

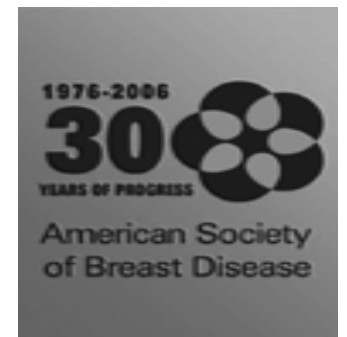
# Interdisciplinary Tumor Board

Friday, April 28  
2:45 pm – 4:30 pm

**Mini-Topic Presentation**  
*Role of the Nurse Navigator*

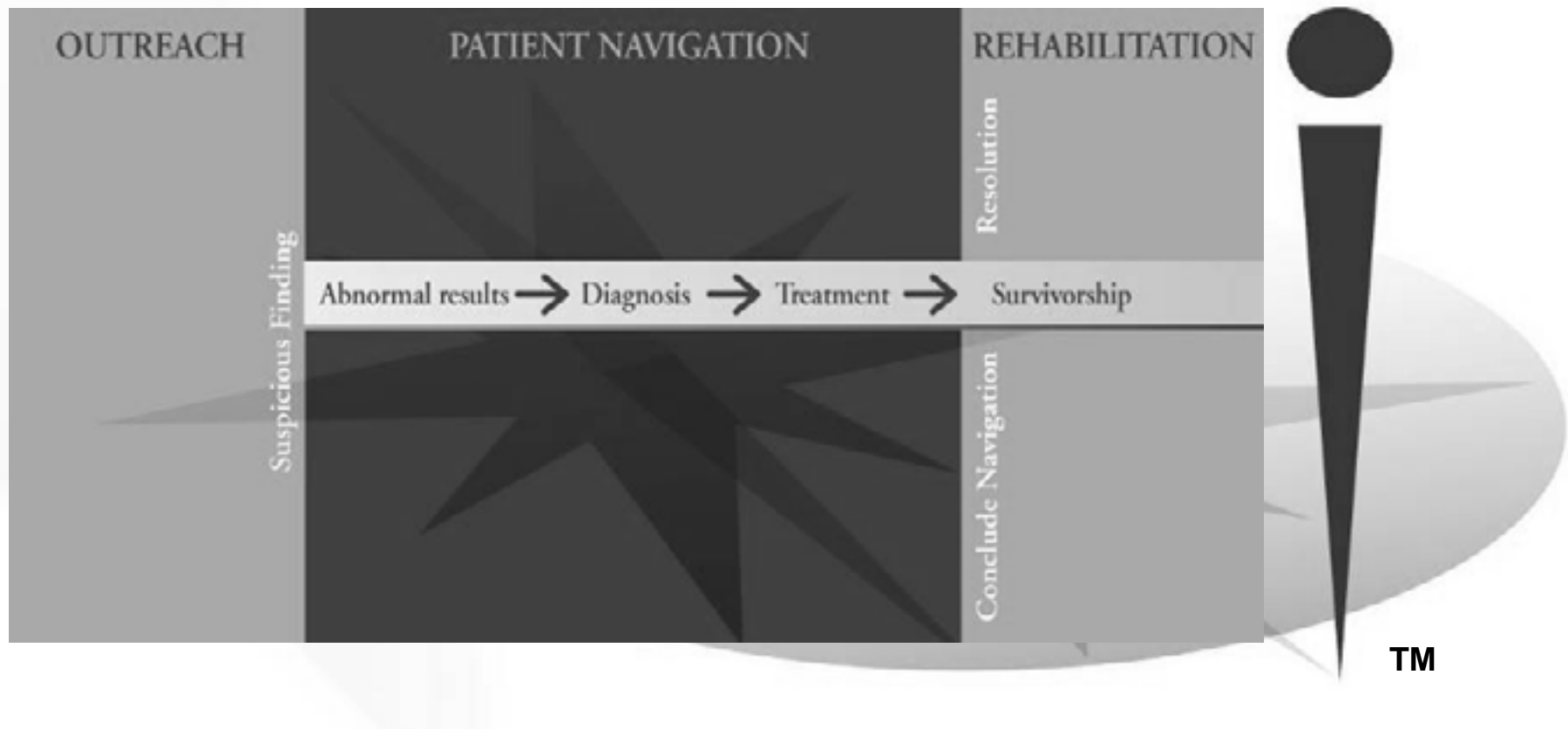
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Guiding patients to quality outcomes™

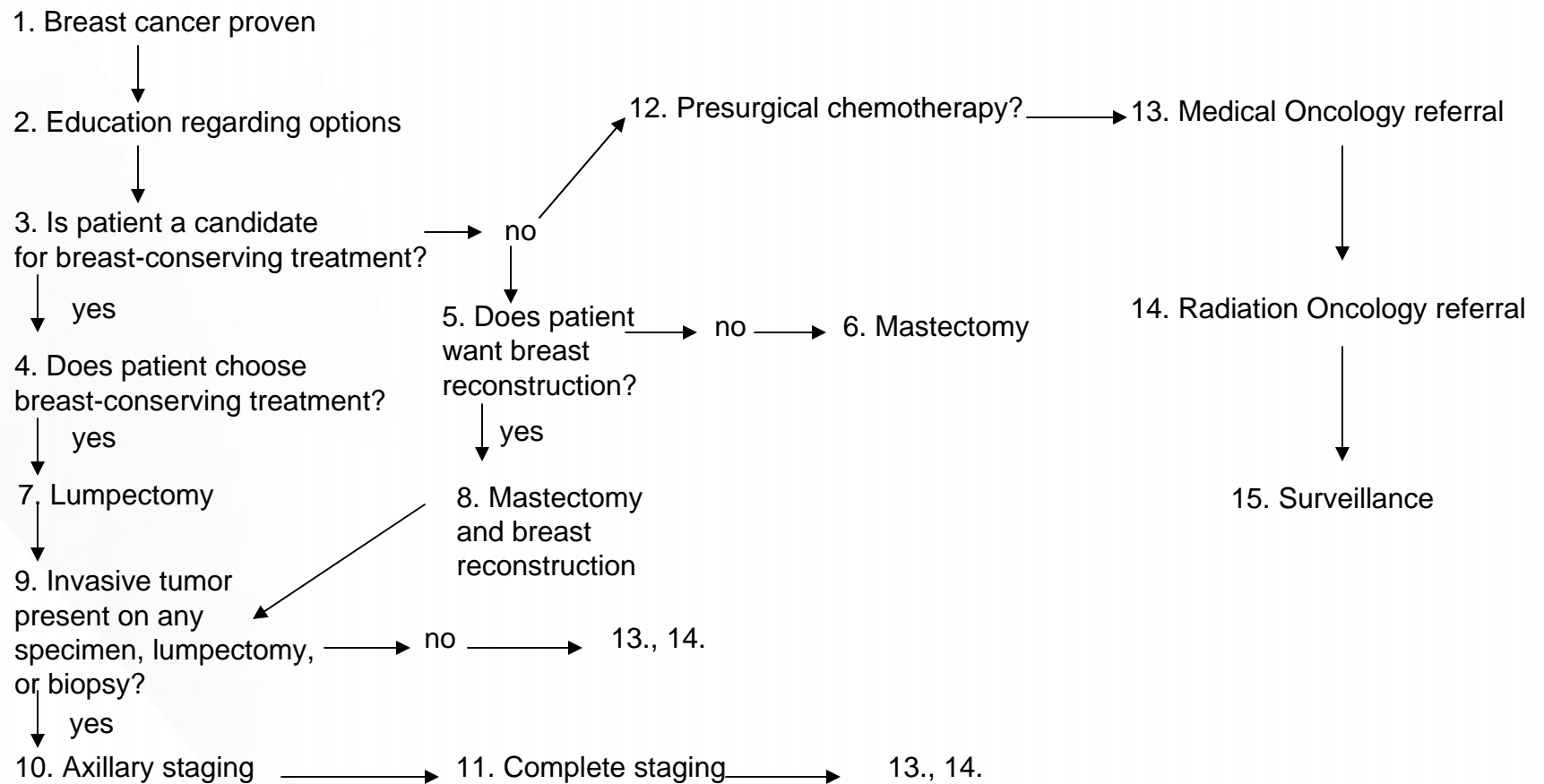


# Main Goals of a Patient Navigation Program

- To save lives from cancer
- To eliminate barriers to care
- To ensure timely delivery of services

# Breast Cancer Treatment Pathways

## Nurse Navigator Intervention



# Benefits of Patient Navigation Programs

- Better patient preparedness
- Improved collaboration among health care providers
- More efficient use of clinical involvement with patients
- Enhanced relationships with the community
- Increased patient satisfaction
- Improved outcomes

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No person with cancer should be forced to spend more time fighting their way through the healthcare system than fighting their disease.

# CASE #3: Treatment

- The patient states she considers breast presentation a priority.
- She meets with medical oncologist who discusses neoadjuvant therapy.
- She asks the medical oncologist about neoadjuvant herceptin.

# CASE #3: Question 4

What should the medical oncologist recommend?

1. Mortgage the house to get neoadjuvant herceptin
2. Recommend neoadjuvant AC chemotherapy
3. Recommend modified radical mastectomy
4. Mortgage house to get a PET / CT scan