

Ireland

Prostate Cancer Screening Facts



Life expectancy



82.2
years¹

Incidence



4,216
annually²

Prostate Cancer*



24.40%²

*Share of new cancer diagnoses that are prostate cancer

Health Care System

Ireland has a national health service, funded primarily through general taxation.

Reimbursement PSA



No*

*Free of charge in case of holding medical cards.

Main Testing Location



GP

National Cancer Plan



Yes

What's happening in practice?

Close to 500,000 PSA tests per year are performed, with an eligible population of around 600,000.³ GPs conduct the PSA and if necessary, they refer to a Rapid Access Prostate Clinic (RAPC).

Currently there is no national screening programme in Ireland, but the ISU, alongside the National Screening Service and University College Dublin, is involved in the PRAISE-U initiative testing a home-based, risk-stratified early detection pilot for men aged 50–70 (or starting at 40–50 for higher-risk groups).

National Clinical Guidelines

Government

No screening policy for or against.

Urologist

The Irish Society of Urology does not develop any recommendations, but uses the NCCP GP Prostate Cancer Guidelines as main source of reference.

GP

National Prostate Cancer GP Referral Guideline (2018)⁴:

- * PSA should not be considered a routine test, and informed consent should be obtained.
- * Shared decision-making with men between 50 and 70 without symptoms is advised and should cover:
 - * Potential benefits and risks
 - * False positive/negative results
 - * Patient groups at a higher risk of prostate cancer are men with a family history or of African ethnicity.

Reference
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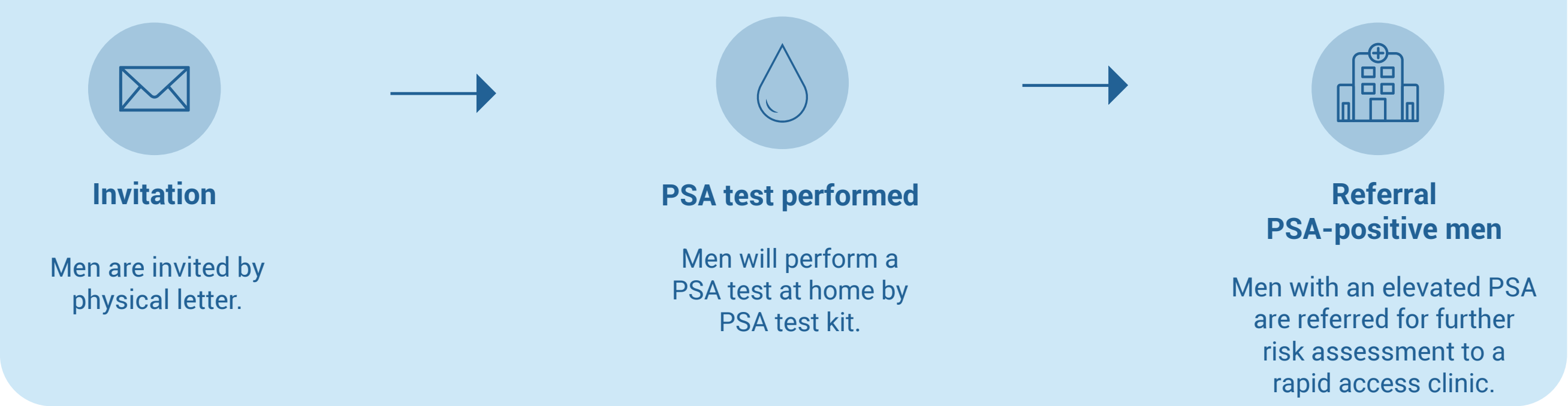
The PRAISE-U project is piloting risk-based prostate cancer screening programmes across different pilot sites in Europe. The pilots are designed to test how organised screening could work in different healthcare systems and populations.

PILOT OVERVIEW

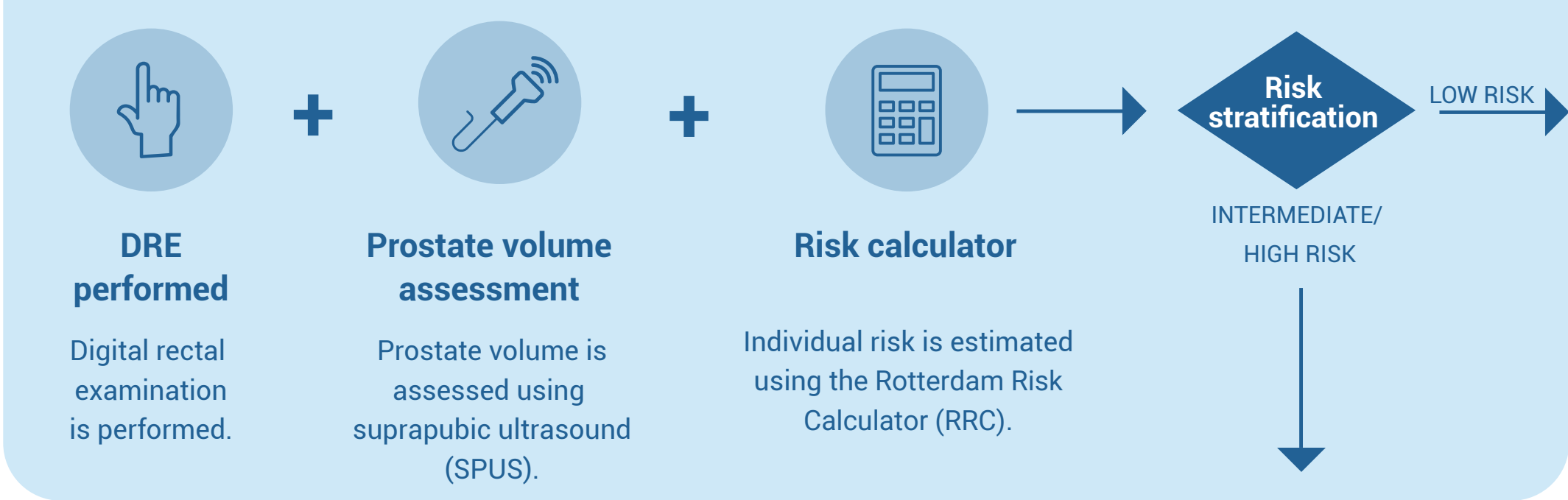
 Dublin North, Dublin South & Waterford	 Age 50 - 69	 1,665 men participated	 Health Service Executive (HSE)/ University College Dublin (UCD)
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HOW THE IRISH PILOT PATHWAY WORKS

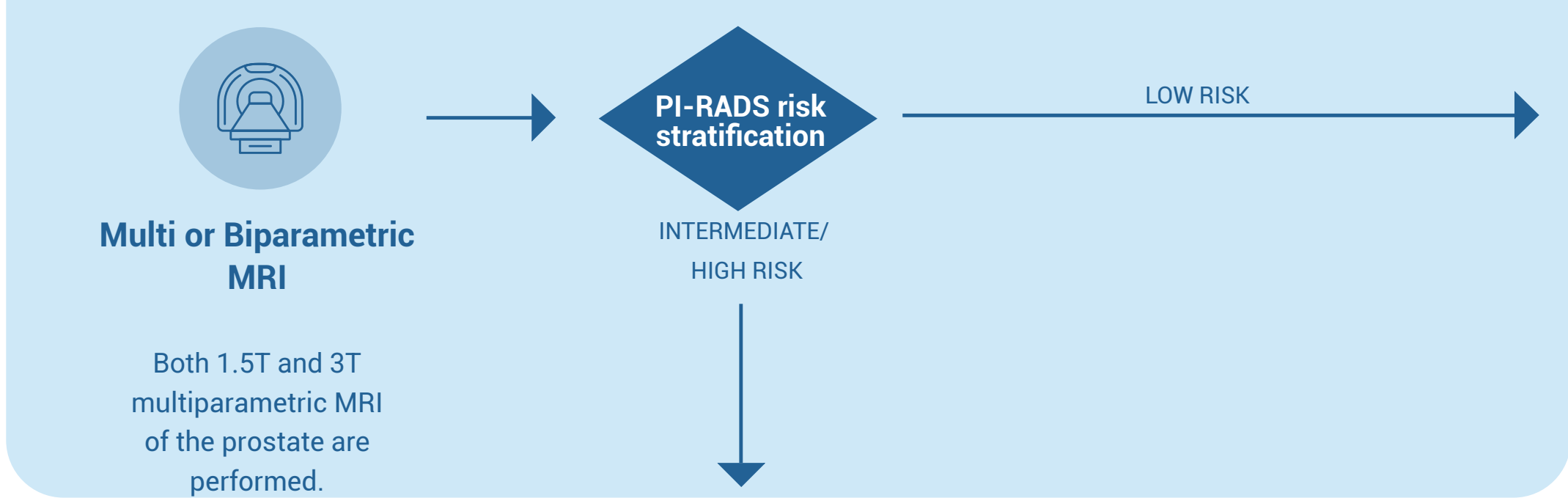
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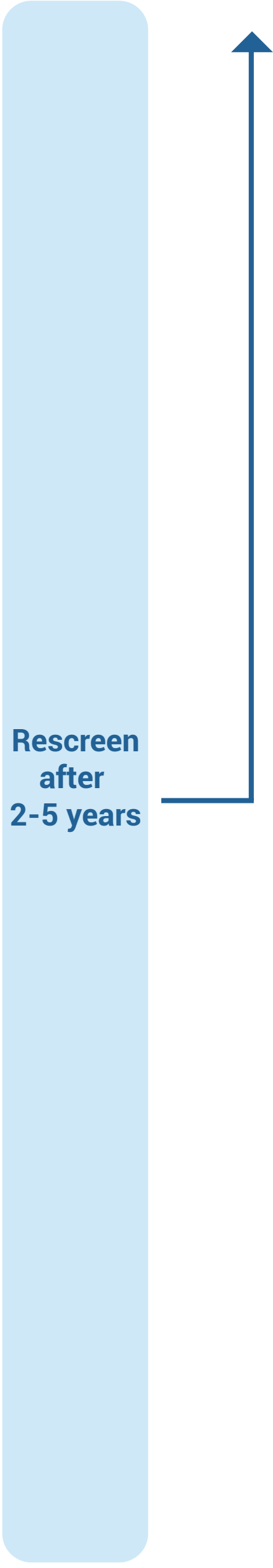
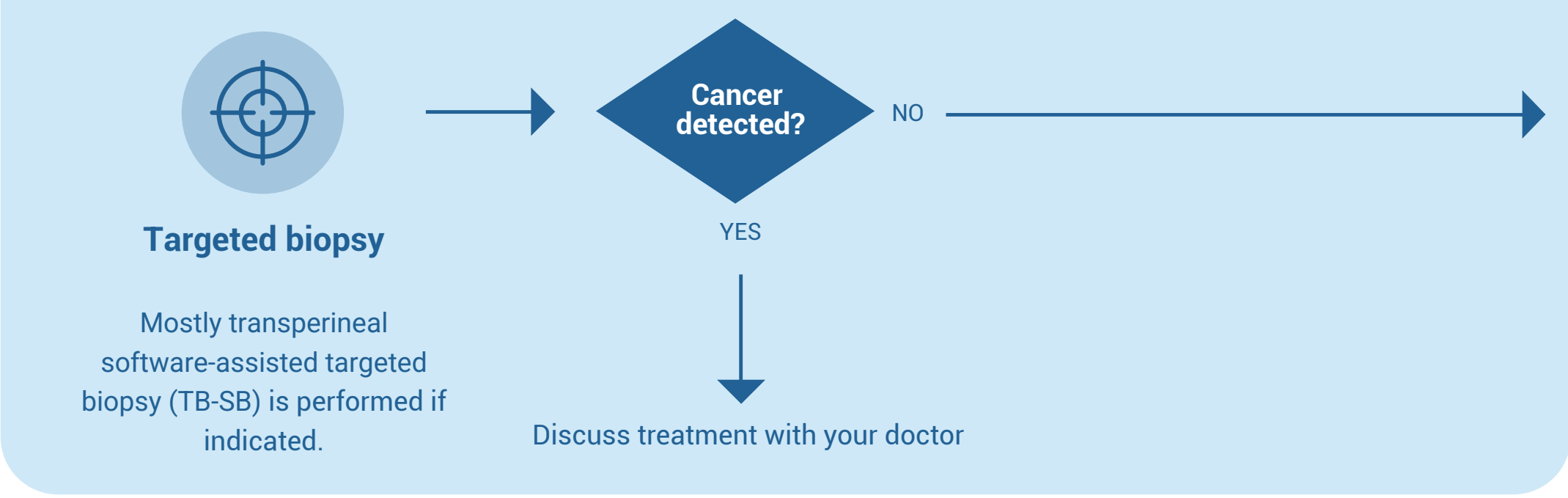
2 RISK ASSESSMENT



3 MRI AND SECOND RISK STRATIFICATION



4 BIOPSY AND DIAGNOSIS



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