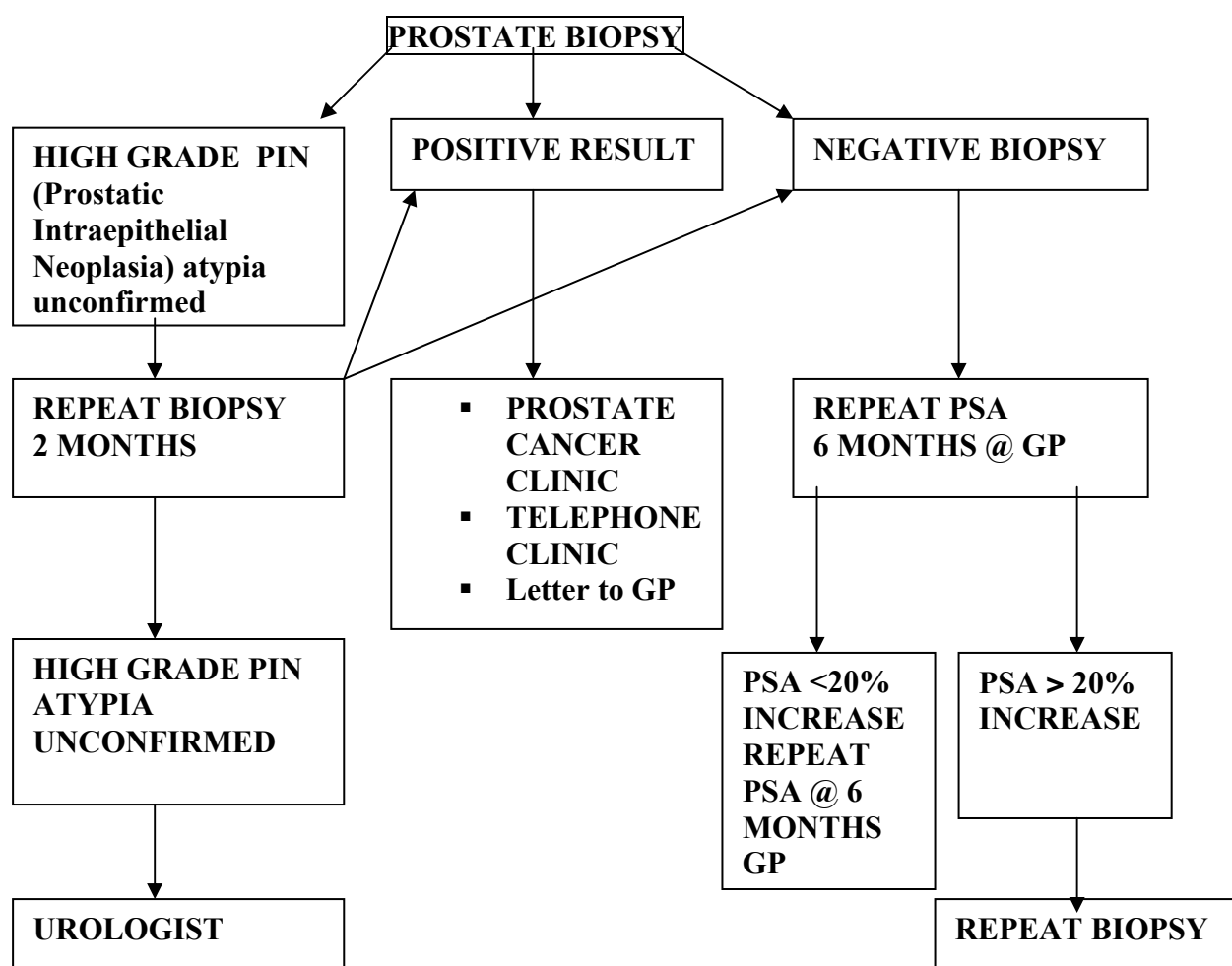


PSA TRIAGE GUIDELINES FOR BIOPSY REQUESTS

Age up to 69 0 – 3 µg/l is within normal limits
 Age 70 and above 0 – 5 µg/l is within normal limits

<u>PSA LEVEL</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	
> 20 (+/- abnormal Digital Rectal Examination)	1 (< 2 weeks)	(any age)
10 – 20	2	(any age)
3 – 10 (< 70yrs)	3	
5 – 10 (> 70yrs)	4	

PROSTATE BIOPSY FOLLOW UP PATHWAY



APPOINTMENT PROTOCOL

- PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLETS ON PSA AND PROSTATE BIOPSIES
- LETTER OF APPOINTMENT
- OFFER OF COUNSELLING WITH NURSE SPECIALIST
- HISTOLOGY TO GP AND UROLOGIST

PSA level alone should not automatically lead to a prostate biopsy eg for over 75 year old men with a raised PSA, the policy is now of “no routine biopsy”. Men are seen at the clinic for evaluation, counselling and decision on monitoring or hormone therapy.