

Providing Patient Information Along the Elective PCI Pathway

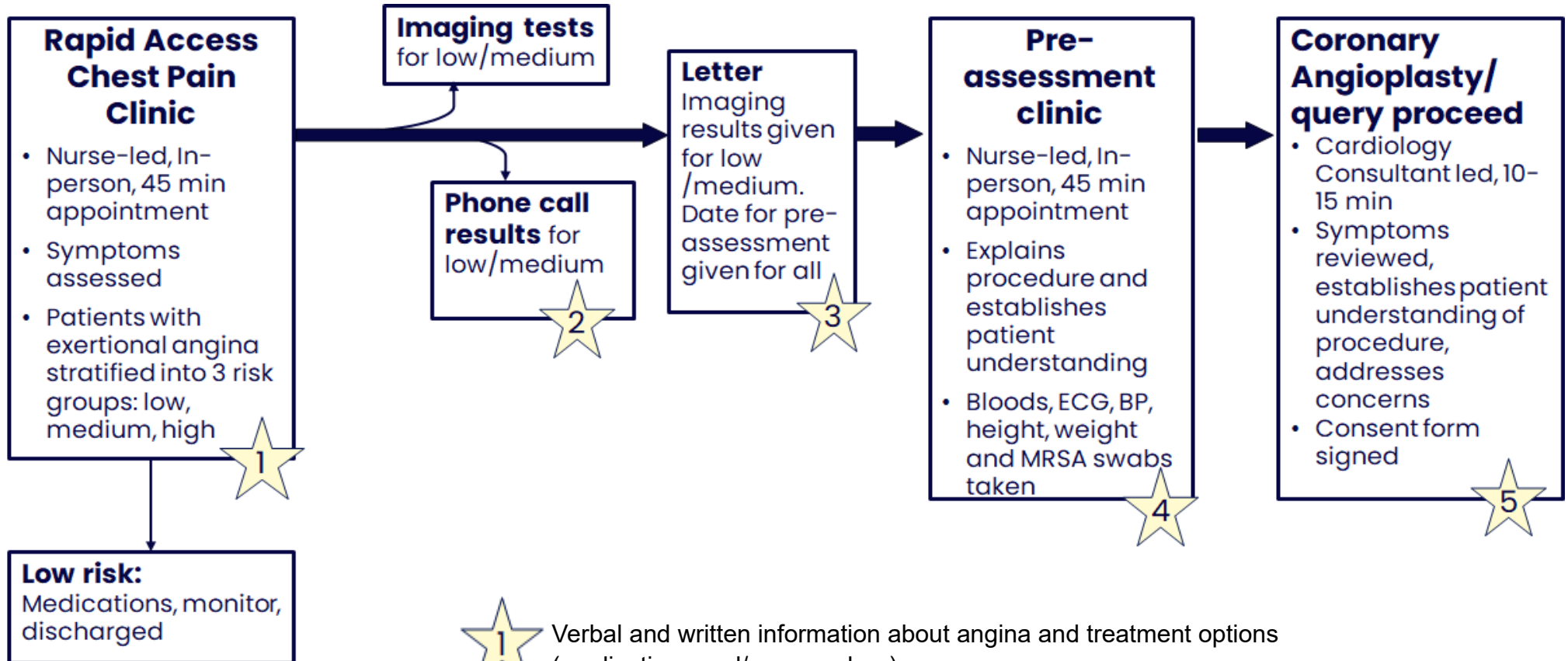
This resource is for Recommendation 2: Patient resources (for example leaflets and decision aids) should be provided to patients at the optimum timepoint within the care pathway to allow sufficient time for consideration and deliberation of treatment options.

This resource provides illustrative examples of where patient information and decision aids can be introduced along the elective PCI pathway for exertional angina, to support shared decision-making. It is not intended to guide clinical decisions or patient management. The examples do not cover non-cardiac conditions, unstable angina, microvascular angina, or acute coronary syndrome.

After Reviewing the Examples, Reflect on Your Own Pathway:

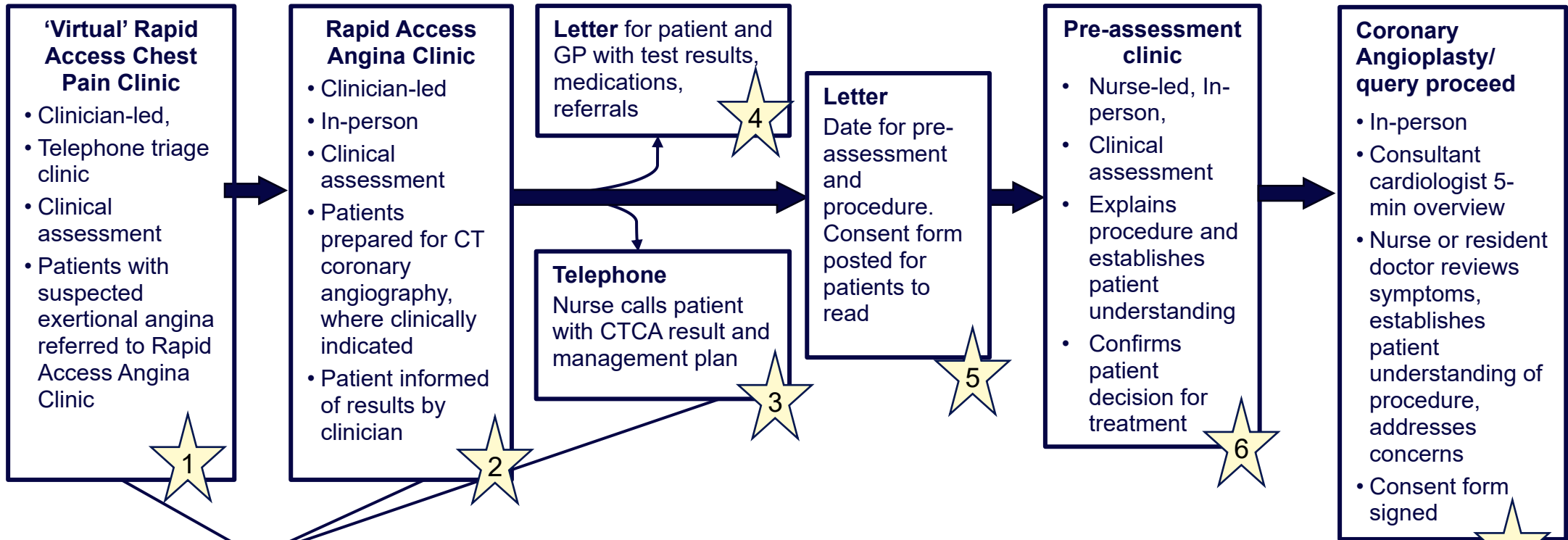
- 1. Map your current elective PCI pathway**
Identify each stage in the patient journey, from first contact, diagnostic testing through to treatment decision, pre-assessment and procedure.
- 2. Identify current points where information is provided**
Document when and how patients currently receive information about stable angina, coronary heart disease, treatment options and the risks, benefits of each.
- 3. Consider opportunities for earlier or improved resource delivery**
Review whether patients receive resources early enough to allow time for deliberation, discussion with family, and questions before consent or treatment decisions.
- 4. Identify the most appropriate format and delivery method**
Consider whether resources are best provided in person, electronically, by post, or through online patient portals, and who is responsible for providing them.
- 5. Review equity and accessibility**
Ensure resources are accessible for different patient needs, including language, health literacy, digital access, and sensory impairments.
- 6. Agree and embed changes within the pathway**
Work with the multidisciplinary team to define where patient resources should routinely be provided and incorporate this into local processes and documentation.

Example Pathway 1



- 1 Verbal and written information about angina and treatment options (medications and/or procedure).
- 2 Verbal information with diagnosis and treatment options (medications and/or procedure). Referral for procedure.
- 3 Paper easy-read Patient Decision Aid delivered via post with written diagnostic information.
- 4 Verbal information about procedure including risks, benefits, alternatives, and uncertainties. Consent form given. Patient decision aid discussed.
- 5 Verbal information about procedure and potential outcomes. Reasons for cancellations on day of procedure recorded.

Example Pathway 2



- Low risk angina prescribed medications, monitored, and/or discharged
- Non-anginal symptoms or other clinical presentations discharged, or referred to other services

- ★ 1 Verbal information about angina. Information leaflets available to download on NHS App (can be printed by GP).
- ★ 2 Information leaflet about angina given while waiting for CTCA. Diagnosis and treatment options verbally explained with visual aids (digital apps, diagrams). Referral for procedure. Provision of Patient Decision Aid.
- ★ 3 Verbal information about diagnosis and procedure.
- ★ 4 ★ 5 Written information about diagnosis, management plan, and risks of procedure. Consent form given.
- ★ 6 Verbal information about procedure including risks, benefits, and uncertainties. Procedural information leaflet given.
- ★ 7 Verbal information about procedure and potential outcomes.