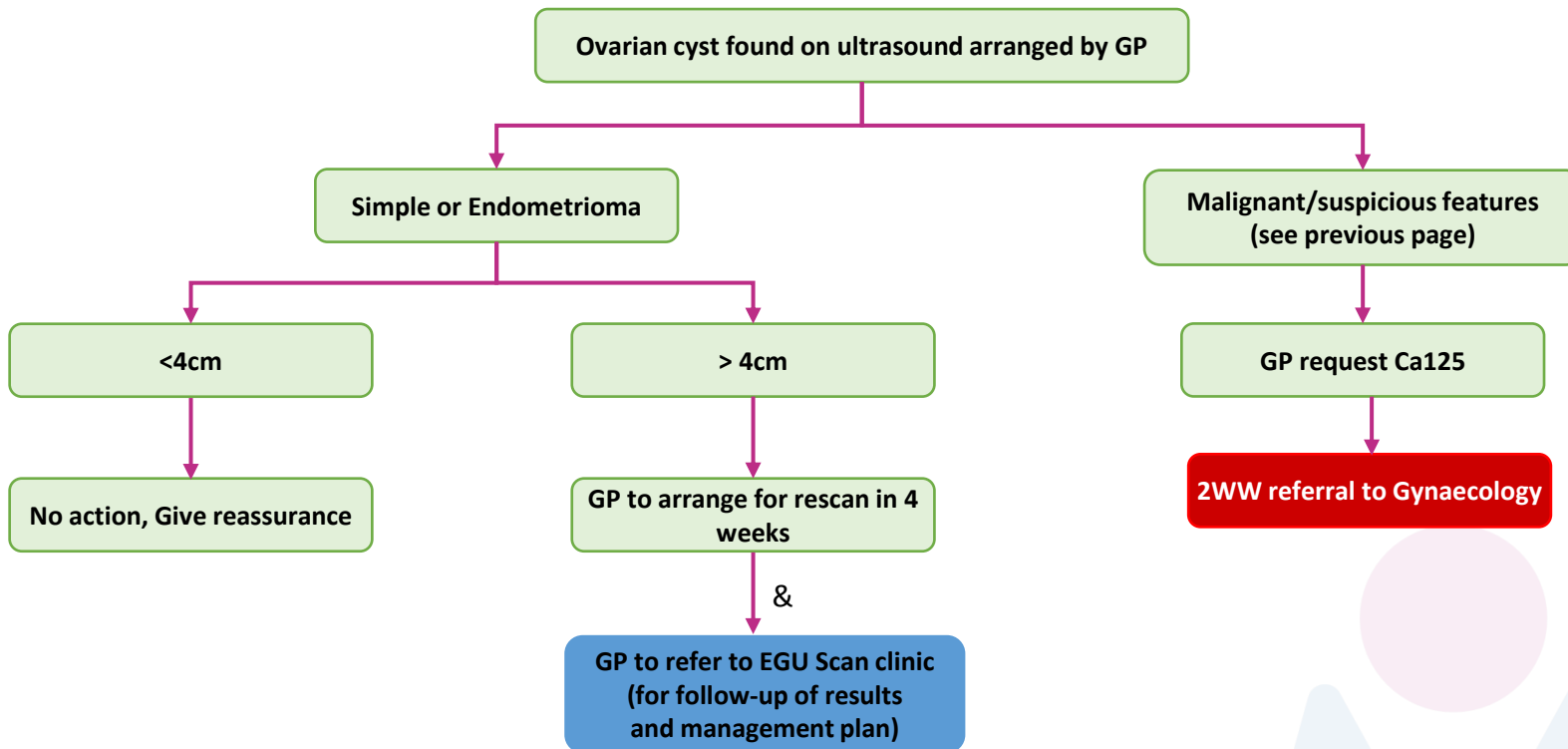


Knowing the options

When a scan report is received indicating an ovarian cyst, there are only three options for further management which are to repeat, to reassure, or to refer (either routine or urgent). Most scan reports will include management advice based on the following pathways. When reviewing a scan result, patients should be managed according to their fertility status: Pregnant, Pre-menopausal, and Post-menopausal.

Ultrasound features can be broadly divided into benign (reassuring) or malignant (suspicious) as shown in the table below:

Benign / More Reassuring Features (Simple)	Malignant / Suspicious Features
Unilocular cysts	Multilocular cysts
Diameter <10mm	Diameter >10mm
Minimal solid component <7mm	Solid component >7mm
Smooth outline	Irregular outline
Acoustic shadowing indicating Dermoid	Features not indicative of Dermoid
No blood flow	Prominent blood flow
No / Little fluid	Ascites or significant fluid

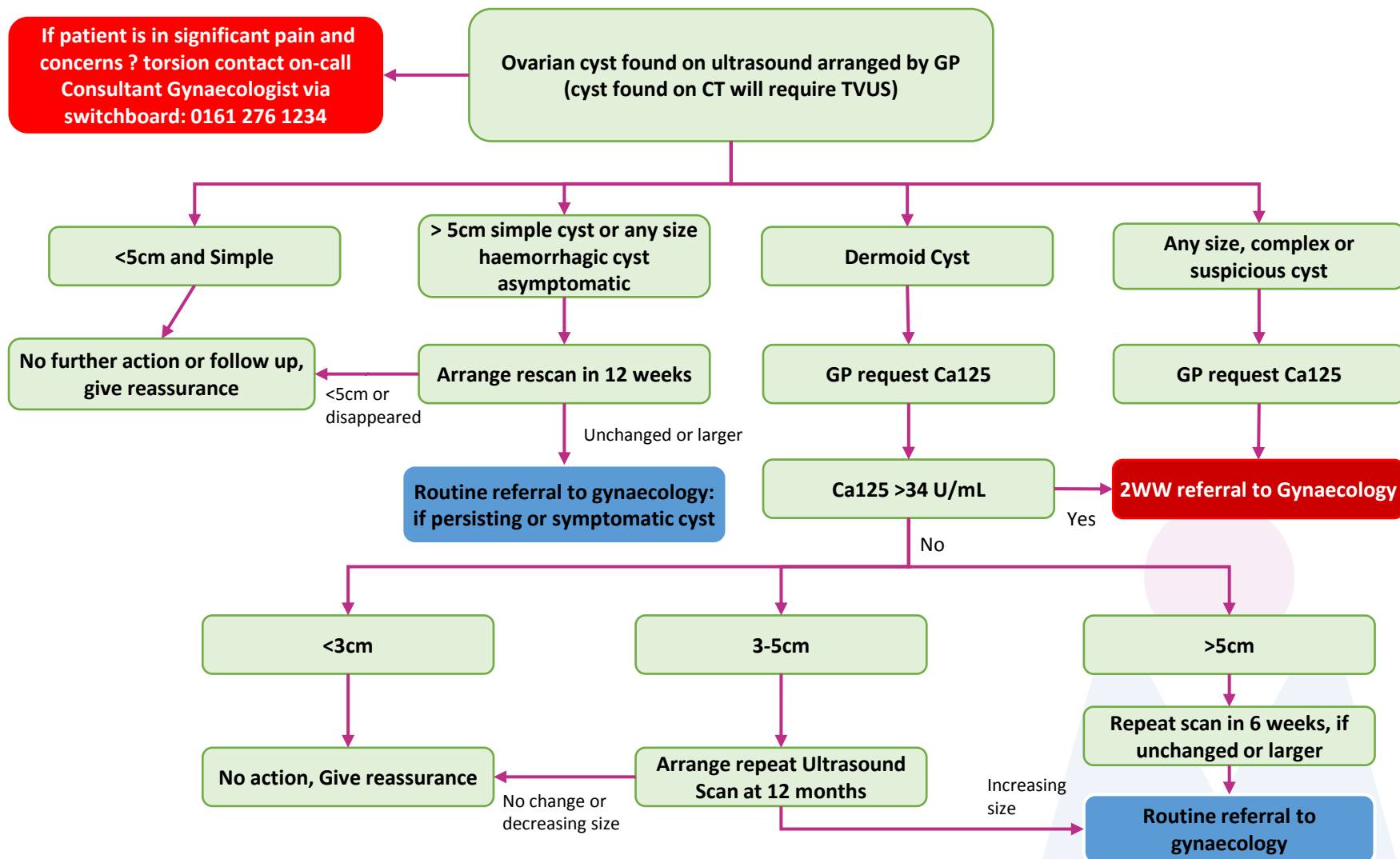


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