

DEFINING THE PATH FOR

# Comprehensive Care of Prostate Cancer Patients Receiving ADT

A road map for Healthcare Professionals

Your patient is starting androgen deprivation therapy (ADT)

**What comes next** ▶

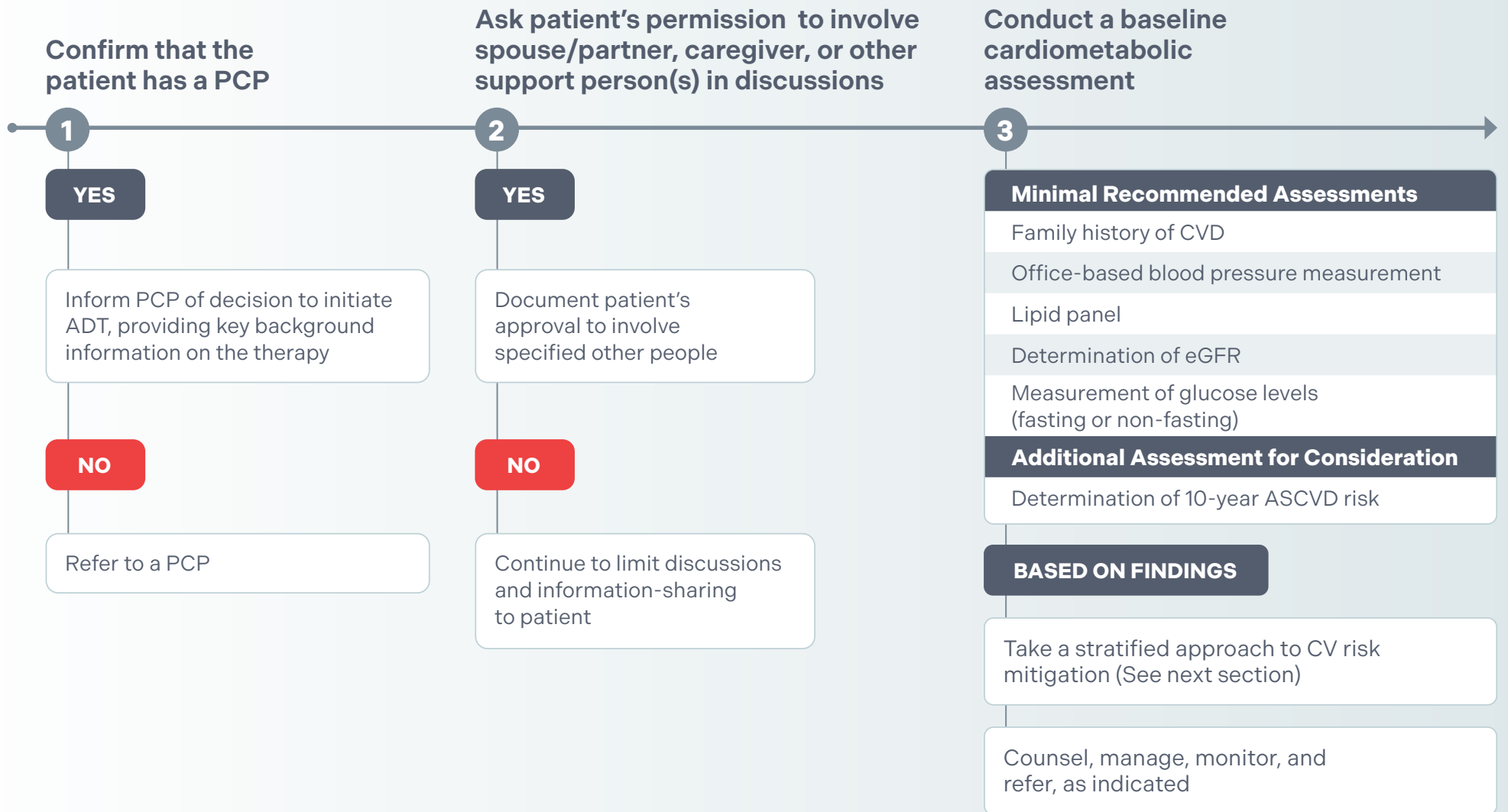
This roadmap was created to provide busy clinicians with a comprehensive, efficient approach to evaluating, managing, and counseling patients prior to initiating ADT and throughout the course of ADT treatment.

The roadmap was developed by a multispecialty and multidisciplinary panel that included urology, medical oncology, endocrinology, and primary care physicians; a nursing professional; exercise physiologist; dietitian; psychologist; and patient advocates.

For more information about the Prostate Cancer 360 initiative and its resources for clinicians and patients, visit [prostatecancer360.com](http://prostatecancer360.com).

# Prior to Initiating ADT

## EVALUATION AND REFERRAL



ASCVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; BMD, bone mineral density; CV, cardiovascular; CVD, cardiovascular disease; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; PCP, primary care provider; PHQ-2, Patient Health Questionnaire-2; PHQ-9, Patient Health Questionnaire-9.

## Take a stratified approach to CV risk mitigation

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### Borderline

- No uncontrolled dyslipidemia, hypertension, diabetes, or metabolic syndrome
- No obesity
- No other risk-enhancing factors

Provide counseling on CV risk, importance of maintaining follow up with PCP, and healthy lifestyle interventions, including physical activity, nutrition, and weight maintenance

### Intermediate

- Uncontrolled diabetes, dyslipidemia, or hypertension
- Metabolic syndrome, obesity, current smoking or any other risk-enhancing factor

In addition to counseling, initiate or refer for treatment of uncontrolled risk factors. Consider ordering or referring for coronary artery calcium testing

### High

#### ≥3 intermediate risk factors OR any of the following:

- Preexisting ASCVD, heart failure, valvular disease, arrhythmia, or angina
- History of myocardial infarction or stroke

In addition to counseling and management of uncontrolled risk factors, consider referral to cardiology or cardio-oncology

## Determine statin-use status

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### Patient is taking a statin

Reinforce benefits of statin therapy

### Patient is not taking a statin and does not have a contraindication to statin therapy

Counsel on benefits of statin therapy, as well as potential adverse effects

#### Initiate or refer for initiation of statin

### Patient is not taking a statin and has an established contraindication to statin therapy

Counsel on importance of controlling CV risk factors

## Perform a baseline fracture risk and BMD assessment

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### Calculate 10-year fracture risk

Refer for elevated baseline fracture risk

### Determine vitamin D status

Prescribe vitamin D or refer for further evaluation/prescribing, if indicated

## Consider using a brief depression screen

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### Administer the PHQ-2 or another brief depression screen

Refer to mental health professional, if indicated

### Consider recommending patient self-assessment with PHQ-9 or another validated tool

Counsel patient on how to act on results

## Assess sexual health

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### Assess the patient's sexual health

- Provide pre-emptive counseling for patients and their partners regarding ADT-related erectile dysfunction and reduced sexual desire
- Review ways in which sexual relationships can be maintained while on ADT (eg, through nonpenetrative sexual activity)
- Refer to relevant medical or mental health professionals, as indicated

## Assess physical activity level

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### Use a validated tool such as the Godin Leisure-Time Exercise Questionnaire or the International Physical Activity Questionnaire Short Form (IPAQ-SF)

(<https://sites.google.com/view/ipaq>)

- Prescribe physical activity for all patients on ADT
- Consider referring inactive or sedentary patients to an exercise physiology program

## COUNSELING

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#### Treatment Rationale

- What ADT is
- How ADT works
- Why you are prescribing ADT/intended benefits

#### Potential Consequences

- Cardiovascular health
- Bone health
- Potential weight gain/changes in body composition
- Vasomotor symptoms/fatigue/sleep disturbances
- Emotional/mental health and cognition
- Sexual health

#### Importance of Lifestyle Changes

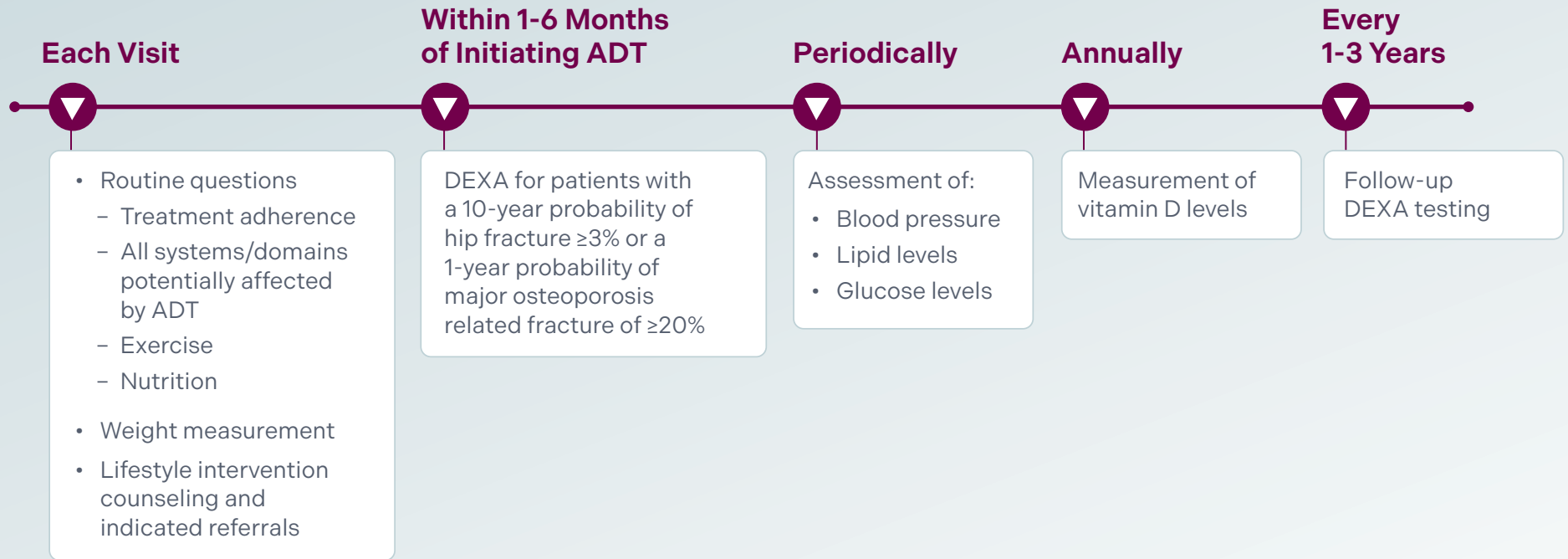
- Nutrition
- Physical activity

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# After Initiating ADT

## EVALUATION AND REFERRAL



DEXA, dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry.



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