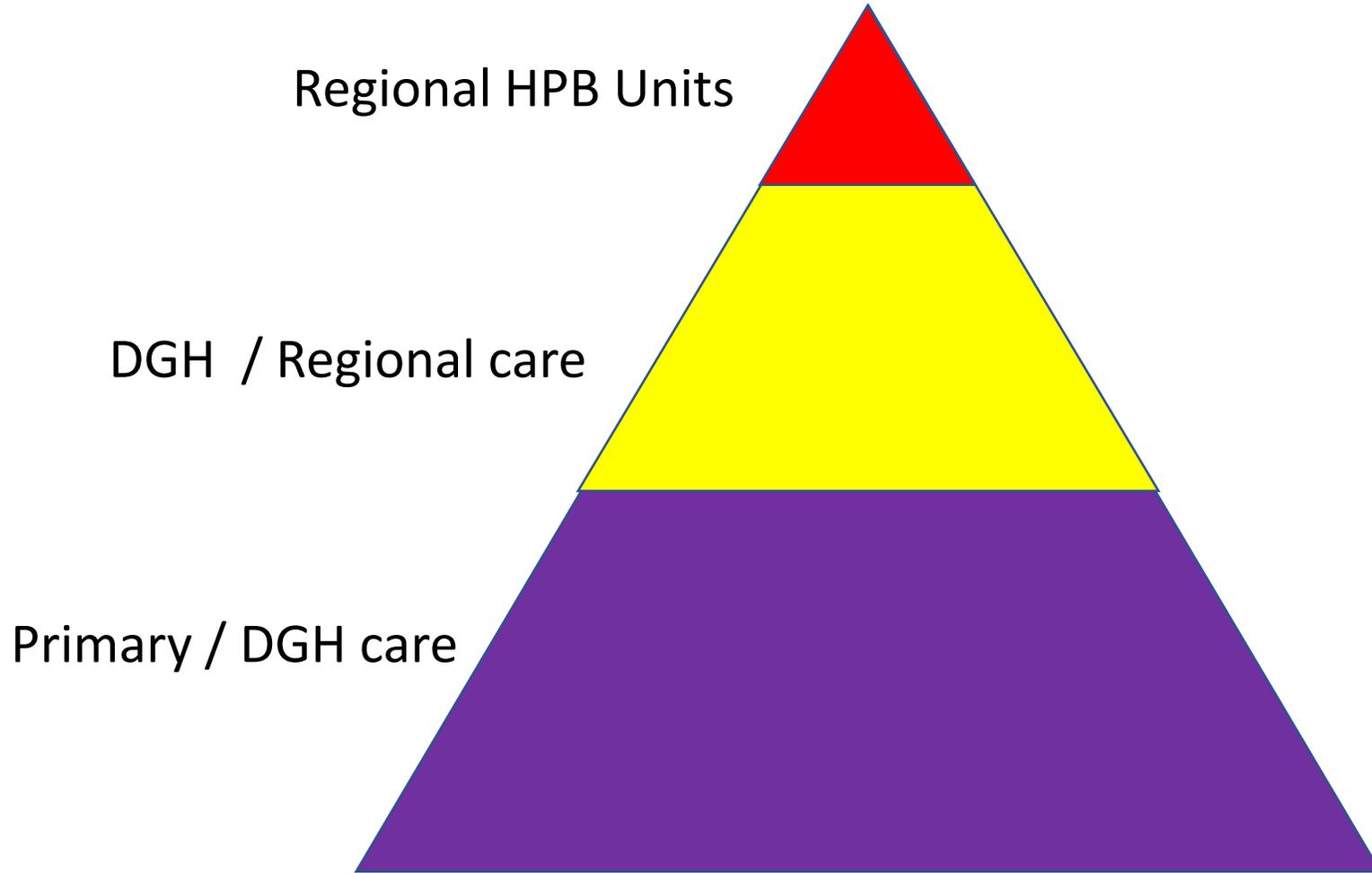
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... but what to change?



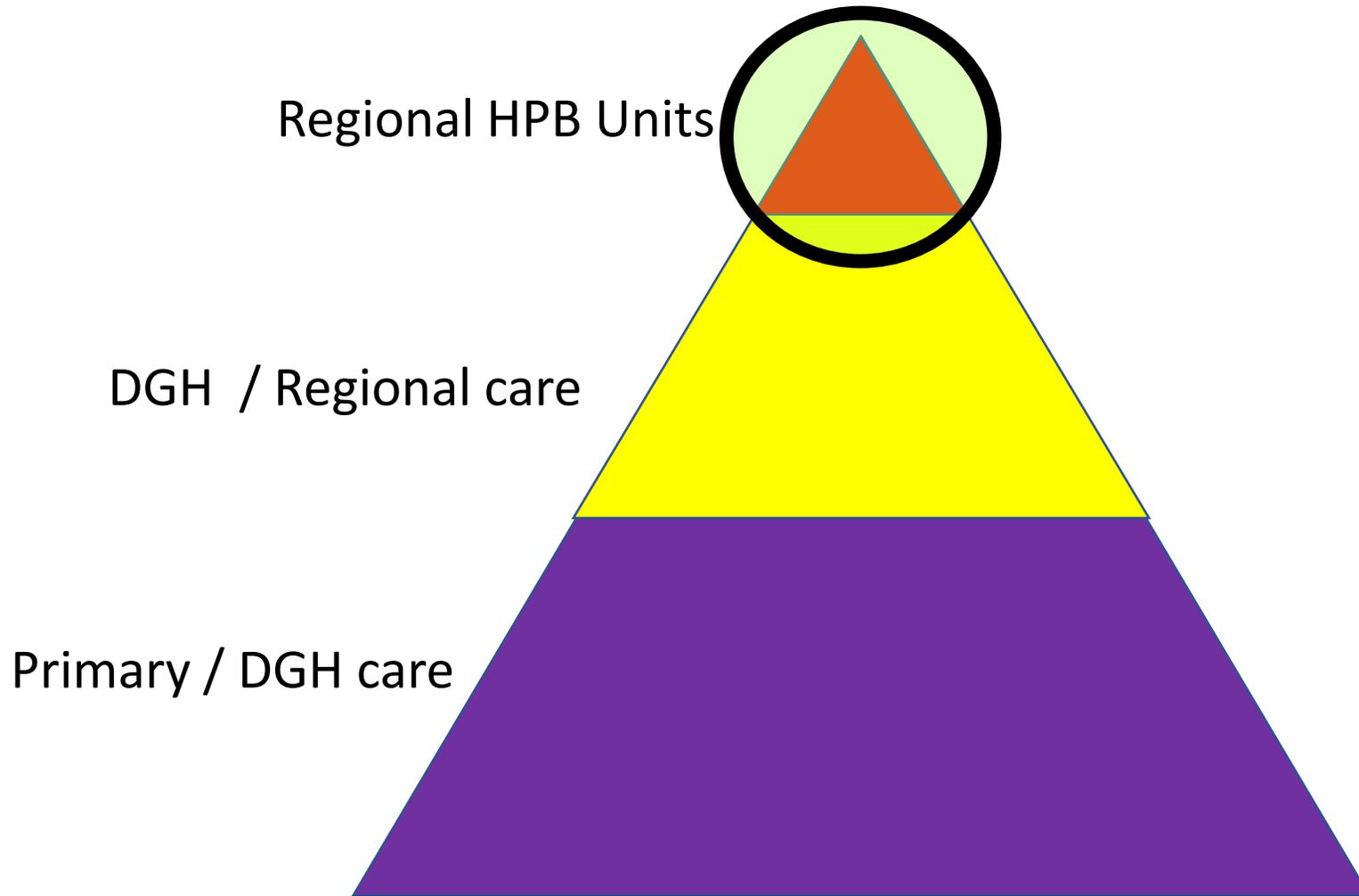
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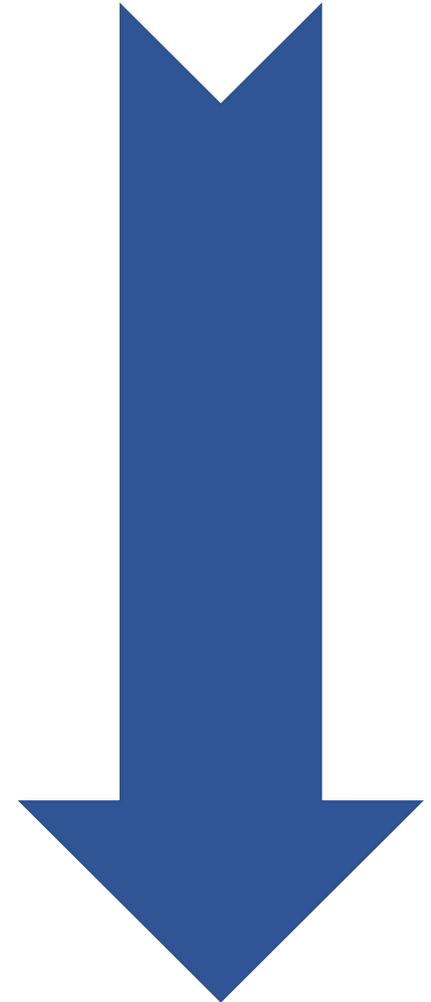
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Human nature for specialists to focus on their own practice

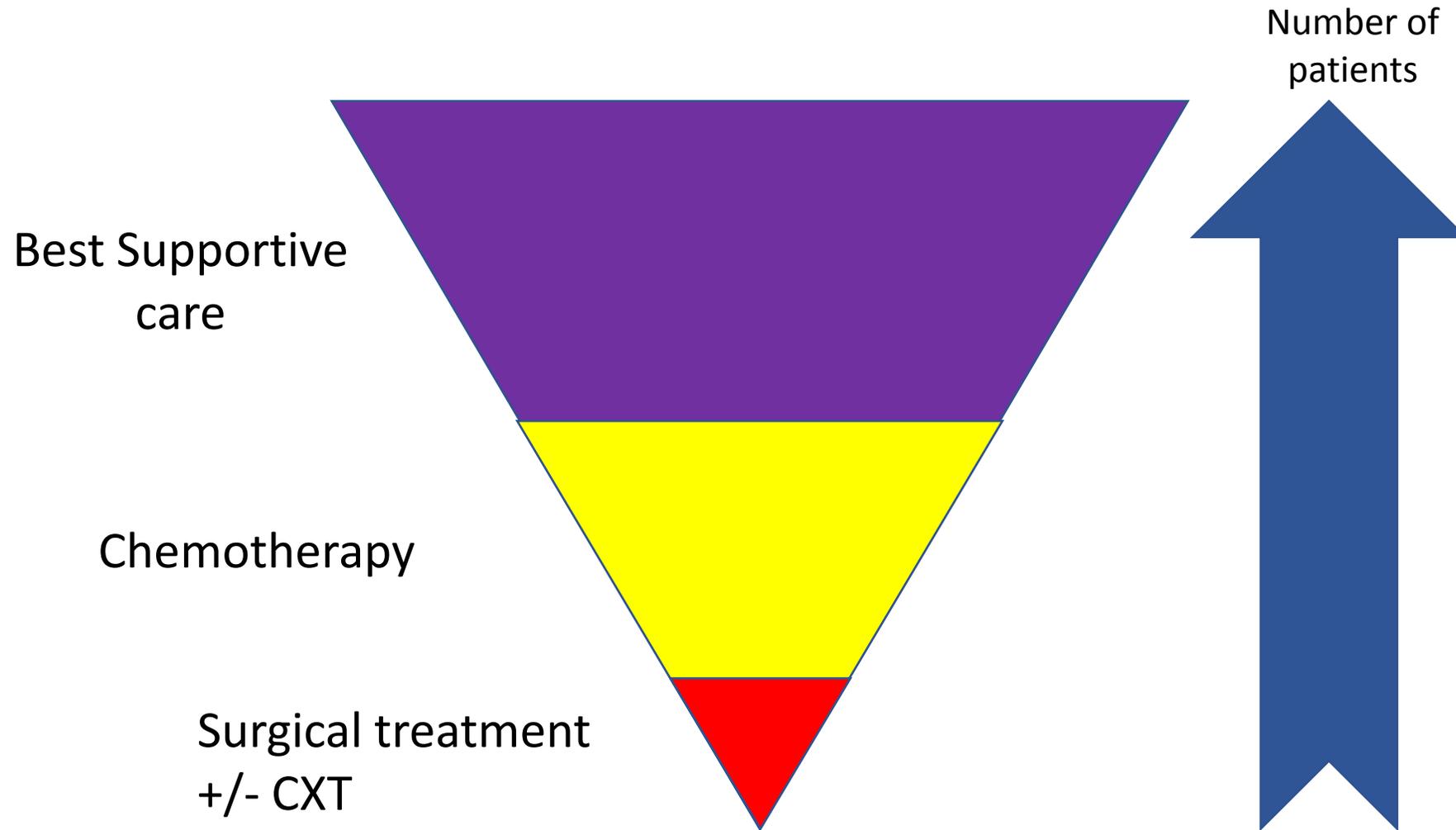


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Even big improvements within a small number of patients will have a small overall 5YS effect

Even a small improvement in every patients will have a significant overall 5YS effect



**Need to focus on aspects of management which affect everyone
(optimizing the assessment/ staging phase)**

Everyone doing their best, but....

Procrastinated referral / investigation period

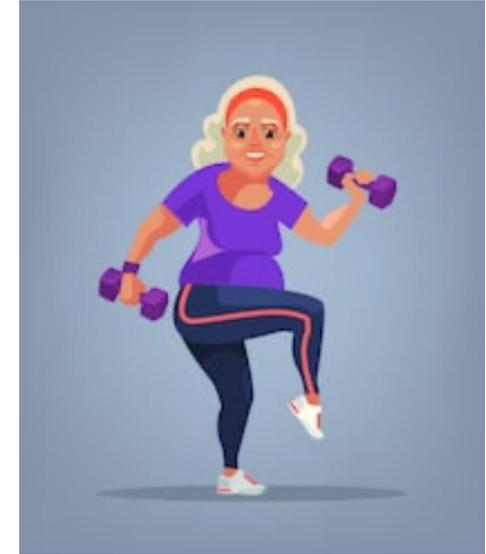
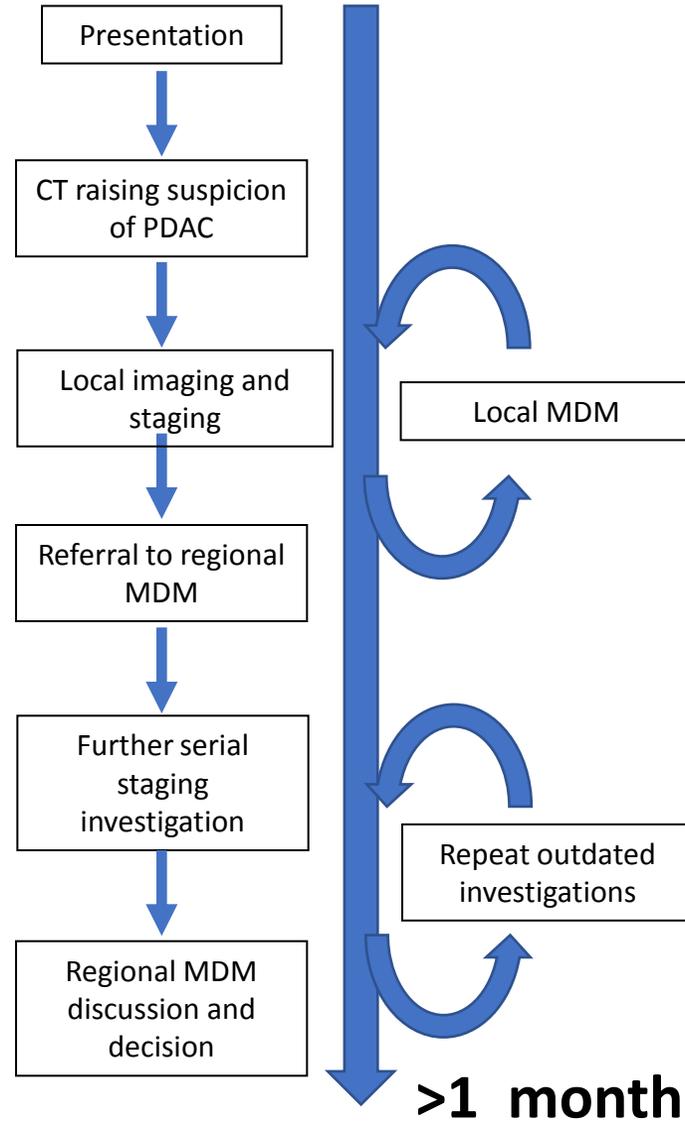
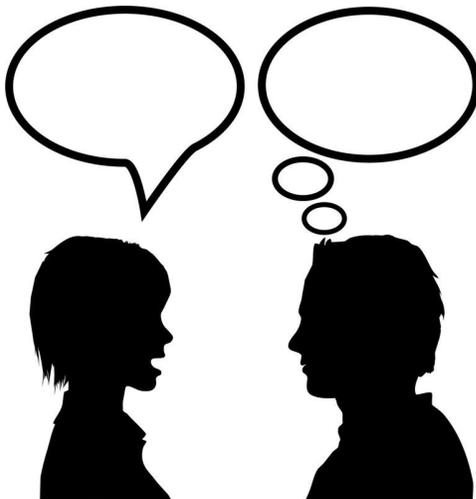
Deteriorating performance status often limits options

Reduced nutritional intake

Poor symptom control

Depression and reduced activity

Patient isolation/limited communication during staging process



So what can we do to improve early management?

Avoid delays in responding to positive investigations (e.g. USOC on CT)

Delays in reacting to positive radiological findings :

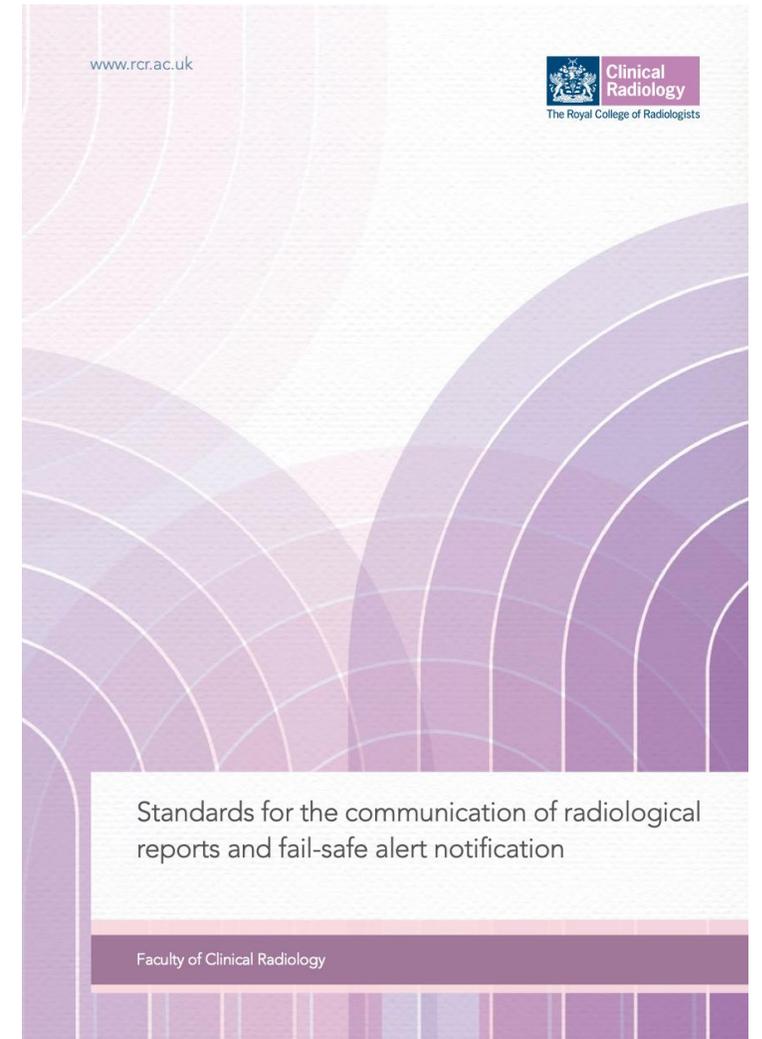
Communication. ... **Flagging up suspicious radiology**

Standard 2

It is the responsibility of the radiologist to produce reports as quickly and efficiently as possible, and to flag reports when they feel a fail-safe alert is required.

But who / how to flag reports

..need a mechanism to facilitate alert notification



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Communication. ... Consistent referral process and pathway

NHS Forth Valley
30 diagnosed (9.3%)

Tuesday/Friday
HPB MDTs (ERI)

- Initial Clinic**
FVRH
- Diagnostics**
FVRH
- Outpatient Clinics**
FVRH
- Staging**
FVRH and referred to ERI
- Surgery**
Referred to ERI
- Adjuvant SACT**
Referred to EWGH or BWoSCC
- Palliative Treatment**
FVRH or referred to EWGH or BWoSCC
- Follow-up**
ERI/EWGH or GRI/BWoSCC

WEST OF SCOTLAND PANCREATICO-BILIARY CANCER MDT
REFERRAL TO WEST OF SCOTLAND PANCREATICO-BILIARY CANCER MDT MEETING

If you wish to participate in the MDT to present your case please contact the MDT Coordinator for further information: 0141 211 4702 or Karen.Burns@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Completed referral forms should be forwarded to Karen.Burns@ggc.scot.nhs.uk by Tuesday 2PM for discussion at the following Thursday MDT meeting.

To enable decision-making at the MDT meeting all the requested information should be provided. If the form is inadequately completed the patient may not be discussed.

The patient remains under the care of the consultant referring to MDT meeting unless otherwise stated in MDT outcome.

Completed referral form and associated documentation sent will form part of the patient's EPR.

PATIENT / CONSULTANT DETAILS

Date of MDT Referral: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

Patient CHI:

Patient Name:

Sex:

Consultant Name:

Email:

Contact Number:

Hospital:

Specialist Nurse:

Name of referrer (if different):

CLINICAL DETAILS / PANCREATICO-BILIARY

Specific Question for MDT:

HISTORY

Phx: pancreatitis: Jaundice:

If alcohol now abstinent: Smoking:

If yes how long abstinent: Diabetes:

PATHOLOGY

Pathology (Date): [Click here to enter a date.](#)

Pathology Source:

CO-MORBIDITIES

CVA / MI / COPD / Renal:

PERFORMANCE STATUS

Duke activity score (modified):

[Dukes activity score calculator](#)
(exclude sexual relations score)
www.mdcalc.com/duke-activity-status-index-dasi

Previous cancer history (date): [Click here to enter a date.](#) ? Fill for surgery / CX17:

BSC:

BIOCHEMISTRY

Bilirubin (Date): [Click here to enter a date.](#) Full Blood Count:

Urea (Date): [Click here to enter a date.](#) Prothrombin:

Creatinine: INR:

eGFR:

Glucose: **DRUGS**

Anti-Coagulants:

LFIs: Name of drugs:

Tumour Markers:

Ca19.9:

IMAGING

Date: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

Result of CT CAP:

Other Information

Date: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

Result of Liver MRI:

OTHER INFORMATION

Is patient aware of their potential cancer diagnosis? [Options](#)

Are the patient's treatment preferences known (please provide details of the patient's treatment preferences if known)

Would you agree for patient to be contacted directly through the MDT with an appointment? [Options](#)

Completed forms should be emailed to Karen.Burns@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

You should receive a confirmation email that case has been received. If you have not received a confirmation email within 5 working days of referral sent, please telephone MDT co-ordinator on 0141 211 4702 to check that referral has been received. After the MDT meeting, the MDT outcome will be uploaded to Clinical Portal and you will be notified of MDT outcome.

Standardised referral forms with automated email alerts

Rationalise referral pathways

Pathway variability disassociates patients from the CNS network

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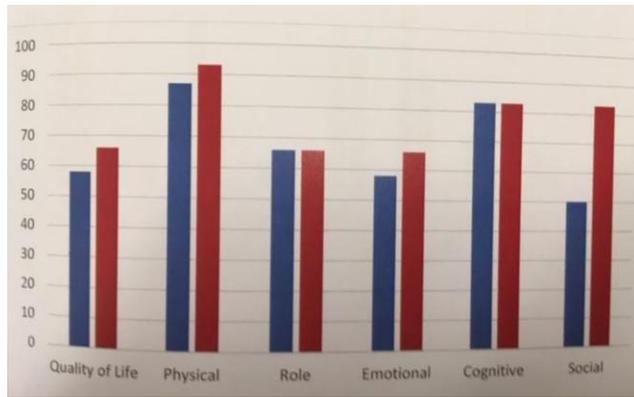
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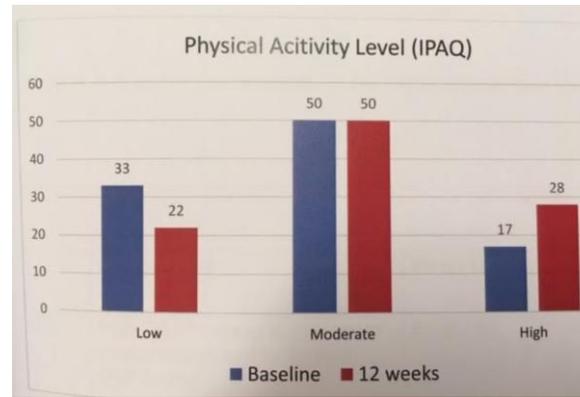
FEED study: (Fish-oil ONS, enzymes (PERT), Exercise and Diet)

Ms Oonagh Griffin, Professor Kevin Conlon and Professor Justin Geoghegan, Dublin

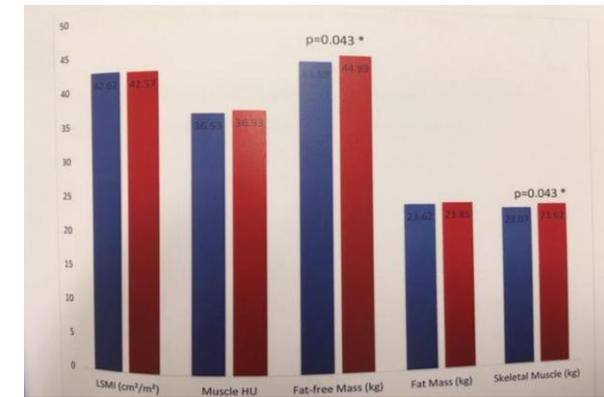
- Study of Intensive nutrition and exercise supportive care during neoadjuvant CXT



Body composition



Physical activity



Health related
Quality of life

Conclusion:

Maintenance of performance status, weight and quality of life is possible during staging and treatment through early holistic education and intervention

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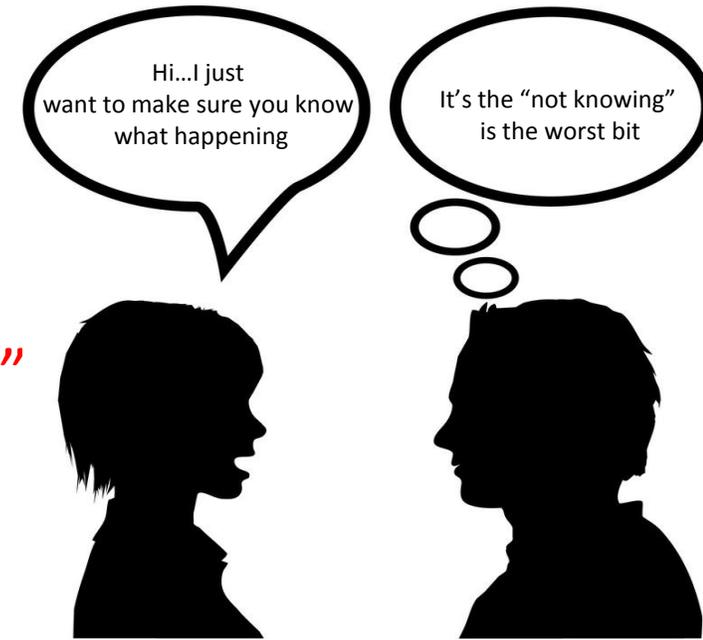
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Improve communication between all stakeholders from the point of initial referral

The Key Worker :

Nominated local (likely CNS) individual to act as a fulcrum and point of contact to:

- (1) Explain investigations and staging process (and that it may NOT be cancer)
- (2) Initiate early holistic BSC, symptom control, nutritional and exercise plan
- (3) Liaise with the local DGH re interventions
- (4) Introduce concepts of trials if appropriate
- (5) Liaise with primary care
- (6) Liaise with palliative care
- (7) Feed back to Network as patients advocate re “wishes”



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Increase numbers receiving active treatment and trial recruitment through all of above

Proposals: things to stop....

Discontinue discussion of pancreatic cancer patients in local MDTs with direct regional referral, saving time and potentially resource.

Agree consistency of Health Board referral pathways regardless of stage of disease (e.g. Forth and Lanarkshire)

Identify where CNS time is taken up by administration tasks

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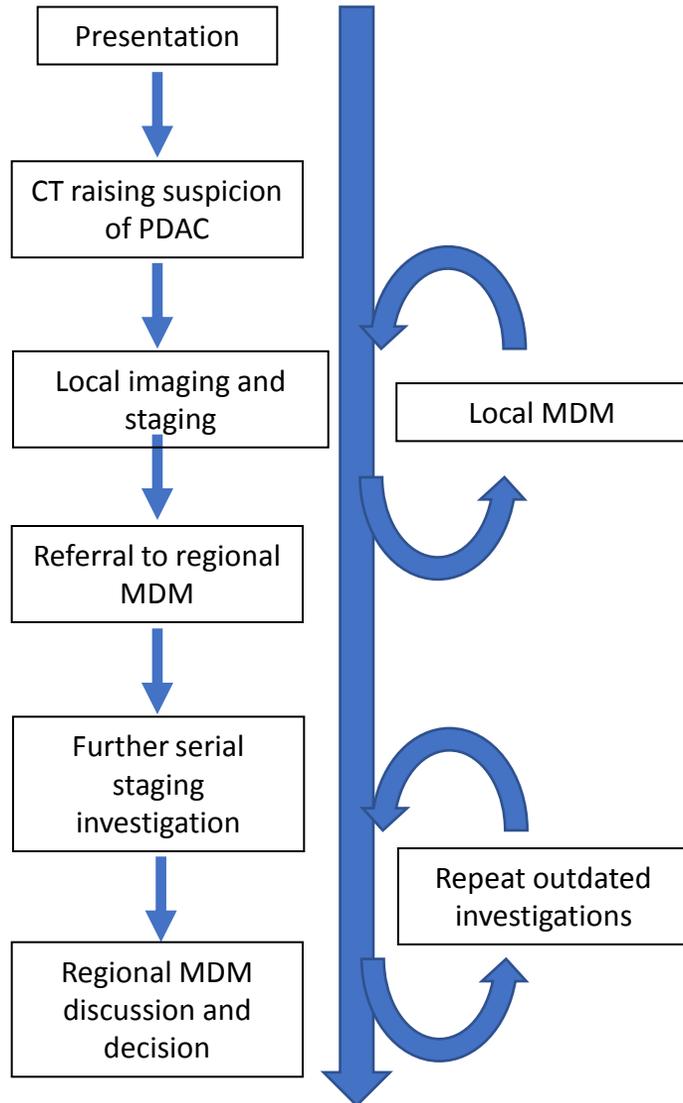
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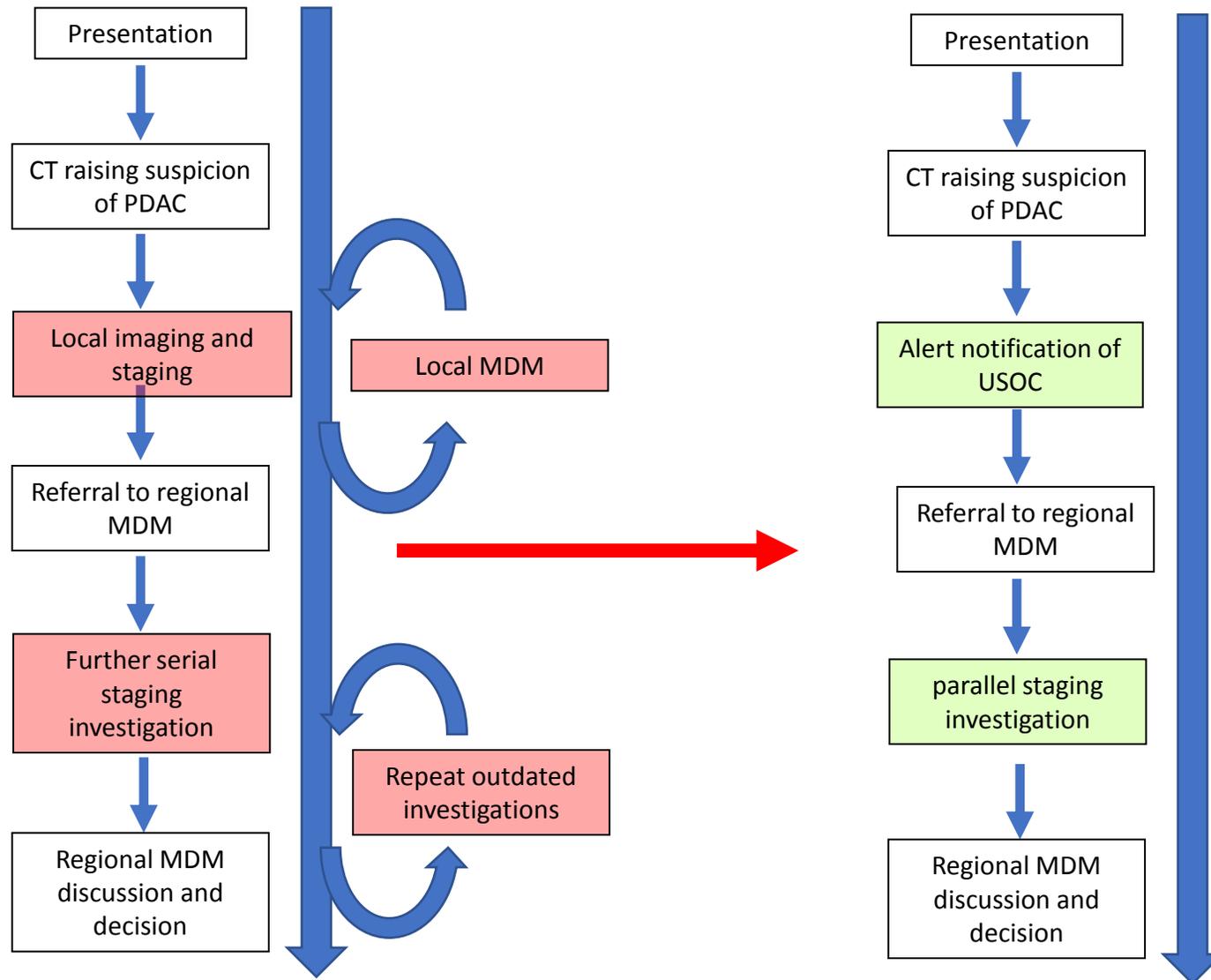
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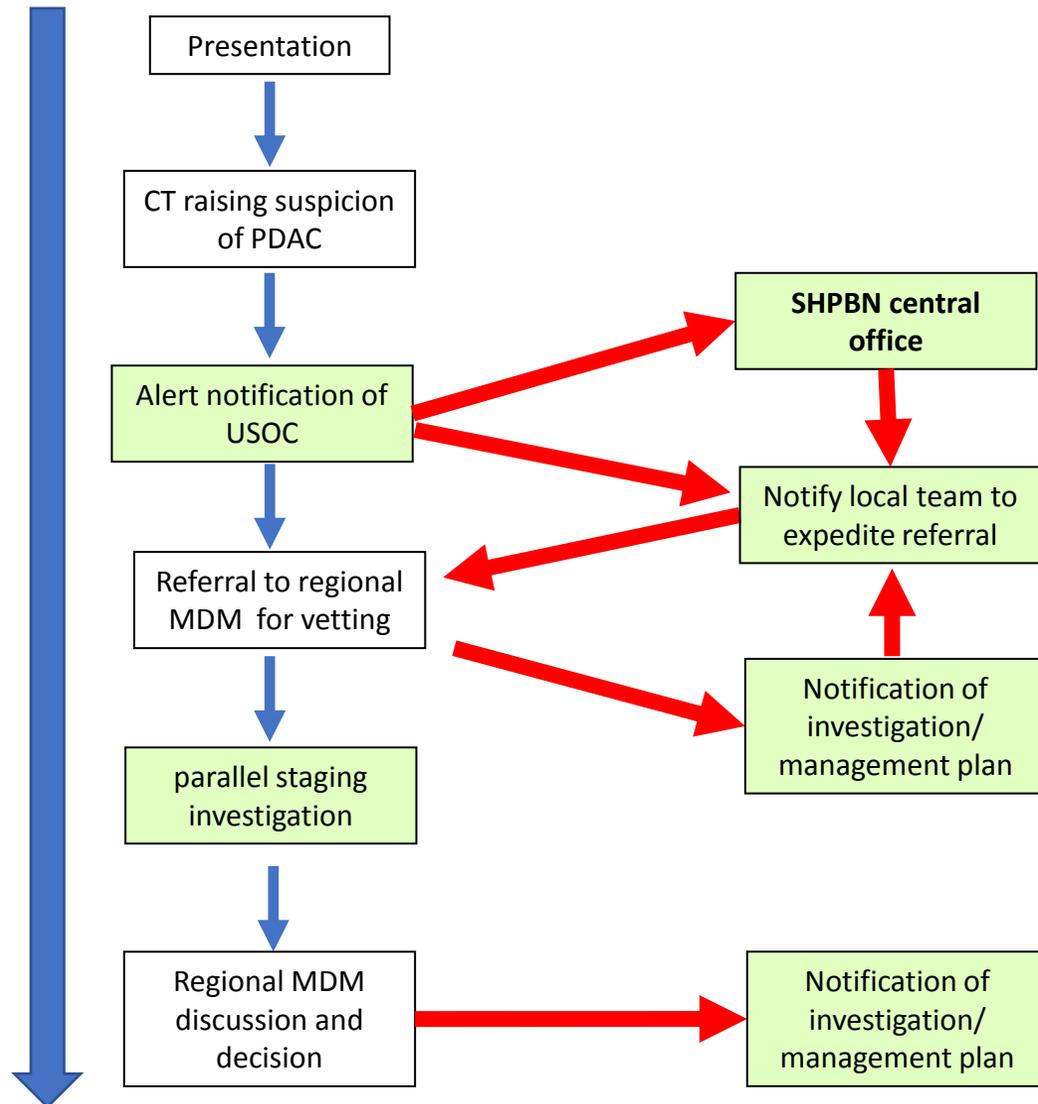
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Central registration of USOCs and referrals ...



Single email address for USOCs to initiate alert

Communication with

(a) requesting team

(b) encourage urgent MDM referral

Identify possible local “key worker”

Establish a patient specific communication network

Facilitate accurate QPI data

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...are you ?

2020 QPI's

QPI 6 – Radiological Diagnosis of Pancreatic, Duodenal or Biliary Tract Cancer

QPI 7 – Pathological Diagnosis of Pancreatic, Duodenal or Biliary Tract Cancer

QPI 10 – Lymph Node Yield

QPI 11 – 30 and 90 Day Mortality After Surgical Resection for Pancreatic, Duodenal or Distal Biliary Tract Cancer

QPI 12 – Volume of Cases per Centre/Surgeon

QPI 13 – Clinical Trial and Research Study Access

QPI 14 - 30 Day Mortality following Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy (SACT)

QPI 15 – Access to Palliative Systemic Therapy for Pancreatic Cancer