

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

Breast Cancer and Pregnancy Guideline

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Executive summary:

This document should act as a guidance for the management of women diagnosed with breast cancer in pregnancy and women who are pregnant following treatment for breast cancer. The opinion expressed in this guideline is based on evidence and reflects professional opinion. This guideline is designed to support safe and effective practice.

Scope of the guidelines:

- The guideline applies to all clinicians working within the maternity services.

Essential implementation criteria:

- Auditable standards are stated.

Aims

- To provide support for clinical decision making
- To provide support for evidence based management

Responsibilities

- The maternity management team

Training

- Staff are expected to access appropriate training where provided
- Training needs will be identified through appraisal and clinical supervision

Monitoring and Effectiveness:

- Local service improvement plan will guide monitoring and effectiveness. This policy has undergone an equality impact assessment screening process using toolkit designed by NHS centre Equality and Human rights.
- Details of the screening process for this policy are available from the policy owner.

Implementation

- The guidelines will be implemented for the management of patients presenting with breast cancer in pregnancy and women with pregnancy after breast cancer treatment.

Standards for Health Services Wales

Has an equality impact assessment been carried out?

- YES

Has any adverse impact been identified?

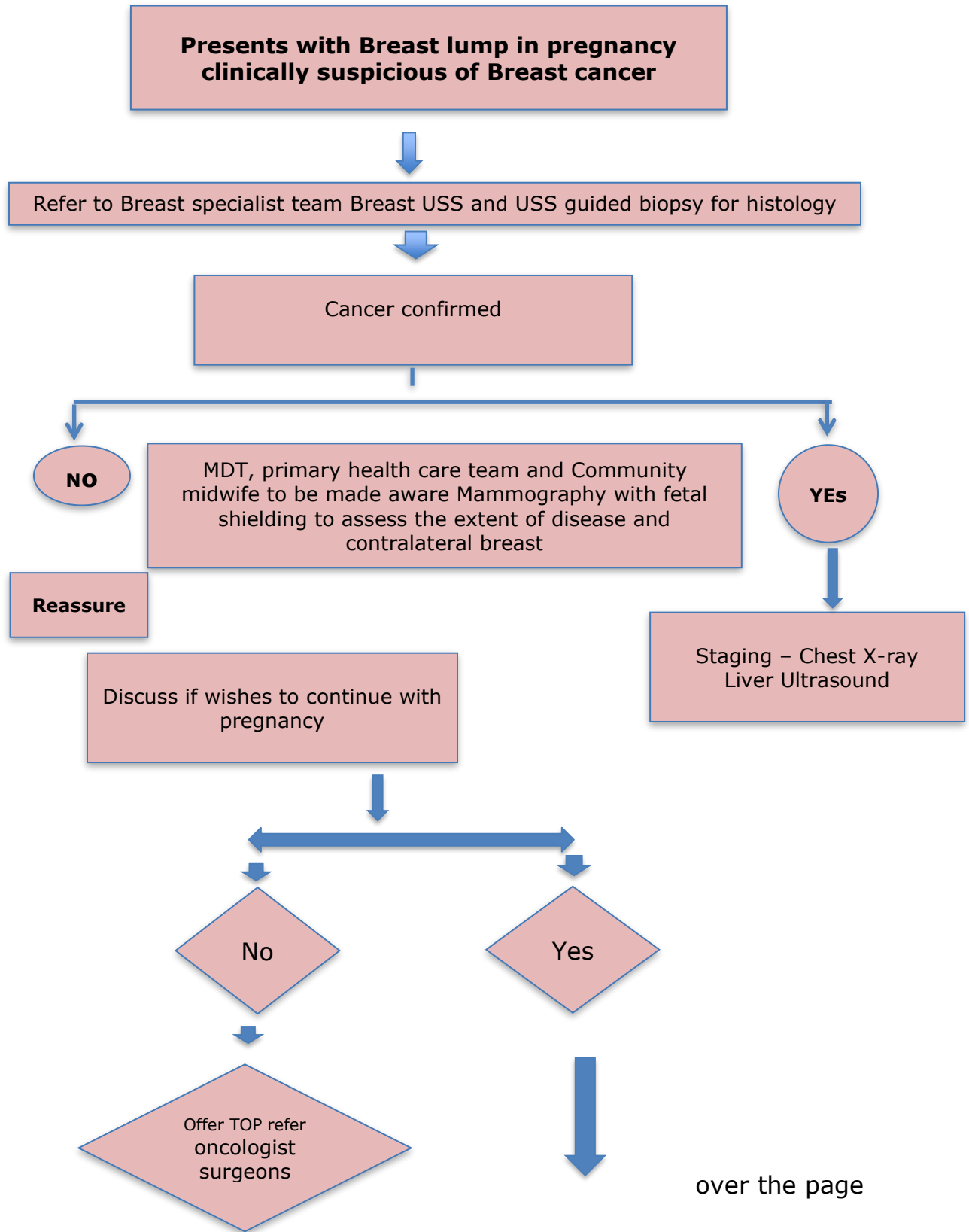
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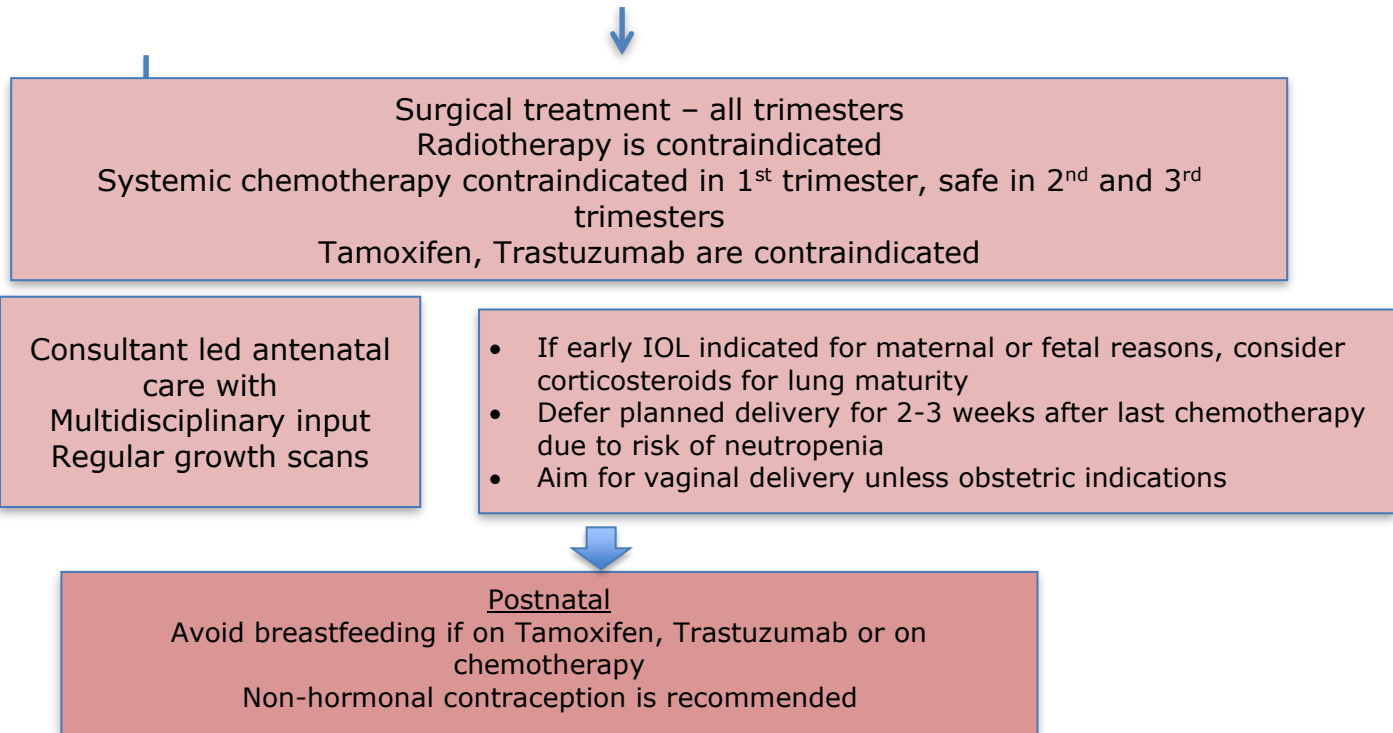
Audit

- Audit tools have been incorporated in the protocol.

Review

- Protocol to be reviewed in 3 years.





Pregnancy following breast cancer



Preconceptual advice



- Advice to avoid pregnancy for 2 years after Rx for breast cancer
- Advice to stop Tamoxifen for 3 months before conception
- If metastatic disease, advice against pregnancy
- Reassure regarding risk of malformation
- BRCA gene carrier – may consider preimplantation genetic diagnosis
- Fertility: The effect of treatment on fertility should be discussed in detail prior to treatment for breast cancer and specialist counselling provided. Designated pathway for referral to fertility specialist should be available.

