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GUIDELINES FOR ANCILLARY TESTING ON BONE MARROW BIOPSIES

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Draw flow cytometry*, karyotype, FISH and molecular genetics tubes on all patients in the following circumstances (please draw **2 tubes** for molecular genetics if RNA testing may be indicated i.e. suspected acute myeloid or lymphoblastic leukemia):

1. Diagnosis unknown (e.g. investigation of cytopenia's)
2. New or relapsed AML or ALL
3. New or suspected MDS
4. New CML
5. New or suspected Burkitt's lymphoma not confirmed on peripheral blood or tissue biopsy
6. Suspected lymphoma being diagnosed on bone marrow without tissue biopsy

Genetics is not required for:

1. Staging biopsy for lymphoma
2. Bone marrow biopsy performed for non-neoplastic indication (if diagnosis is unknown and neoplasm is on the differential, draw all samples as described above)

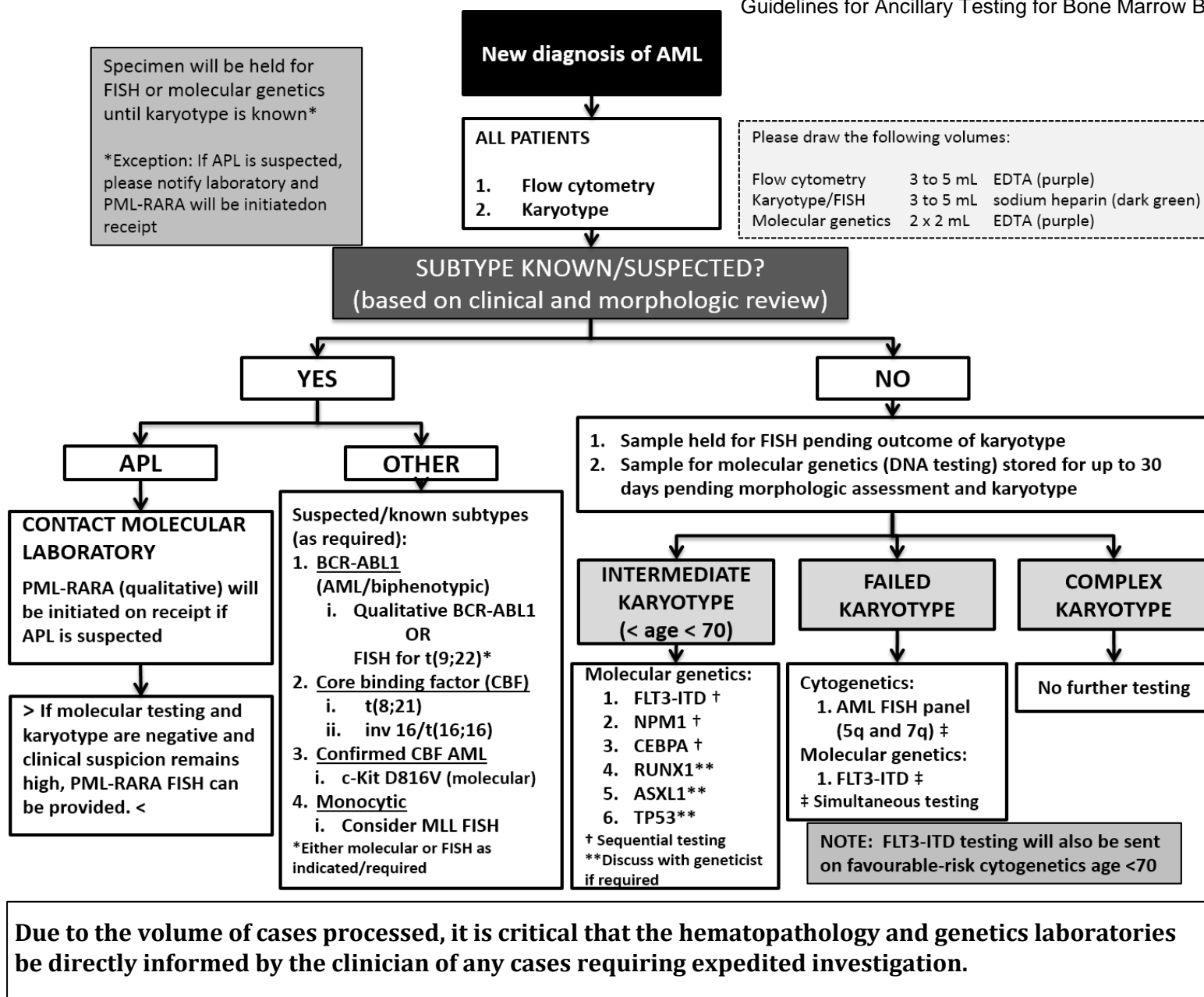
***If dry tap or aparticle aspirate, please send core biopsy for flow cytometry.**

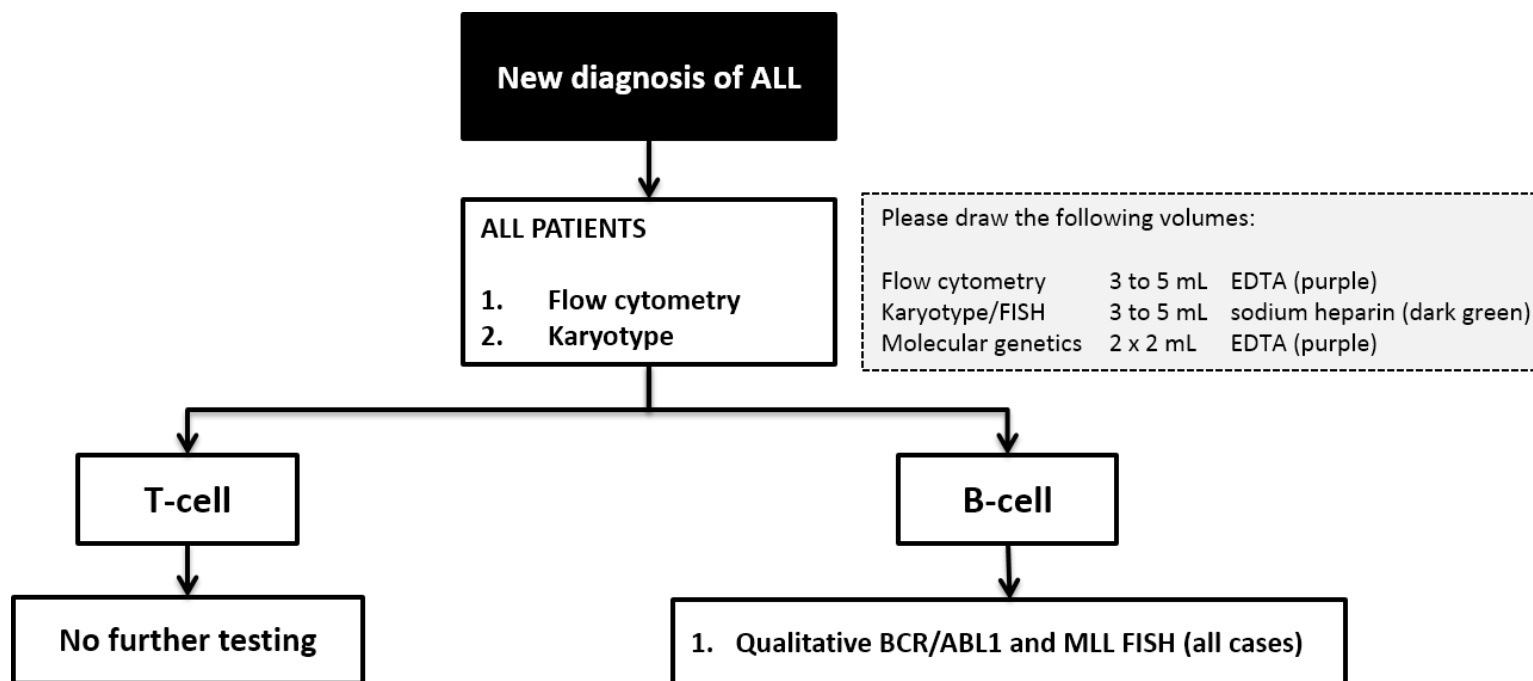
Please see following page for Summary Chart

Page	Diagnosis	Flow cytometry	Cytogenetics		Molecular genetics
			Karyotype	FISH	
3	New AML	Yes	Yes	See p. 3	See p. 3
4	New ALL (FAB L1/L2)	Yes	Yes	Yes (if B-cell -> MLL FISH)	Yes (if B-cell -> (Qualitative BCR-ABL)
5	Follow-up AML/ALL	Yes	See p. 5	See p. 5	See p. 5
5	Relapsed AML /ALL	Yes	See p. 5	See p. 5	See p.5
6	Follow-up APL	Yes	No	No	Yes (Quantitative PML-RARA; see p. 4)
7	New or suspected MDS	Yes	Yes	MDS panel (if karyotype fails)	No
8	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	Yes	See p. 8	See p. 8	See p. 8
	Hodgkin Lymphoma	No	No	No	No
9	CLL	Yes	No	See. p. 9	No
10	Myeloproliferative neoplasm	Yes	Yes	No	Yes (specify suspected diagnosis – see p. 10)
11	CML (new diagnosis and follow-up)	Yes (marrow only)	Yes (marrow only)	Yes (if karyo-type fails)	Yes (see pp. 11-12)
13	Plasma cell neoplasm (new diagnosis and follow-up)	Yes (at diagnosis)	Yes (if FISH fails)	Yes (see p. 13)	No

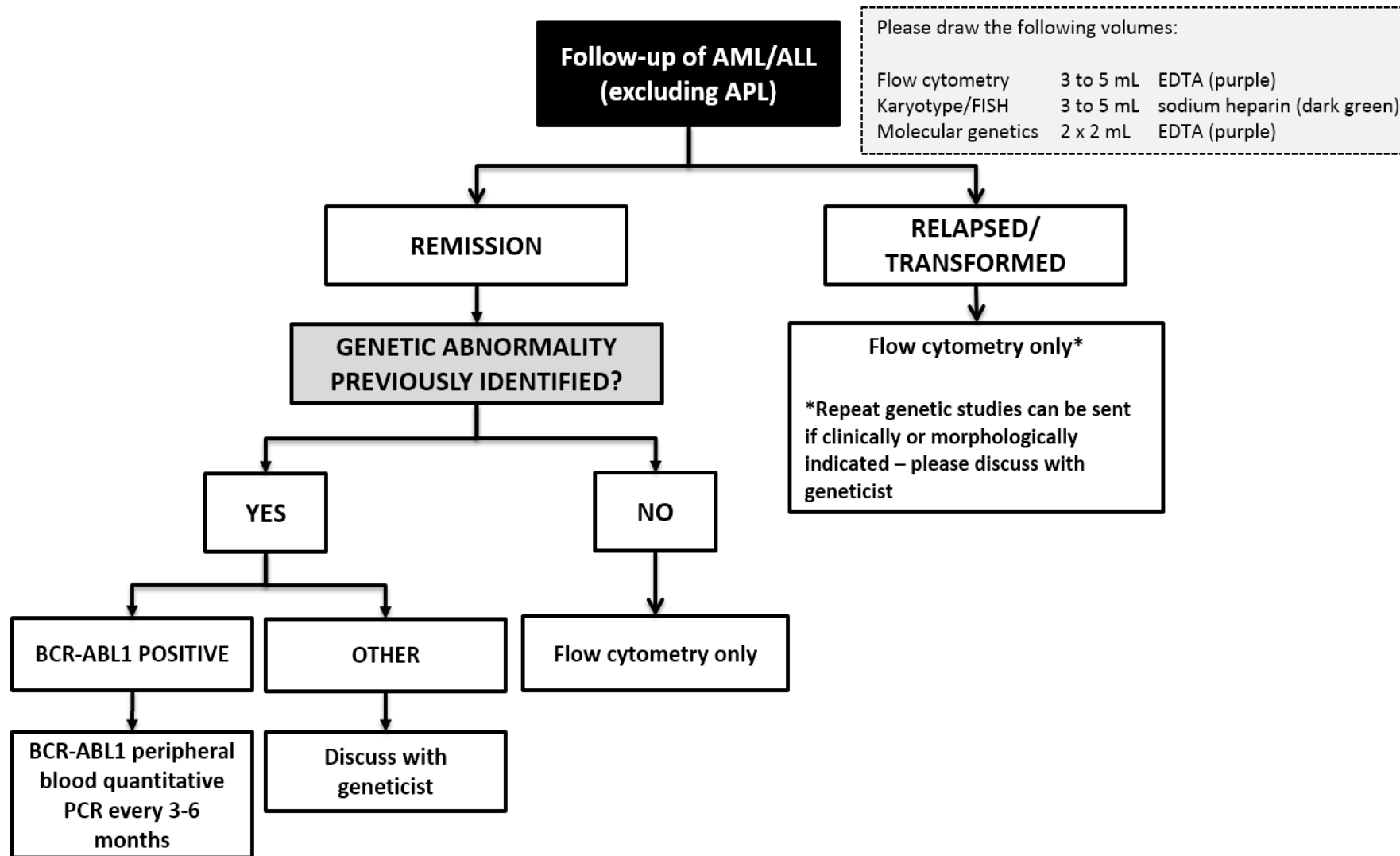
Notes:

- **For situations that fall outside of the guidelines, please discuss with the hematopathologist on call.**
- Cytogenetic and molecular genetic samples can be stored for a short time while investigations are pending (e.g. flow cytometry and morphologic analysis). For cases in which the decision regarding processing molecular or cytogenetic testing depends on these preliminary investigations, these tests can be requested but will not be routinely be processed until the preliminary investigations are complete.
- **Due to the volume of cases processed, it is critical that the hematopathology and genetics laboratories be directly informed by the clinician of any cases requiring expedited investigation.**

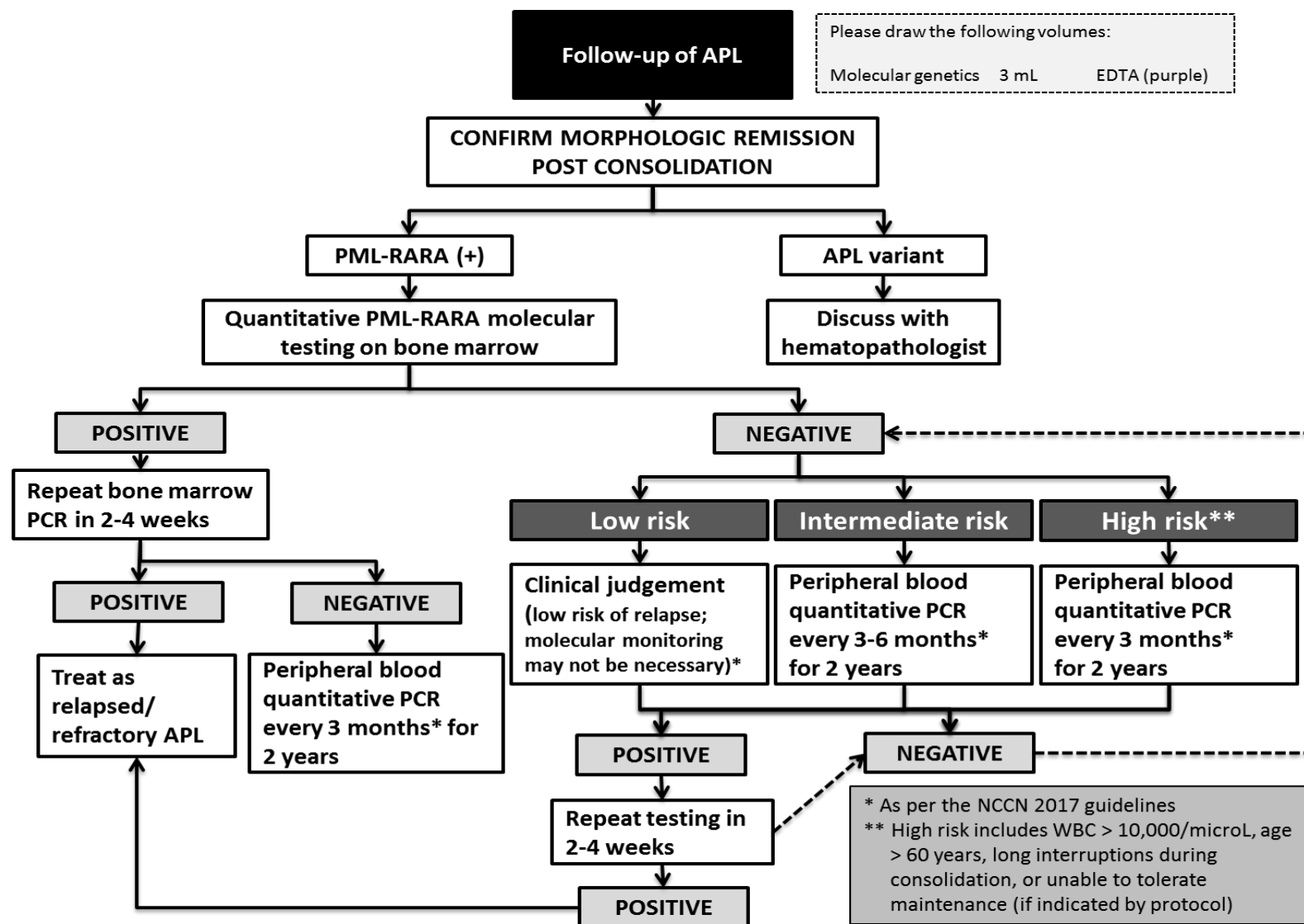




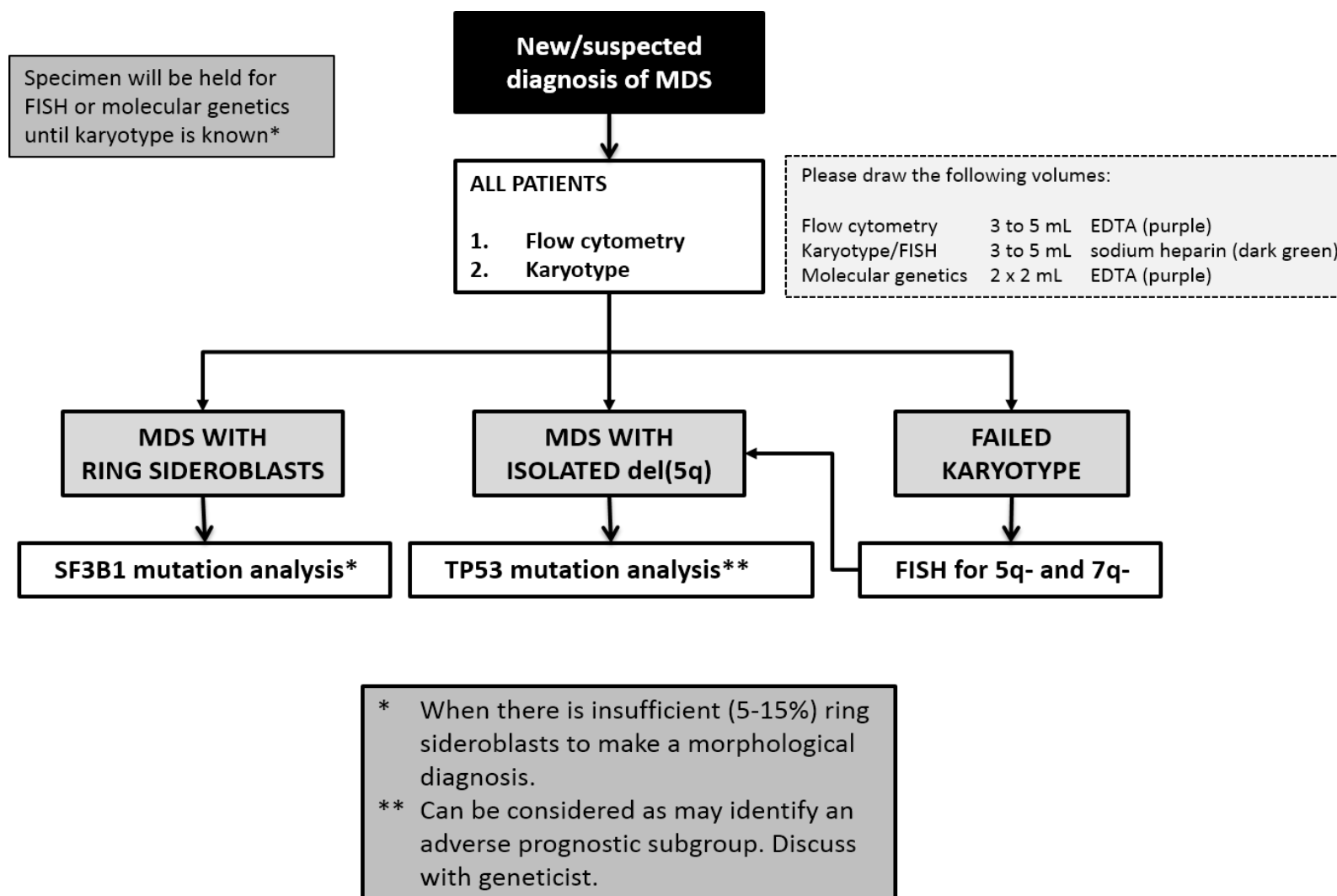
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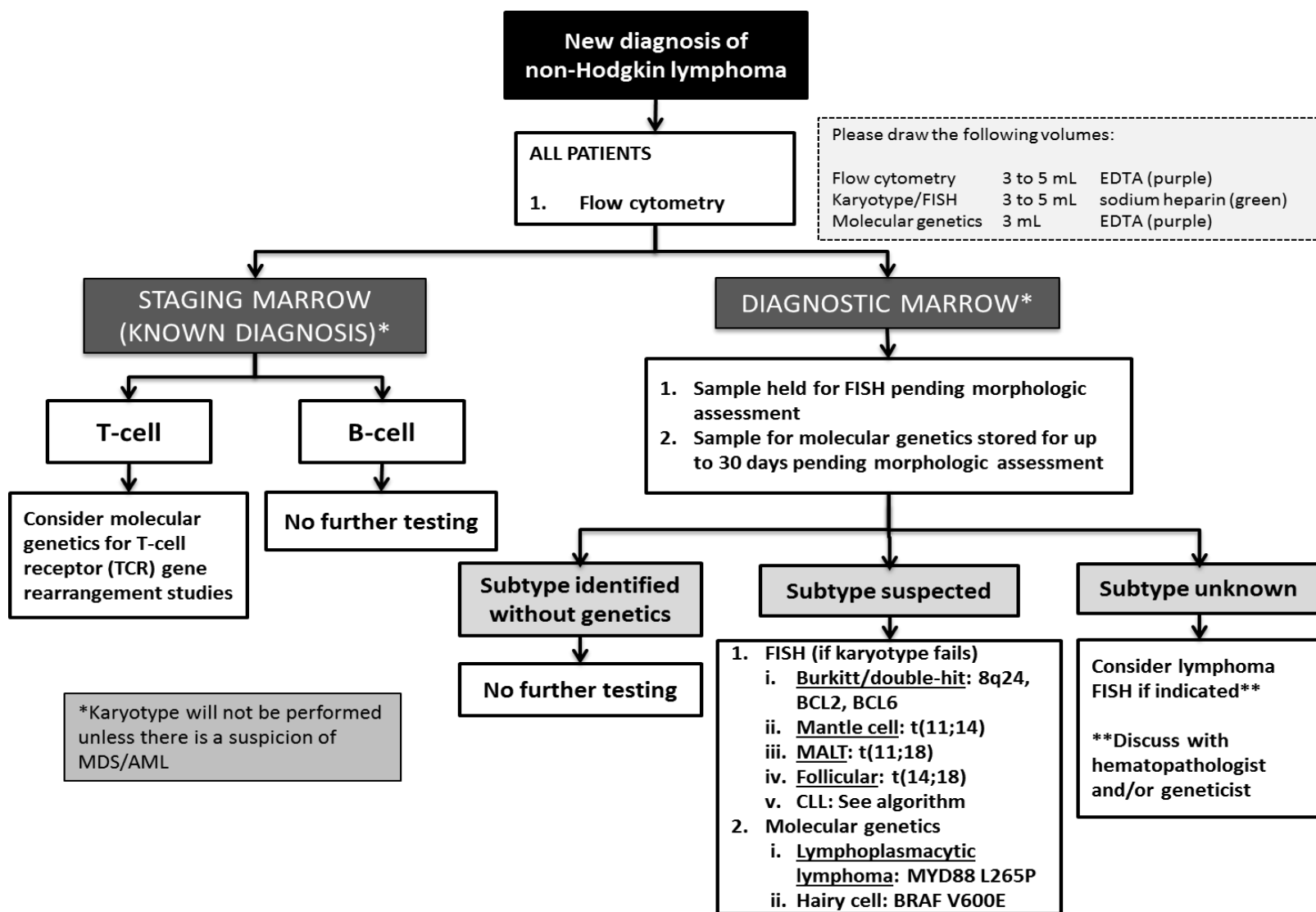
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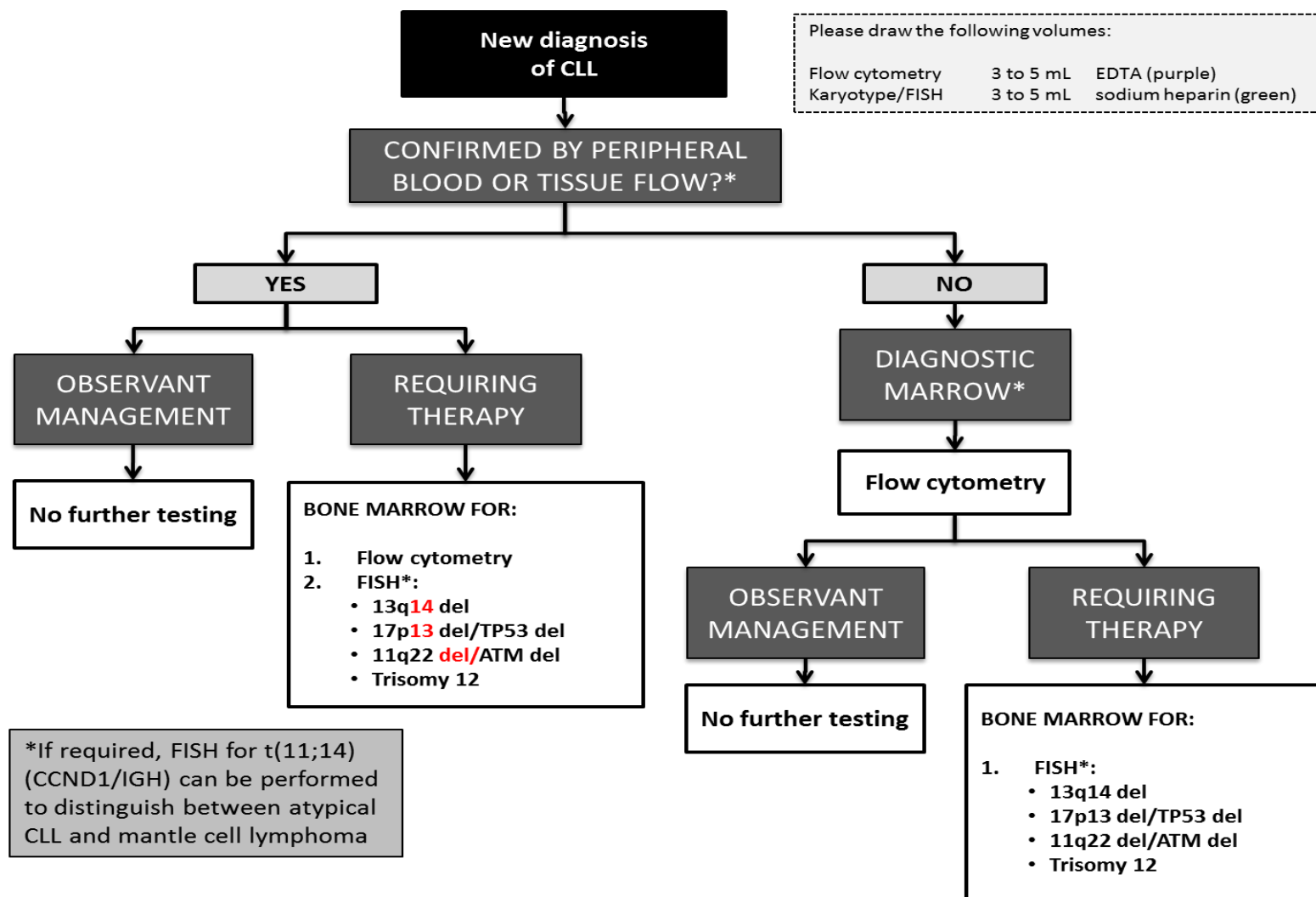
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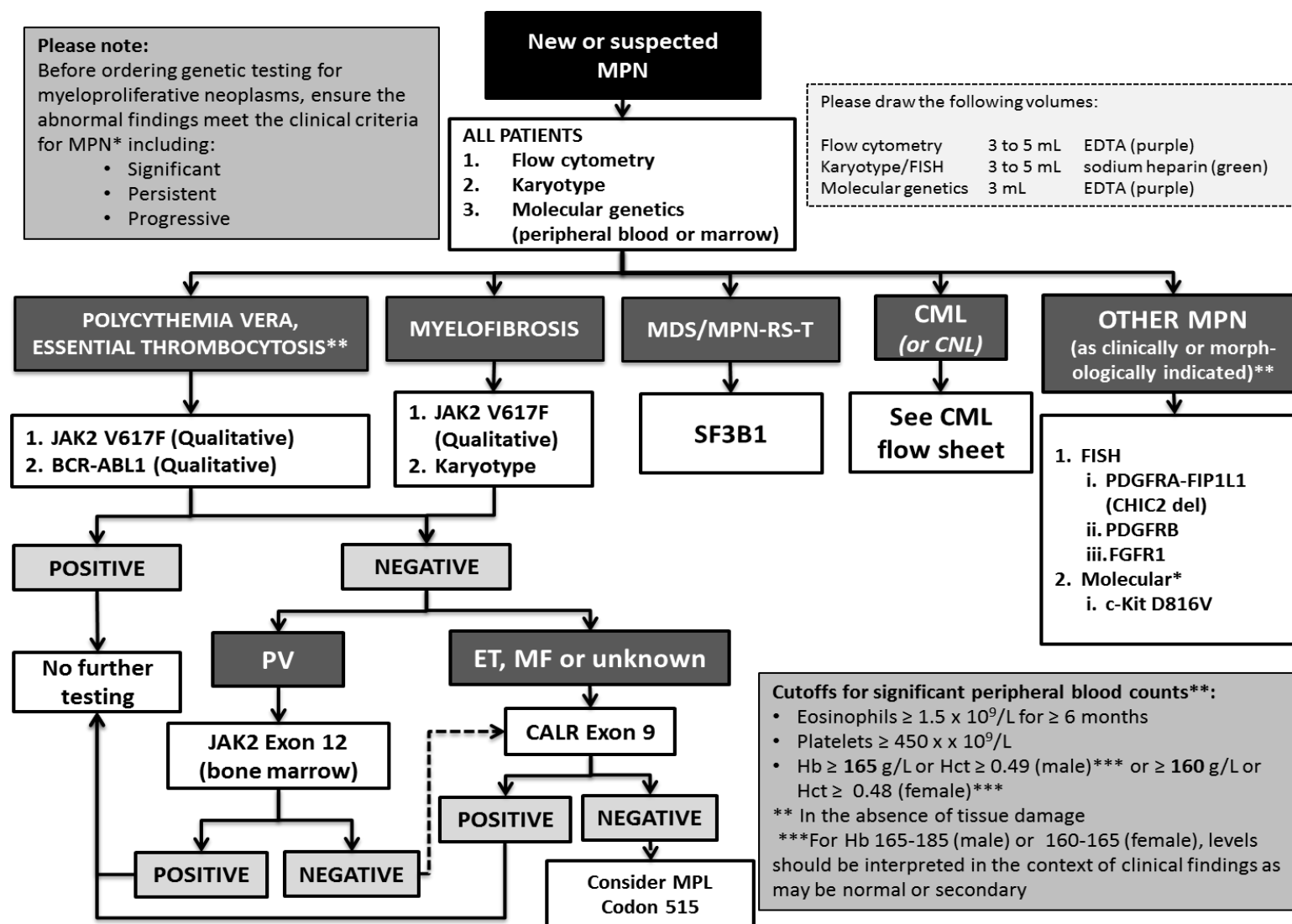
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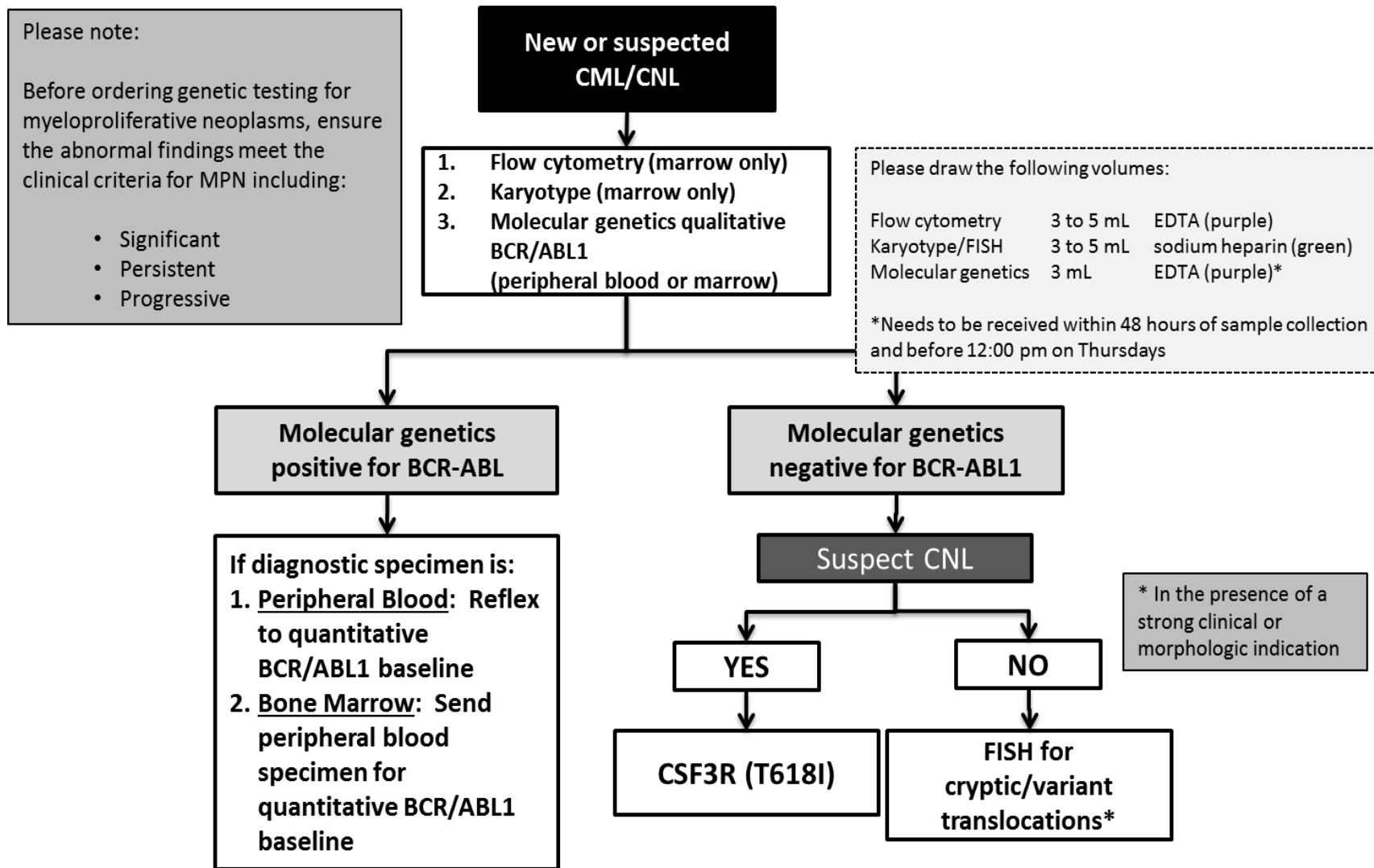
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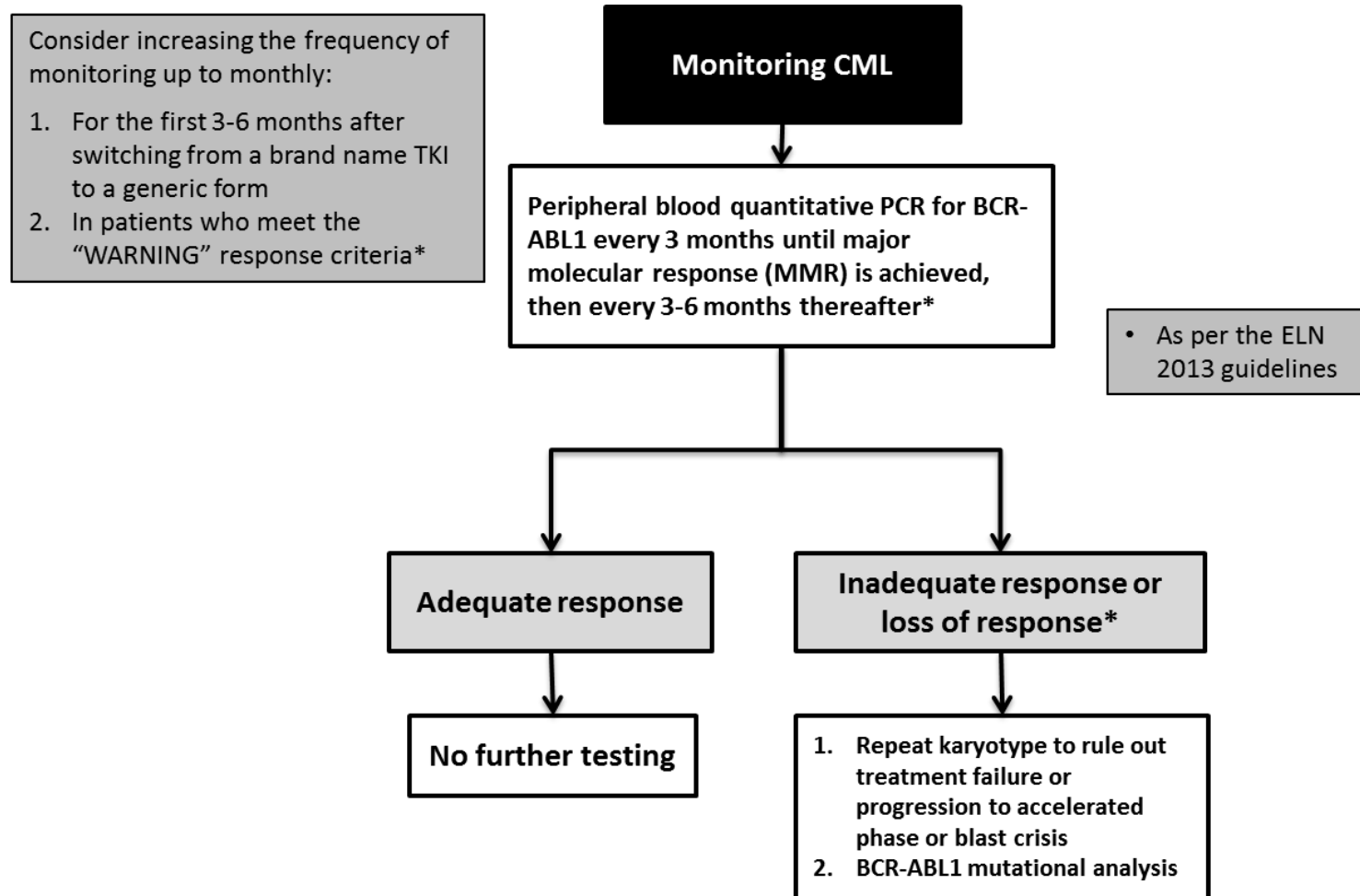
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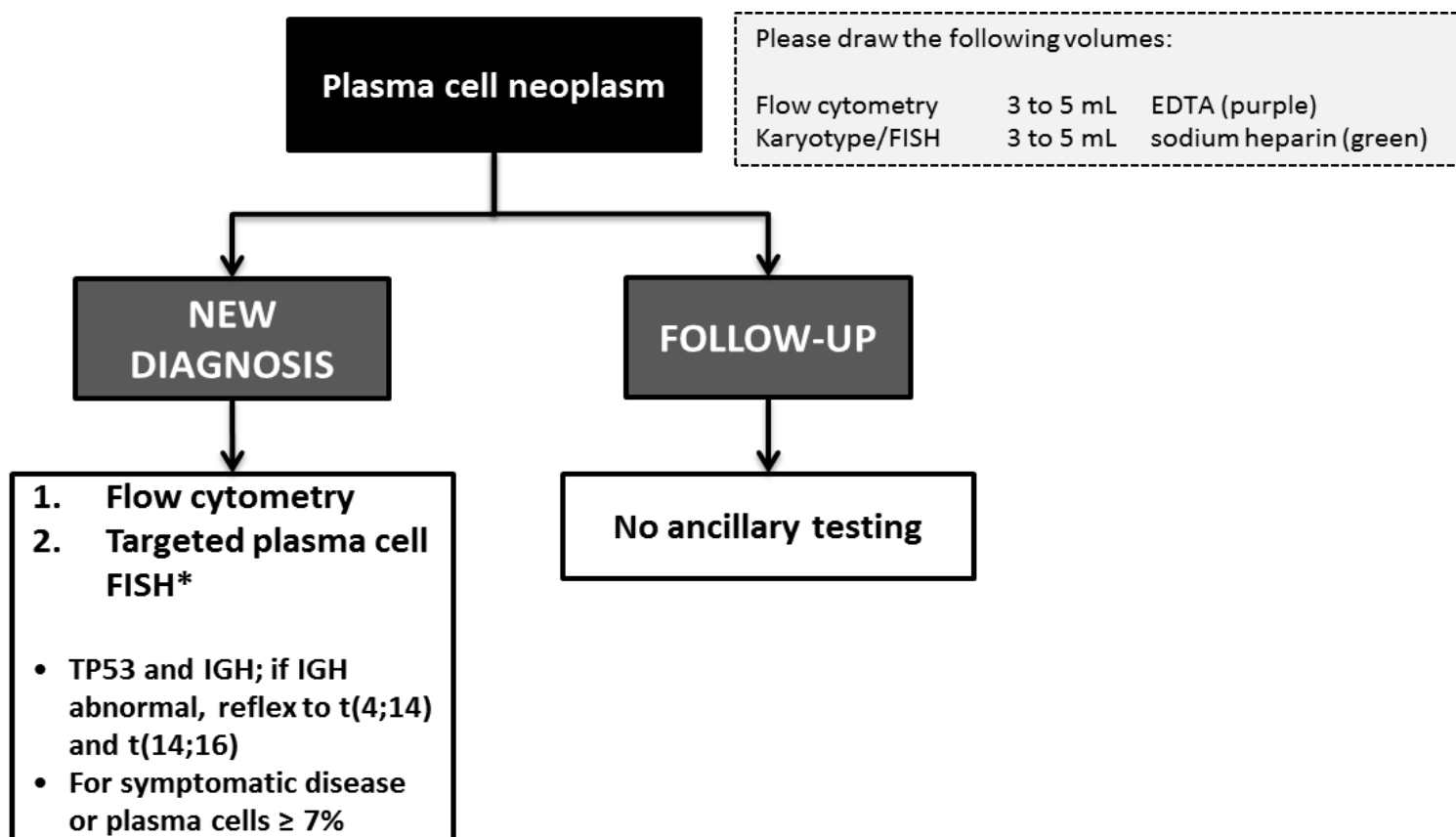


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FOR MONITORING OF PATIENTS WITH VARIANT TRANSLOCATIONS, PLEASE DISCUSS WITH GENETICIST

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