
Recent update in guidelines

BPH/LUTS

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2021 AUA Guideline

Management of Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia

- **2020**

- **Surgical Management** of Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms
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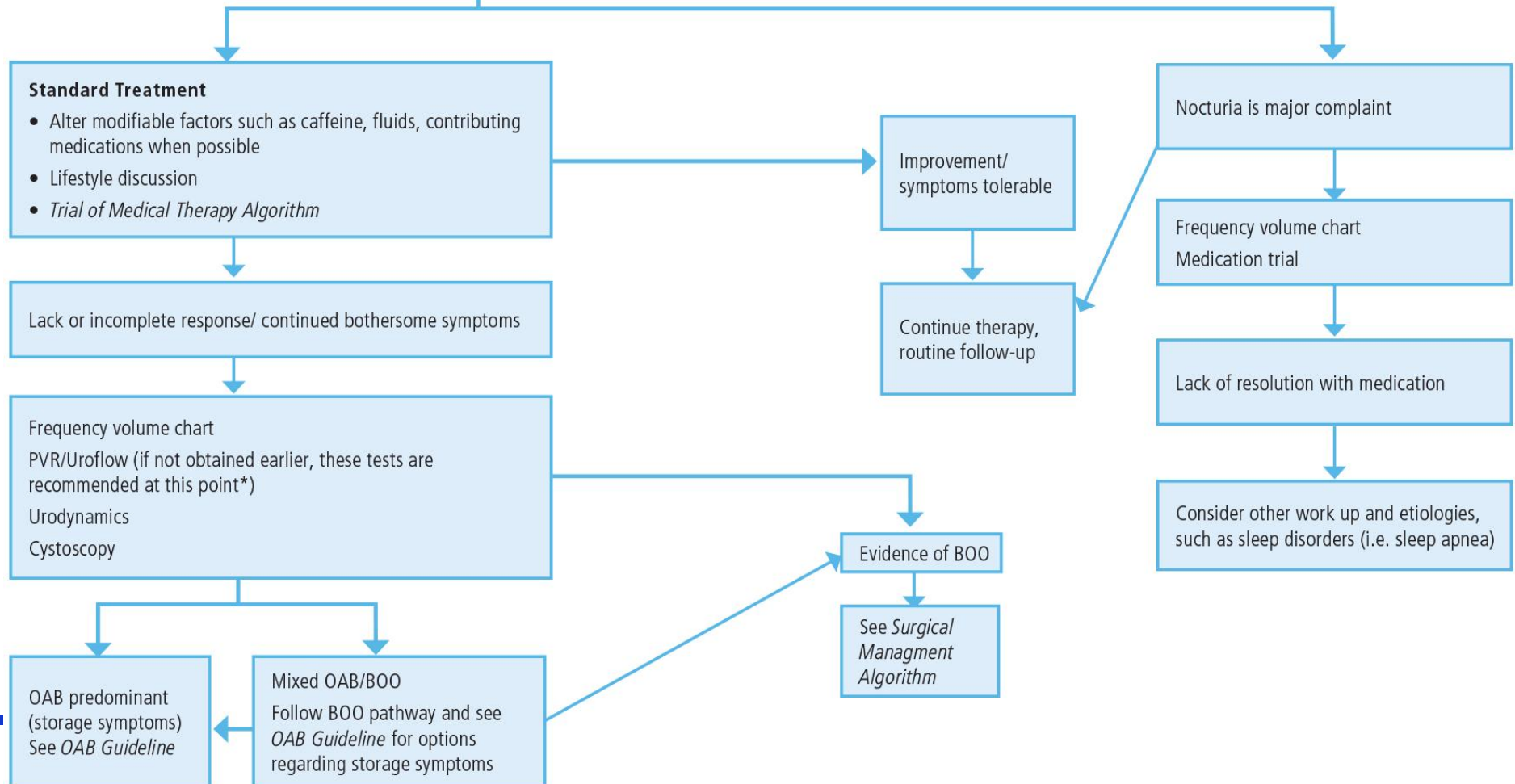
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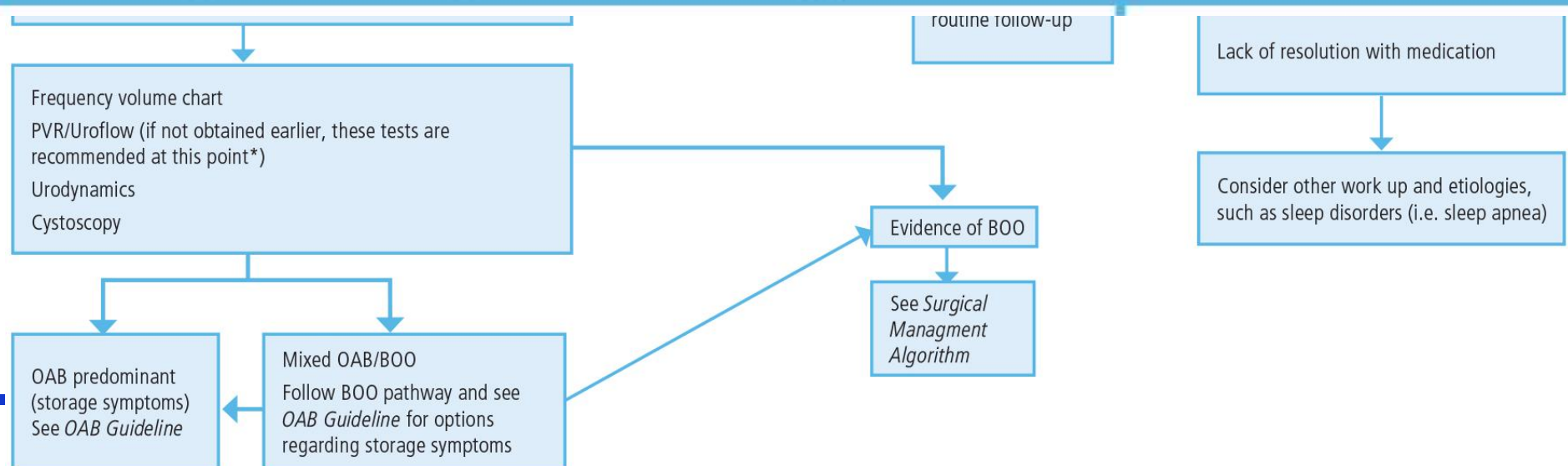
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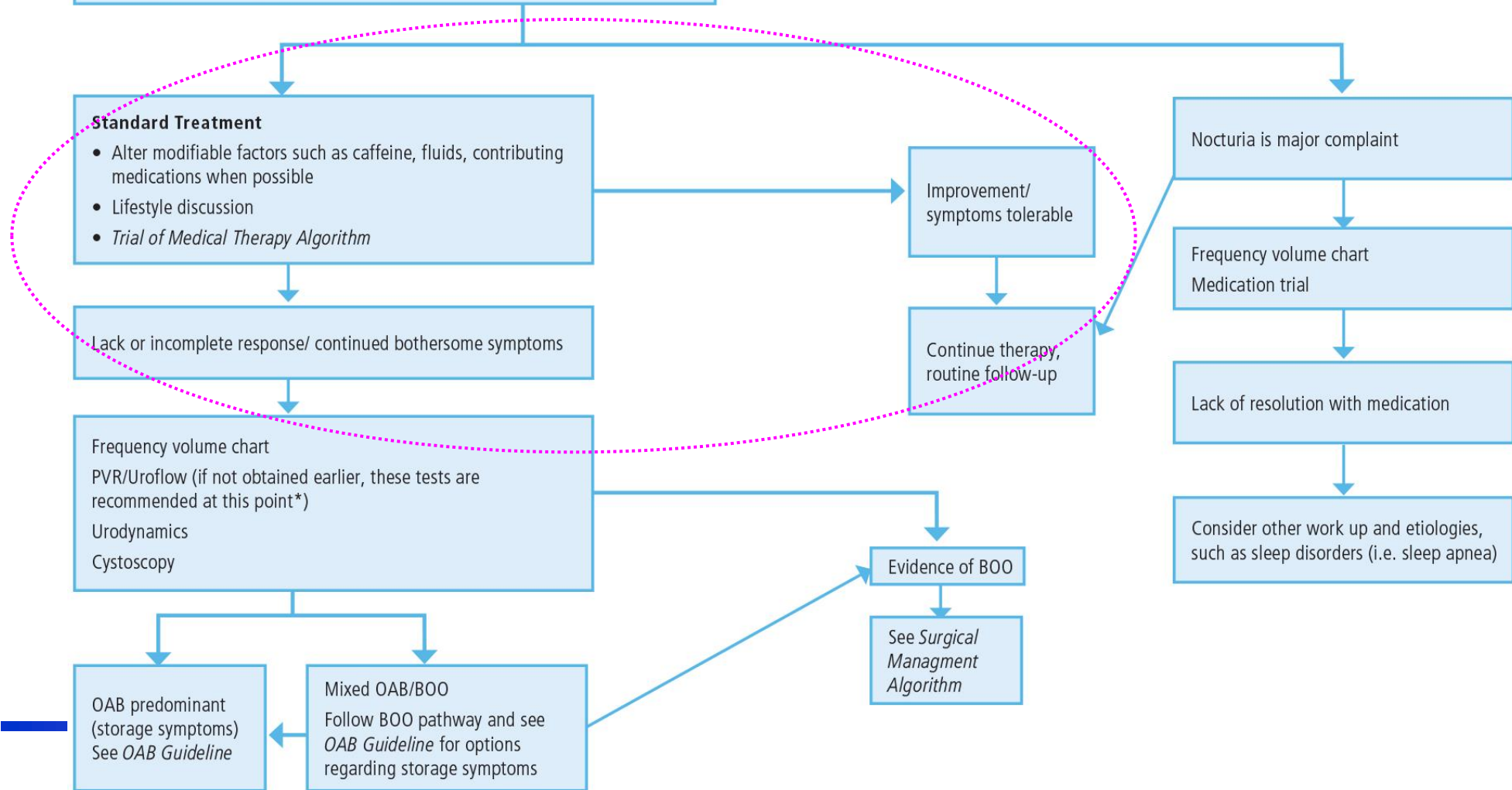
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- Lifestyle discussion
- *Trial of Medical Therapy Algorithm*

Improvement/
symptoms tolerable

Continue therapy,
routine follow-up

Lack or incomplete response/ continued bothersome symptoms

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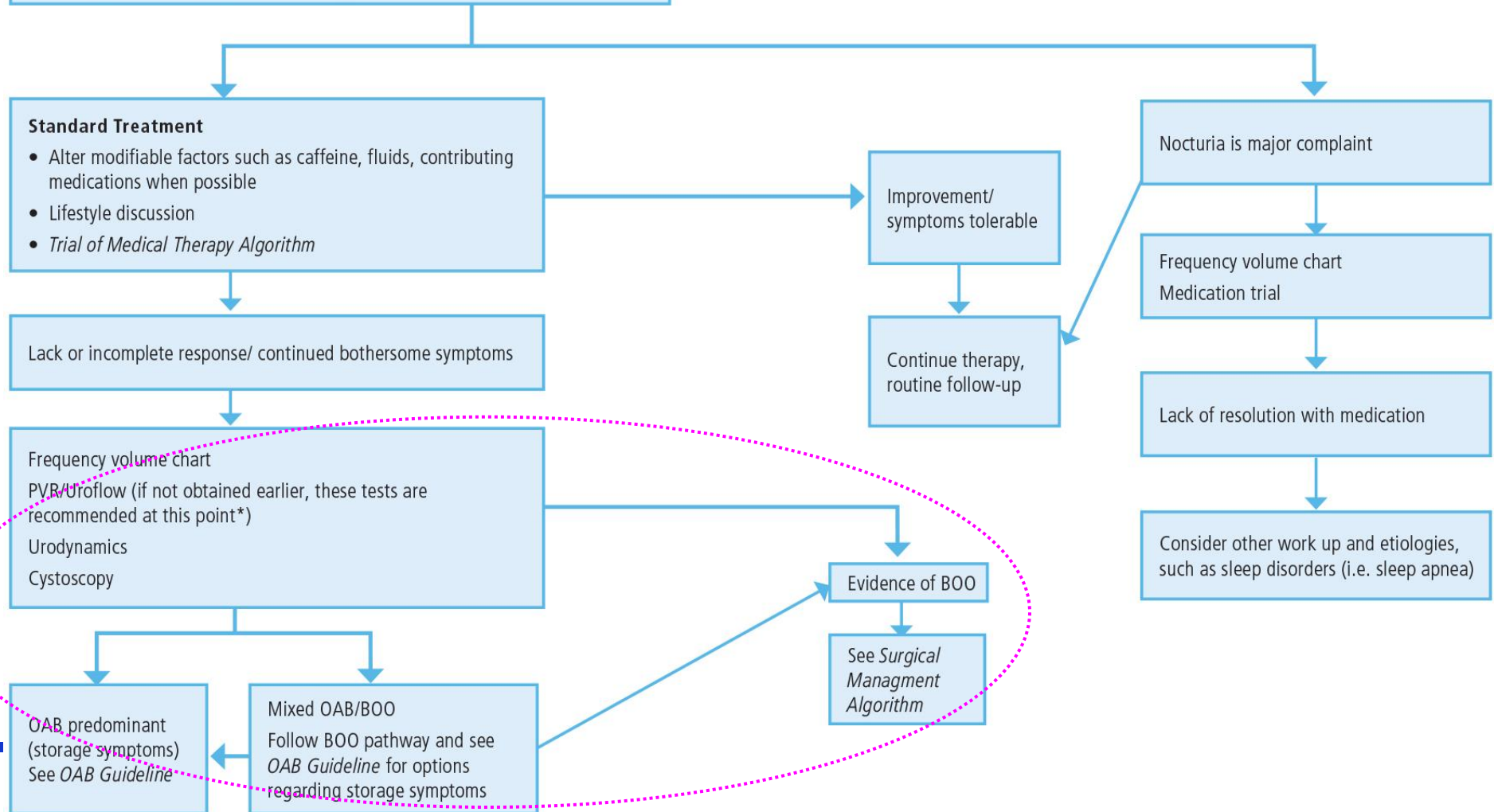
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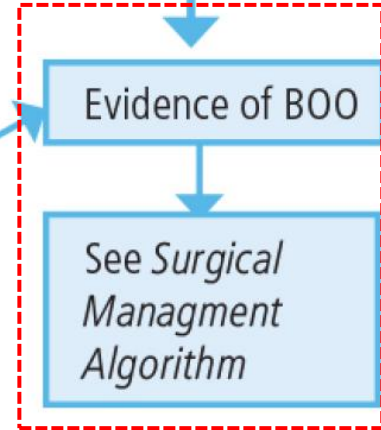
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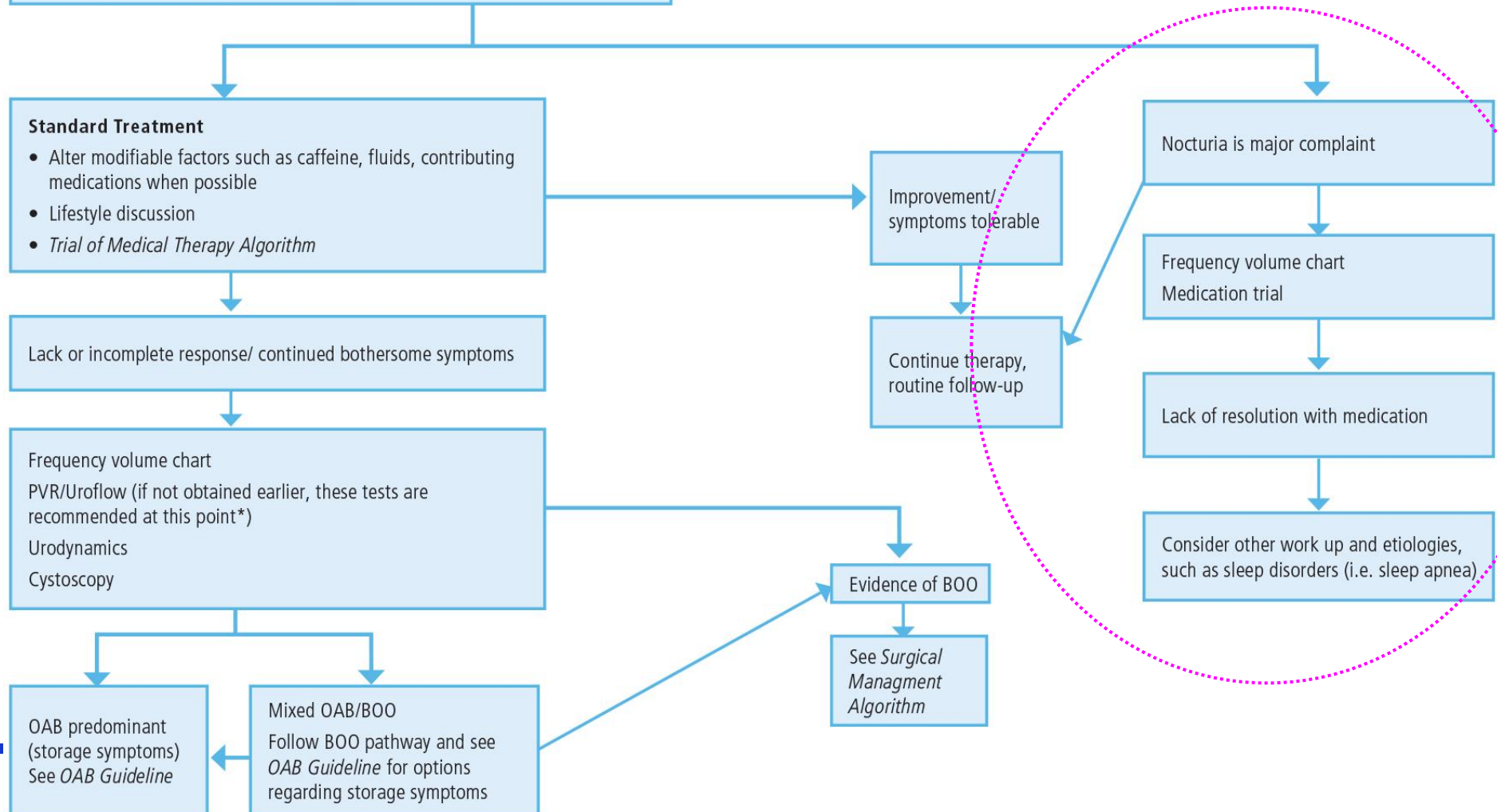
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- ***If PVR >300 cc, irrespective of IPSS score, consider referral to a urologist for further evaluation.** (Source: *Non-Neurogenic Chronic Management Strategies, and F...*)

Standard Treatment

- Alter modifiable factors such as caffeine and alcohol intake, and medications when possible
- Lifestyle discussion
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Lack or incomplete response/ continued symptoms

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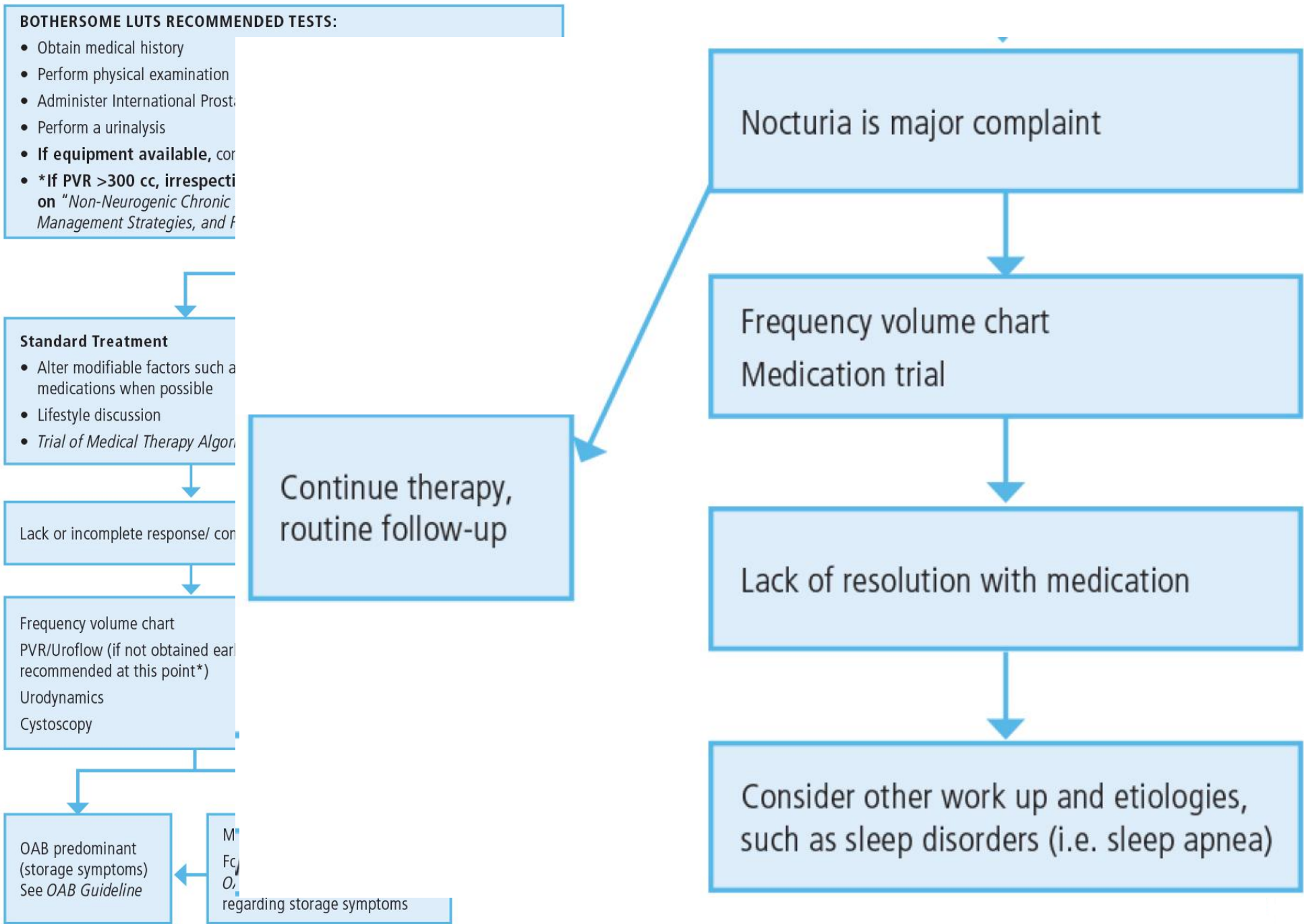
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Nocturia is major complaint

Frequency volume chart
Medication trial

Lack of resolution with medication

Consider other work up and etiologies,
such as sleep disorders (i.e. sleep apnea)



- **2020**

- EVALUATION AND PREOPERATIVE TESTING (1-6)

- **2021**

- EVALUATION (1-9)

- Initial Evaluation (1,2)
 - Follow-up Evaluation (3,4)
 - Preoperative Testing (5-9)

- **2020**

- 1. In the initial evaluation of patients presenting with bothersome LUTS possibly attributed to BPH, clinicians should take a medical history, conduct a physical examination, utilize the **AUA Symptom Index (AUA-SI)**, and perform a urinalysis. (Clinical Principle)

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- 2. Patients should be **counselled on options for intervention**, which can include behavioral/lifestyle modifications, medical therapy and/or referral for discussion of procedural options. (Expert Opinion)

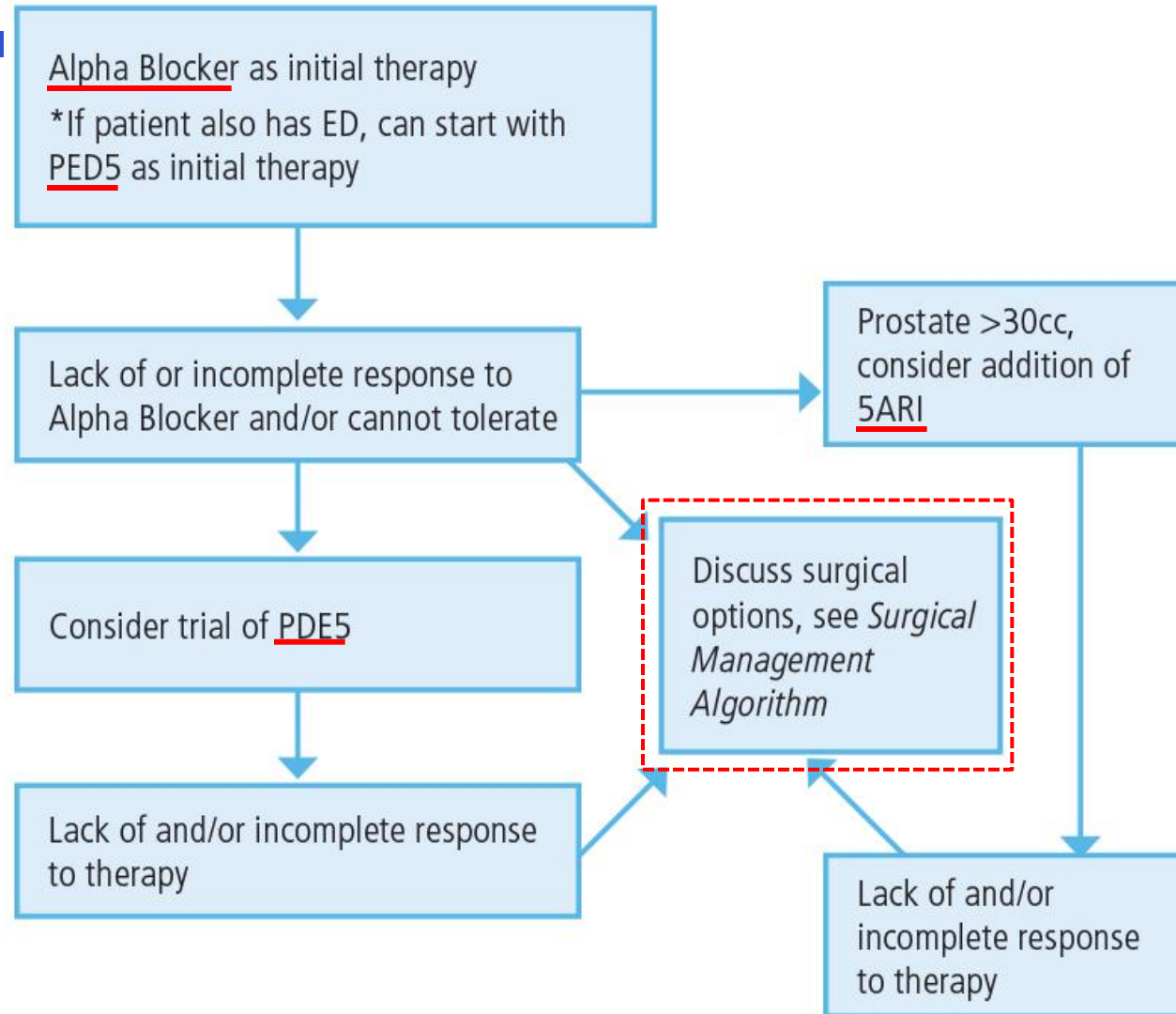
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- **Follow-up Evaluation**

- 3. Patients should be evaluated by their providers **4-12 weeks after** initiating treatment (provided adverse events do not require earlier consultation) to assess **response** to therapy. **Reevaluation** should include the **IPSS**. Further evaluation may include a post-void residual (**PVR**) and **uroflowmetry**. (Clinical Principle)
 - 4. Patients with bothersome LUTS/BPH who elect initial medical management and **do not have symptom improvement** and/or experience **intolerable side effects** should undergo **further evaluation** and **consideration of change** in medical management or surgical intervention. (Expert Opinion)

- **MEDICAL THERPAY (10-24)**

Trial of Medical Therapy Algorithm



For mixed OAB/BOO symptoms, see above and refer to OAB Guidelines (i.e. anticholinergic and B3 agonist therapy)

Medical Therapy

- **Alpha Blockers (10-12)**
 - **Treatment option**
 - alfuzosin, doxazosin, silodosin, tamsulosin, or terazosin.
 - (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade A)
 - **The **choice** of alpha blocker should be based on**
 - patient age and comorbidities
 - different adverse event profiles (eg, ejaculatory dysfunction, changes in blood pressure)
 - (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade A)
 - **Intraoperative Floppy Iris Syndrome**
 - When initiating alpha blocker therapy, patients with **planned cataract surgery** should be **informed** of the associated **risks** and be advised to **discuss** these risks with their **ophthalmologists**. (Expert Opinion)

Medical Therapy

- **5- Alpha Reductase inhibitor (13-16)**
 - **5-ARI monotherapy** should be used as a treatment option in patients with
 - prostate volume of **>30cc**, PSA **> 1.5ng/dL**, or palpable prostate **enlargement** on DRE.
 - (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade B)
 - 5-ARIs **alone** or in **combination** with alpha blockers are recommended
 - to **prevent** progression of LUTS/BPH
 - to **reduce** the risks of urinary retention
 - to **reduce** need for future prostate-related surgery
 - (Strong Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade A)

Medical Therapy

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 - **Before starting** a 5-ARI, clinicians should **inform**
 - risks of **sexual** side effects
 - certain uncommon **physical** side effects
 - low risk of **prostate cancer**
 - (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C)
 - Clinicians may consider 5-ARIs as a treatment option
 - to **reduce** intraoperative **bleeding** and peri- or postoperative need for blood **transfusion** after **TURP** or other **surgical** intervention for BPH.
 - (Expert Opinion)

Medical Therapy

- **Phosphodiesterase-5 Inhibitor (17)**
 - For patients with LUTS/BPH irrespective of **comorbid erectile dysfunction**
 - **5mg daily tadalafil** should be discussed as a treatment option.
 - (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade B)

Medical Therapy

- **Combination Therapy (18-21)**

- **5-ARI + alpha blocker**

- only to patients with LUTS associated with prostate volume **>30cc**, a PSA **>1.5ng/dL**, or **palpable** prostate enlargement on DRE.
- (Strong Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade A)

- **Anticholinergic agents or Beta-3-agonists + alpha blocker**

- to patients with **moderate to severe predominant storage LUTS**.
- (Conditional Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C)

- **Low-dose daily 5mg tadalafil + alpha blockers**

- Clinicians **should not offer** the combination treatment as it offers **no advantages** in symptom improvement over either agent alone.
- (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C)

Medical Therapy

- **Acute Urinary Retention (AUR) Outcomes (22-24)**

- Physicians should prescribe an **oral alpha blocker prior to a voiding trial** to treat patients with **AUR related to BPH**. (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade B).
- Patients **newly** treated for **AUR** with **alpha blockers** should **complete at least three days** of medical therapy **prior** to attempting trial without a catheter (TWOC). (Expert Opinion)
- Clinicians should **inform** patients who pass a **successful TWOC** for AUR from BPH that they remain at **increased risk for recurrent urinary retention**. (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C).

- **2020**

- SURGICAL THERAPY (7-24)

- **2021**

- SURGICAL THERAPY (25-43)

Surgical Management of Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms Attributed to Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia

SURGICAL THERAPY

Assessment of Prostate Size via imaging or cystoscopy

Large Prostate (>80-150cc) or Very Large Prostate (>150cc)

- Simple Prostatectomy (Open, Laparoscopic, Robotic)
- HoLEP
- ThuLEP

Average Prostate (30-80 cc)

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In patients who are at higher risk of bleeding, such as those on anticoagulation drugs, therapies with a lower need for blood transfusion, such as HoLEP, PVP, and ThuLEP, should be considered. For additional information on the use of anticoagulation and antiplatelet therapy in surgical patients, refer to the ICUD/AUA review on Anticoagulation and Antiplatelet Therapy in Urologic Practice.

Based on the evidence reports of the current guidelines, the following criteria are recommended when utilizing these approaches:

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Surgical Therapy

- Specific gravity of the prostate is **1.05 g/mL**
 - the units **gram** and **milliliter** and **cc** can be used interchangeably.
- The Panel proposes consideration of the following **categorical size** descriptions when **planning treatment**: **small (<30 g)**, **average (30-80 g)**, **large (>80 to 150 g)**, and **very large (>150 g)**.
 - but **do not necessarily imply lack of efficacy** in prostates **outside** the recommended ranges.
- Randomized trials for some **devices** enrolled men with prostates within **specific size** ranges.
 - However, the Panel recognizes that these devices **do not necessarily lack efficacy** in prostates below or above the size ranges stipulated in the Statements.

Simple prostatectomy

- **2020**

- 11. Clinicians should consider open, laparoscopic or robotic assisted prostatectomy, depending on their expertise with these techniques, **for patients with large prostates**. (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C)

- **2021**

- 29. Open, laparoscopic, or robotic assisted prostatectomy should be considered as treatment options by clinicians, depending on their expertise with these techniques, **only in patients with large to very large prostates**. (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C)

Prostatic Urethral Lift (PUL)

- **2020**

- 15. PUL **may be offered** as an option for patients with LUTS attributed to BPH provided prostate volume **<80g** and verified absence of an obstructive middle lobe. (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C)

- **2021**

- 33. PUL **should be considered** as a treatment option for patients with LUTS/BPH provided prostate volume **30-80cc** and verified absence of an obstructive middle lobe. (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C)

Water Vapor Thermal Therapy (WVTT)

- **2020**

- 18. Water vapor thermal therapy **may be offered** to patients with LUTS attributed to BPH provided prostate volume **<80g**; however. (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C)

- **2021**

- 36. WVTT **should be considered** as a treatment option for patients with LUTS/BPH provided prostate volume **30-80cc**. (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C)

Aquablation >>> RWT

- **2020**

- **Aquablation**

- 22. **Aquablation** may be offered to patients with LUTS attributed to BPH provided prostate volume >30/<80g. (Conditional Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C)

- **2021**

- **Robotic Waterjet Treatment (RWT)**

- 40. **Robotic waterjet treatment (RWT)** may be offered as a treatment option to patients with LUTS/BPH provided prostate volume 30-80cc. (Conditional Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C)

Hematuria

- **2021**
 - 42. After exclusion of other causes of hematuria, **5-ARIs** may be an **appropriate** and **effective** treatment alternative in men with refractory hematuria presumably **due to prostatic bleeding**. (Expert Opinion)

2022 EAU Guideline

Management of Non-neurogenic Male LUTS

Summary of Changes

- **Addition** of section 5(Disease management). 2(Pharmacological treatment). 7(Combination therapies). 3(**α1-blockers + Beta-3 agonist**), resulting in a **new summary of evidence and recommendation**:

Summary of evidence	LE
Combination treatment with α1-blockers and mirabegron results in a slight decrease of number of voids and urgency episodes per day compared with α1-blockers.	1b
Adverse events of both drug classes are seen with combined treatment using α1-blockers and mirabegron	1b

Recommendation	Strength rating
Use combination treatment of a α1-blocker with mirabegron in patients with persistent storage LUTS after treatment with α1-blockers monotherapy.	Weak

