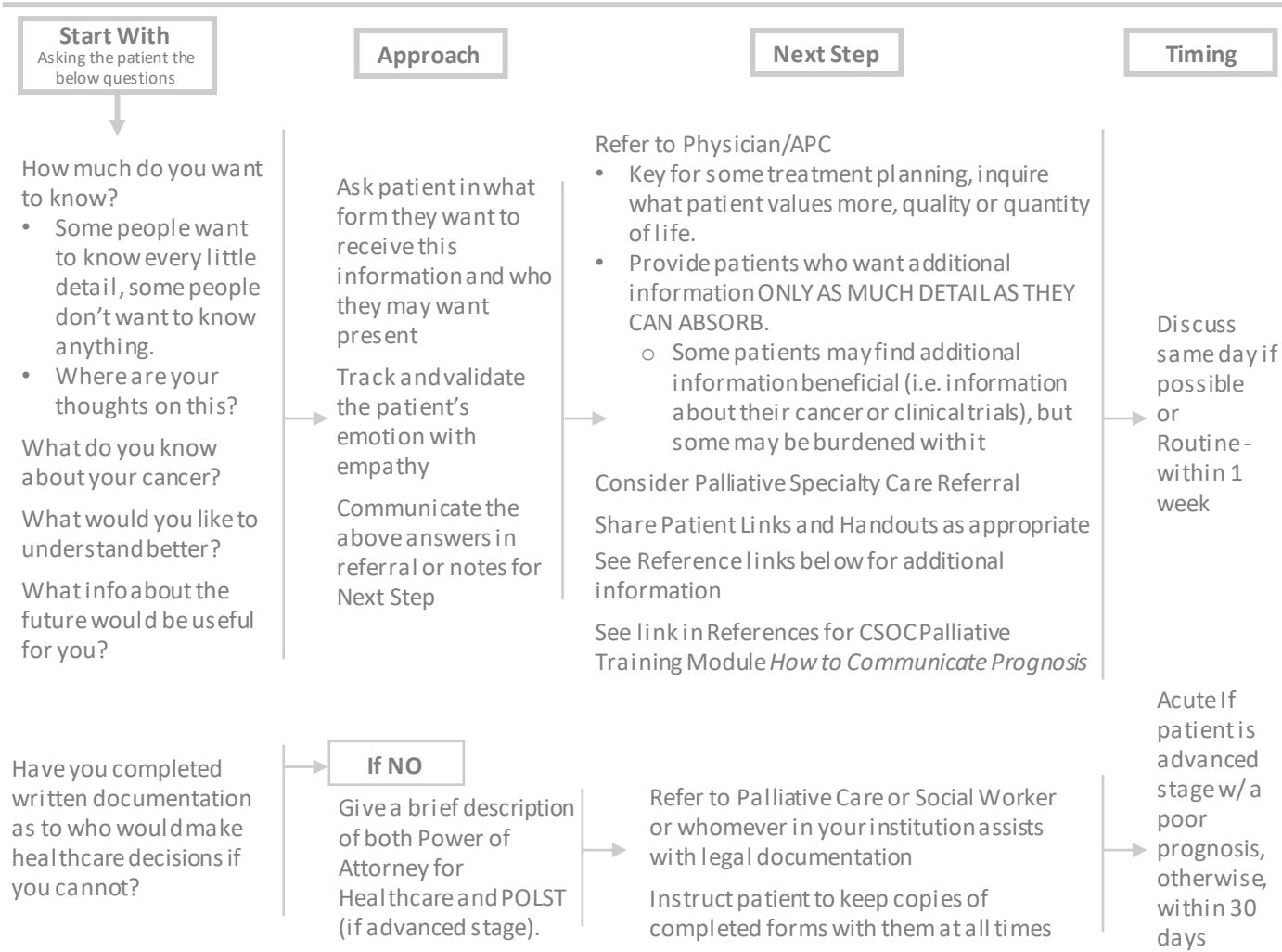


Clinician Follow Up Reference for Supportive Care Treatment or Care Concerns – “YES” to I want to better understand my prognosis or long term outcome



Notes

Stages I-III: Referral to counseling or community support resource for those who have difficulty with accepting a diagnosis or prognosis of cancer.

Stage IV: Consider Palliative Care referral for those who have difficulty coping with poor prognosis (limited life expectancy). It is important the patient understands his or her overall prognosis, anticipated prognosis at that time (days to weeks; weeks to months; months to perhaps a year; years), the goals of treatment and why it is being offered (palliative versus curative intent).

Geriatric: Having health care proxy and a family member present at all appointments if possible, especially if there are any cognitive issues. Concerns or questions of the primary caregiver are just as important to be addressed if patient has a hardtime understanding. Address polypharmacy and possible reduction of medications for better quality of life.

Patient Links and Handouts: References:

- [Cancer.Net. Understanding Statistics Used to Guide Progress and Evaluate Treatment](#)
- [NIH Understanding Cancer Prognosis](#)
- [Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission](#)

CSOC Patient Handout can be accessed at:
<http://cancer-help.me/prognosis>

- [Cancer Patients' Understanding of Prognostic Information](#)
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