Acute Coronary Syndrome Pathway

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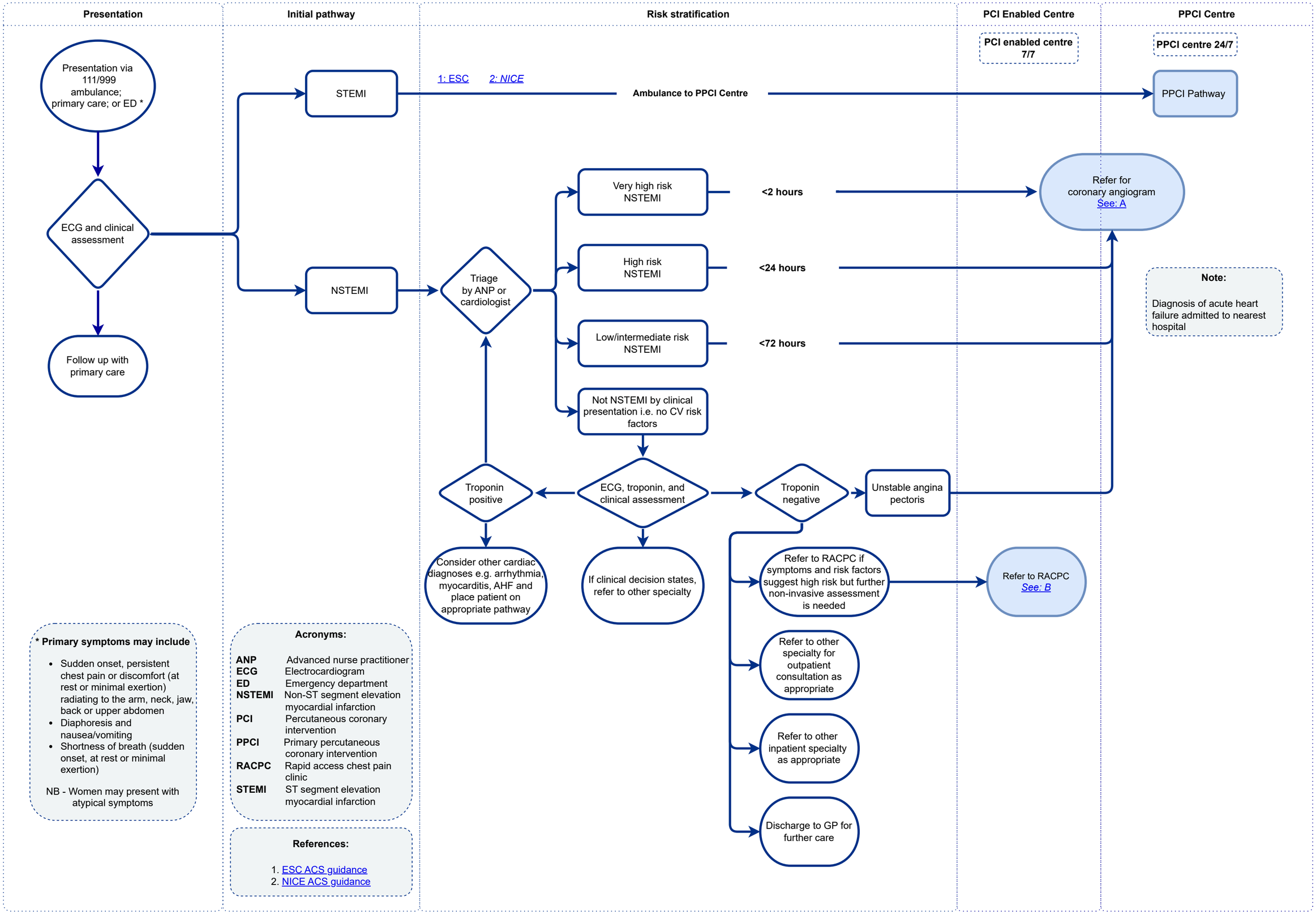

*** Primary symptoms may include**

- Sudden onset, persistent chest pain or discomfort (at rest or minimal exertion) radiating to the arm, neck, jaw, back or upper abdomen
- Diaphoresis and nausea/vomiting
- Shortness of breath (sudden onset, at rest or minimal exertion)

NB - Women may present with atypical symptoms

Acronyms:

ANP	Advanced nurse practitioner
ECG	Electrocardiogram
ED	Emergency department
NSTEMI	Non-ST segment elevation myocardial infarction
PCI	Percutaneous coronary intervention
PPCI	Primary percutaneous coronary intervention
RACPC	Rapid access chest pain clinic
STEMI	ST segment elevation myocardial infarction

References:

1. ESC ACS guidance
2. NICE ACS guidance

Chest Pain of Suspected Cardiac Origin

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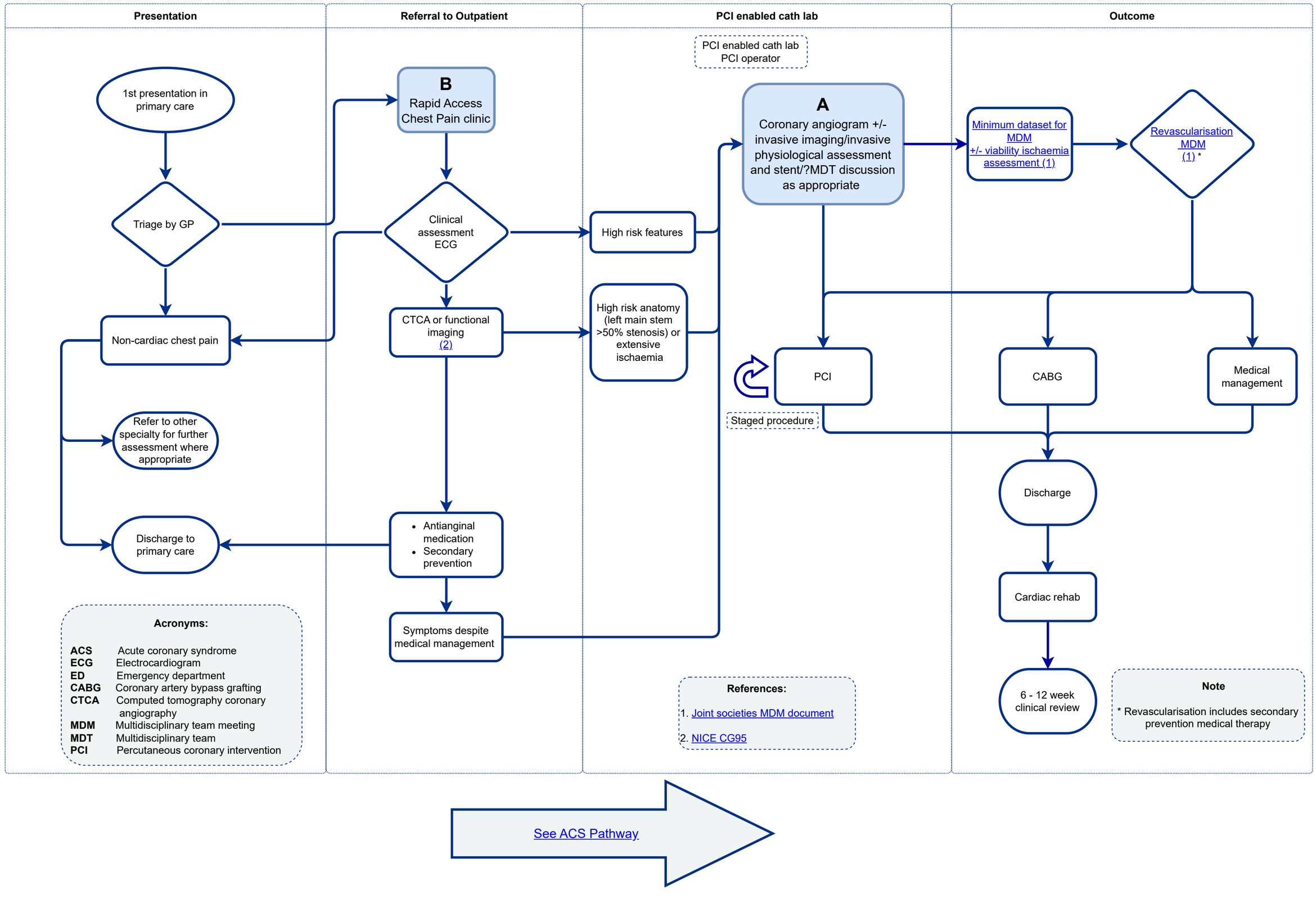

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