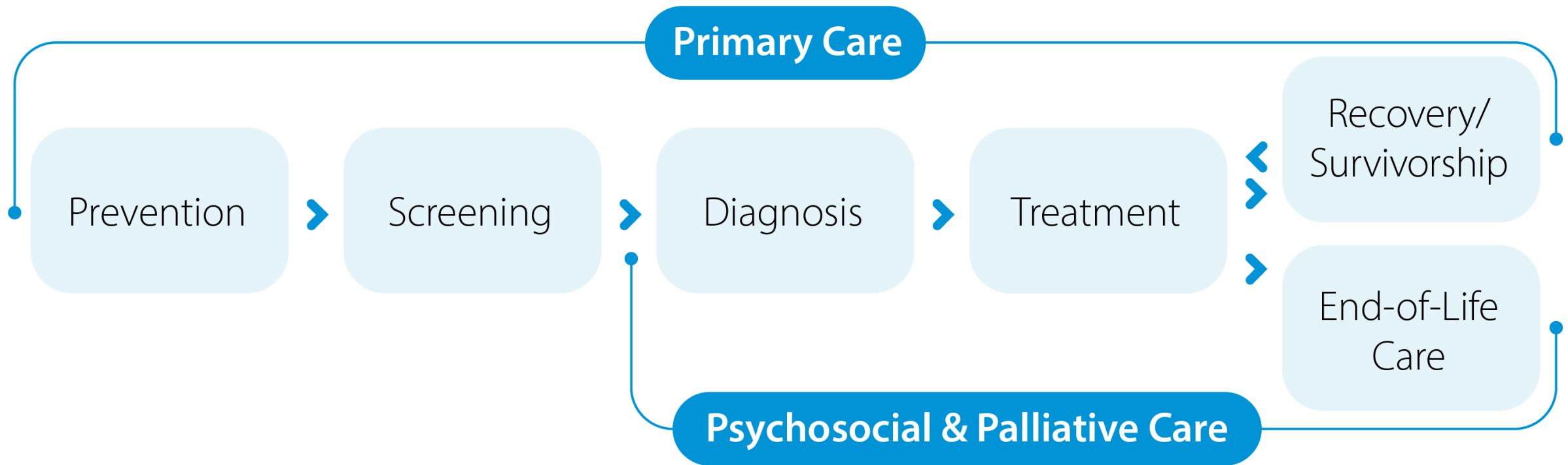


# Lung Cancer Follow-up Care Pathway Map

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Target Population

Lung cancer survivors: adult patients who have completed curative-intent treatment for lung cancer. Patients who are on palliative or active treatment are not included in this pathway map.

Pathway Map Considerations

- Primary care providers play an important role in the cancer journey and should be informed of relevant tests and consultations. Ongoing care with a primary care provider is assumed to be part of the pathway map. For patients who do not have a primary care provider, [Health811](#) is a government resource that helps patients find a doctor or nurse practitioner.
- Throughout the pathway map, a shared decision-making model should be implemented to enable and encourage patients to play an active role in the management of their care. For more information see [Person-Centred Care Guideline](#) and [EBS #19-2 Provider-Patient Communication](#).\*
- Hyperlinks are used throughout the pathway map to provide information about relevant Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) tools, resources and guidance documents.
- The term ‘health care provider’, used throughout the pathway map, includes primary care providers and specialists, e.g. family doctors, nurse practitioners, and emergency physicians.
- Multidisciplinary Cancer Conferences (MCCs) may be considered for all phases of the pathway map. For more information on Multidisciplinary Cancer Conferences, visit [MCC Tools](#).
- For more information on wait time prioritization, visit [Surgery](#).
- Clinical trials should be considered for all phases of the pathway map.
- Psychosocial oncology (PSO) is the interprofessional specialty concerned with understanding and treating the social, practical, psychological, emotional, spiritual and functional needs and quality-of-life impact that cancer has on patients and their families. Psychosocial care should be considered an integral and standardized part of cancer care for patients and their families at all stages of the illness trajectory. For more information, visit [EBS #19-3](#).\*

\* **Note.** [EBS #19-2](#) and [EBS #19-3](#) are older than 3 years and are currently listed as ‘For Education and Information Purposes’. This means that the recommendations will no longer be maintained but may still be useful for academic or other information purposes.

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Pathway Map Legend

Colour Guide

- Primary Care
- Palliative Care
- Pathology
- Surgery
- Radiation Oncology
- Medical Oncology
- Radiology
- Multidisciplinary Cancer Conference (MCC)
- Psychosocial Oncology (PSO)
- Neurosurgeon

Shape Guide

- Intervention
- Decision or assessment point
- Patient (disease) characteristics
- Consultation with specialist
- Exit pathway
- Off page reference
- Referral

Line Guide

- Required
- Possible

Pathway Map Disclaimer

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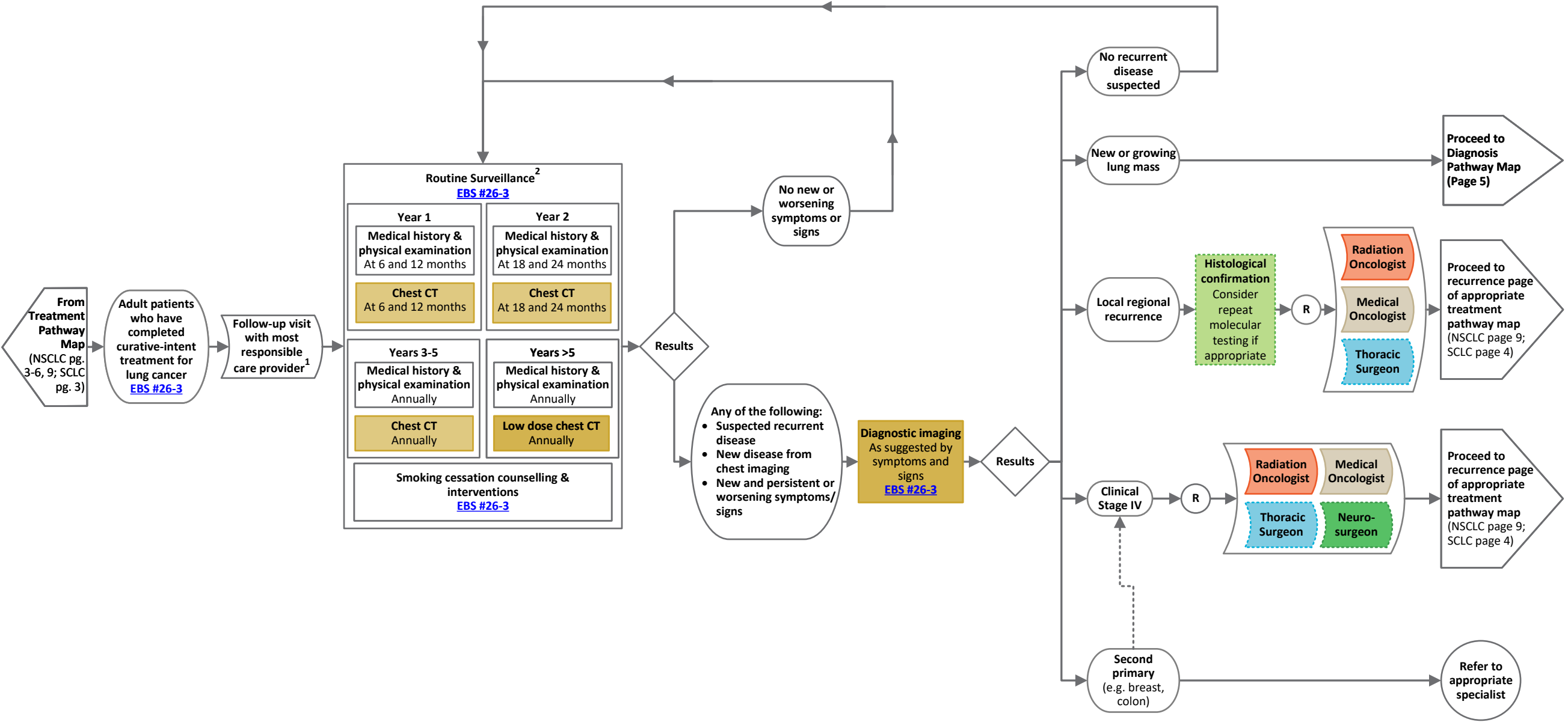
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<sup>1</sup>Most responsible care provider may be a specialist, family physician, hospital-based nurse, or nurse practitioner in affiliation with most responsible physician.

<sup>2</sup>Visits and/or imaging may be more frequent if clinically appropriate.