



**UCCH Pathway**

# **UCCH Guideline Merkel Cell Carcinoma**

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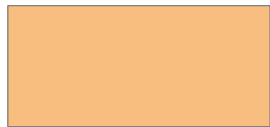
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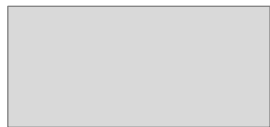
Next planned review

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## Legend of Colours



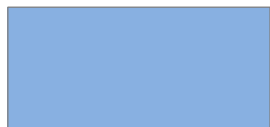
= Therapeutic procedure



= Clinical or diagnostic condition



= Diagnostic procedure



= Clinical trial



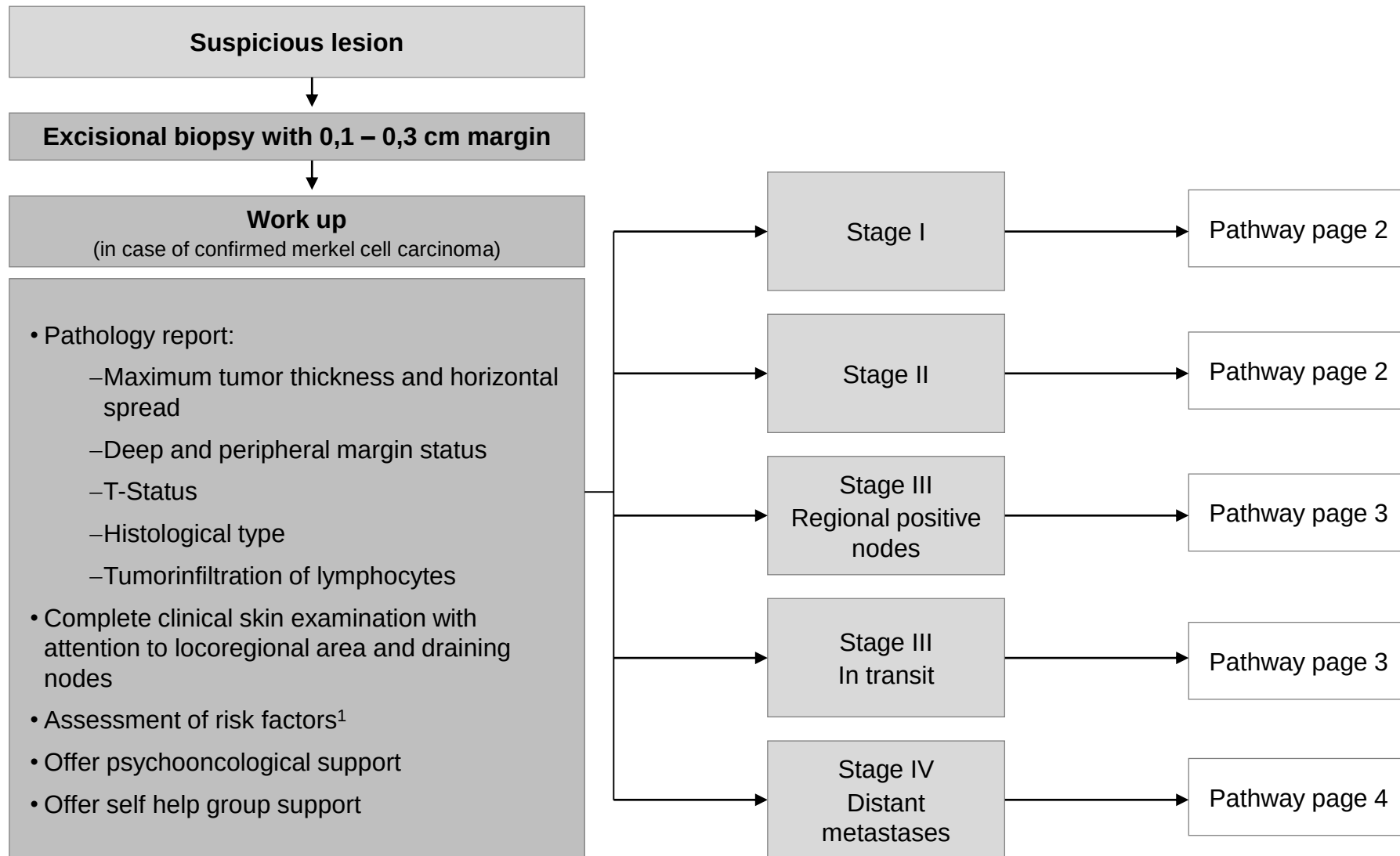
= Supportive measure



= Referral

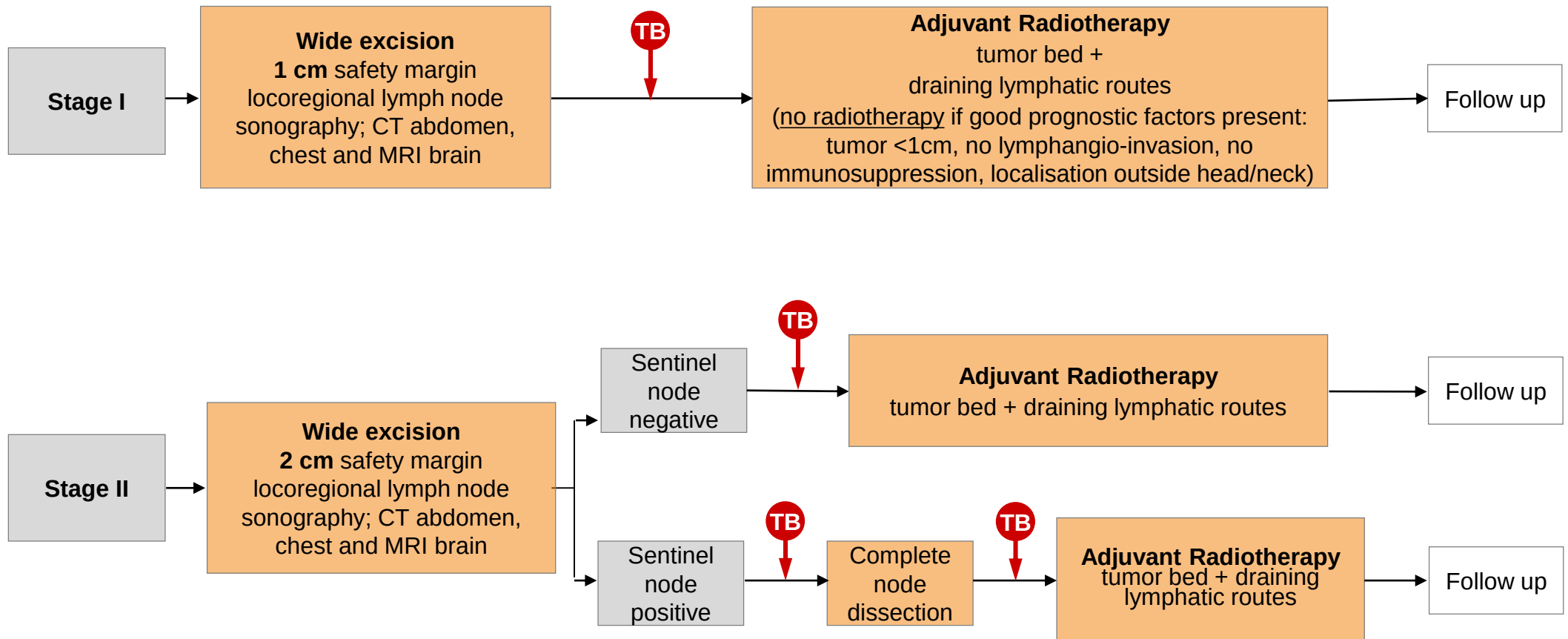


= Tumorboard  
(including post  
tumorboard interaction  
with patient that follows  
the principles of shared  
decision-making)

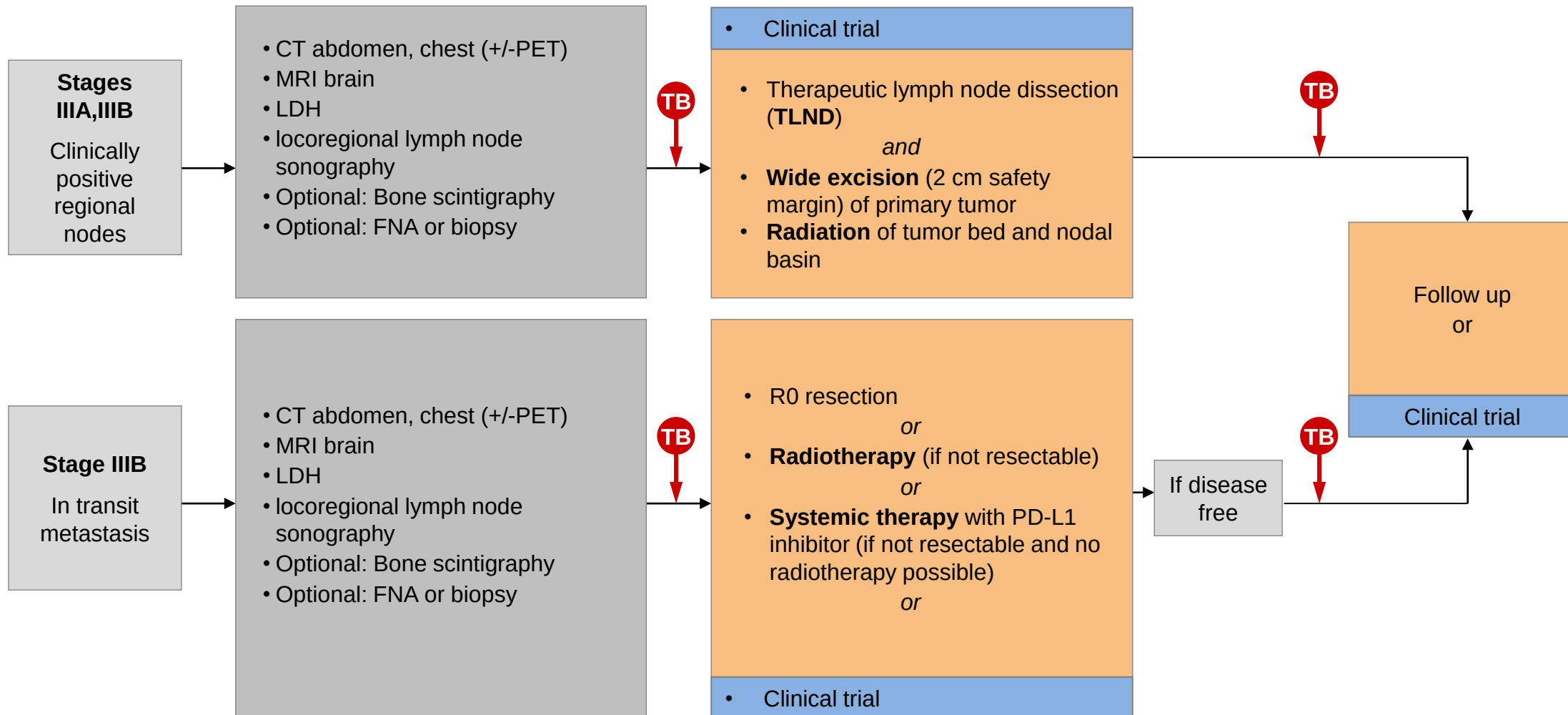


<sup>1</sup> Merkel Cell Carcinoma risk factors: UV exposure, Immunosuppression, gender (male)

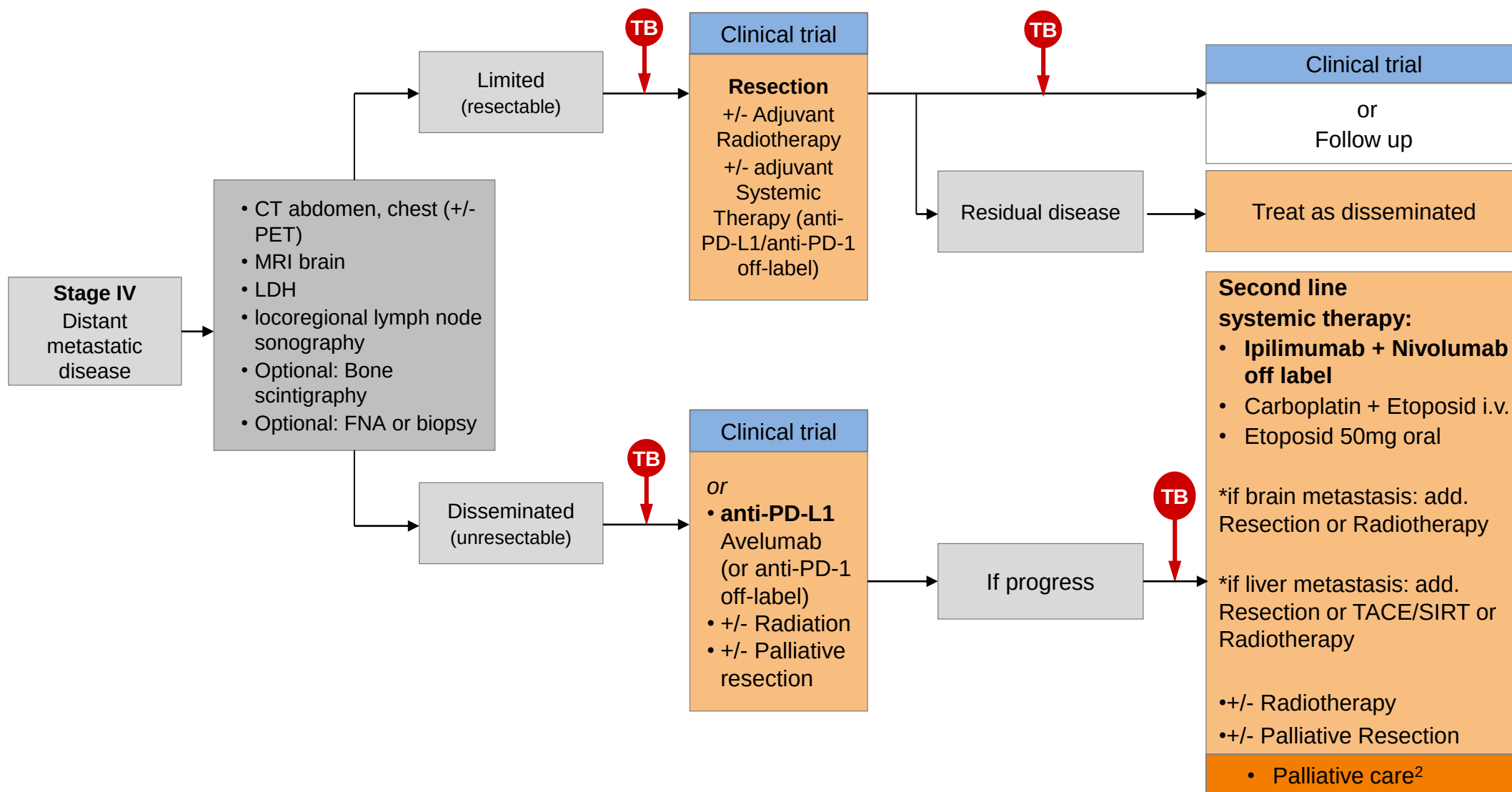
## Pathway page 2: Primary Therapy Stage I-II



## Pathway page 3: Primary Therapy Stage IIIA/B

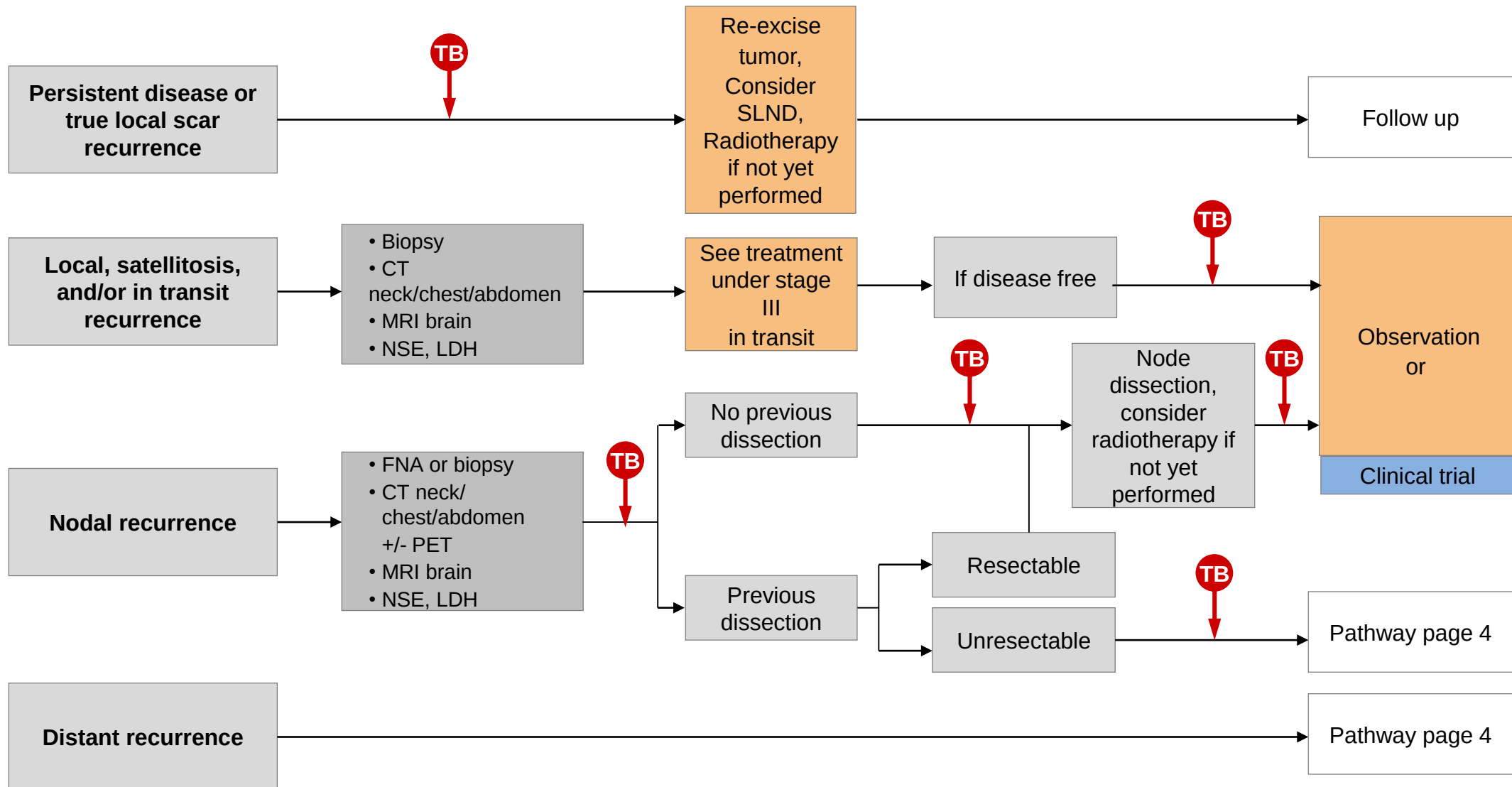


## Pathway page 4: Primary Therapy Stage IV



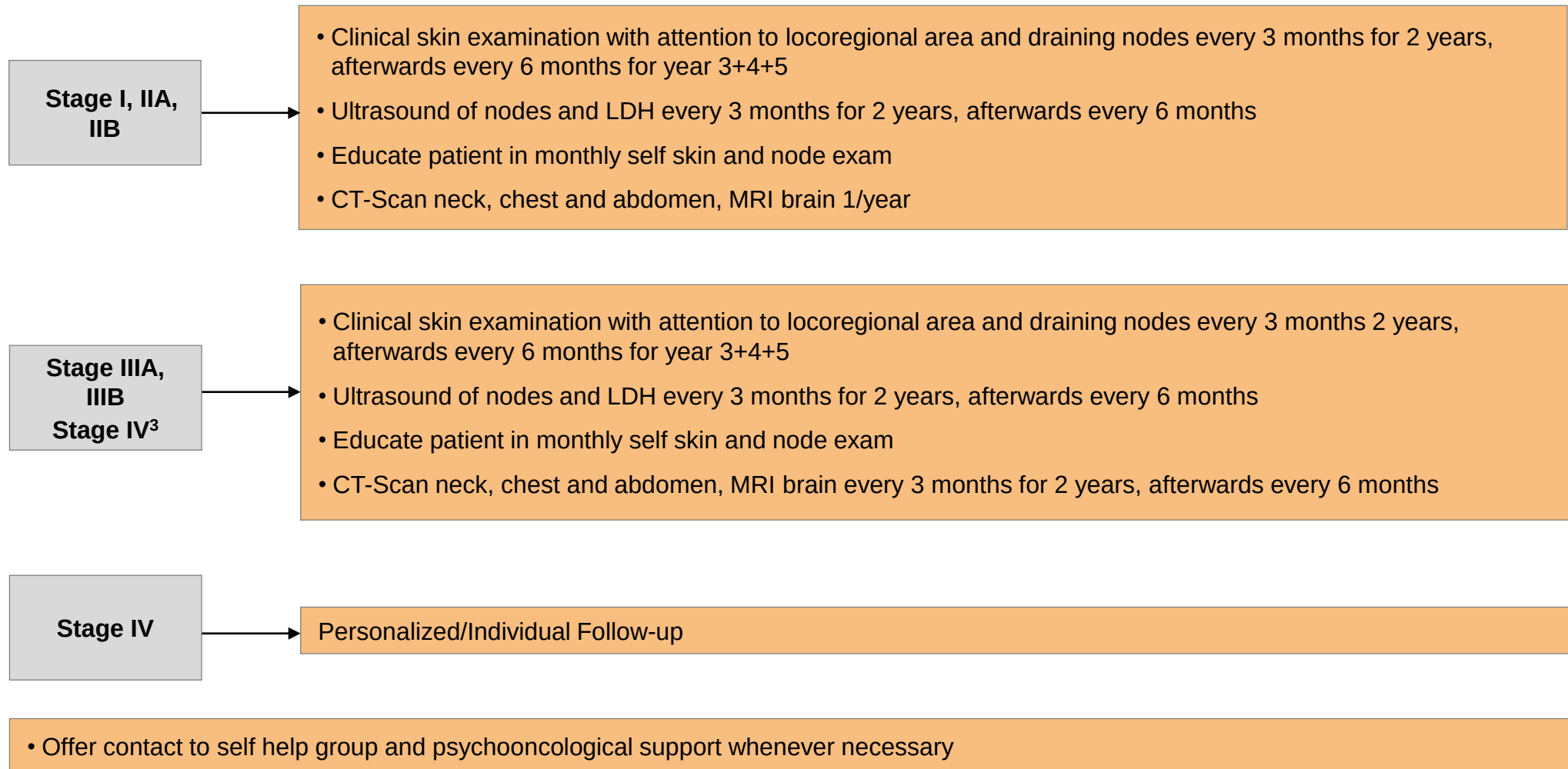
<sup>2</sup> See palliative care screening tool on page 7

## Pathway page 5: Recurrence





## Pathway Page 6: Follow up



<sup>3</sup> after full resection

## Page 7: Palliative care screening tool

| Screening items |                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Points |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1.              | • Presence of metastatic or locally advanced cancer                                                                                                                                                       | 2      |
| 2.              | • ECOG score (functional status score, performance status)                                                                                                                                                | 0-4    |
| 3.              | • Presence of one or more serious complications of advanced cancer usually associated with a prognosis of < 12 months (e.g. brain metastases, hypercalcemia, delirium, spinal cord compression, cachexia) | 1      |
| 4.              | • Presence of one or more serious comorbid diseases also associated with poor prognosis (e.g. moderate-severe COPD or CHF, dementia, AIDS, end stage renal failure end stage liver cirrhosis)             | 1      |
| 5.              | • Presence of palliative care problems                                                                                                                                                                    | 1      |
|                 | a. • Symptoms uncontrolled by standard approaches                                                                                                                                                         | 1      |
|                 | b. • Moderate to severe distress in patient or family, related to cancer diagnosis or therapy (personal targets and expectations, educational and informational requirements, cultural factors)           | 1      |
|                 | c. • Patient/family requests palliative care consult                                                                                                                                                      | 1      |
|                 | d. • Team needs assistance with complex decision making or determining goals of care (benefit/side effects of treatment)                                                                                  | 1      |
|                 | e. • Instable or deficient network especially for emergency situation or 24-h care                                                                                                                        | 1      |

**A total of > 5 points signals need for supportive palliative care**