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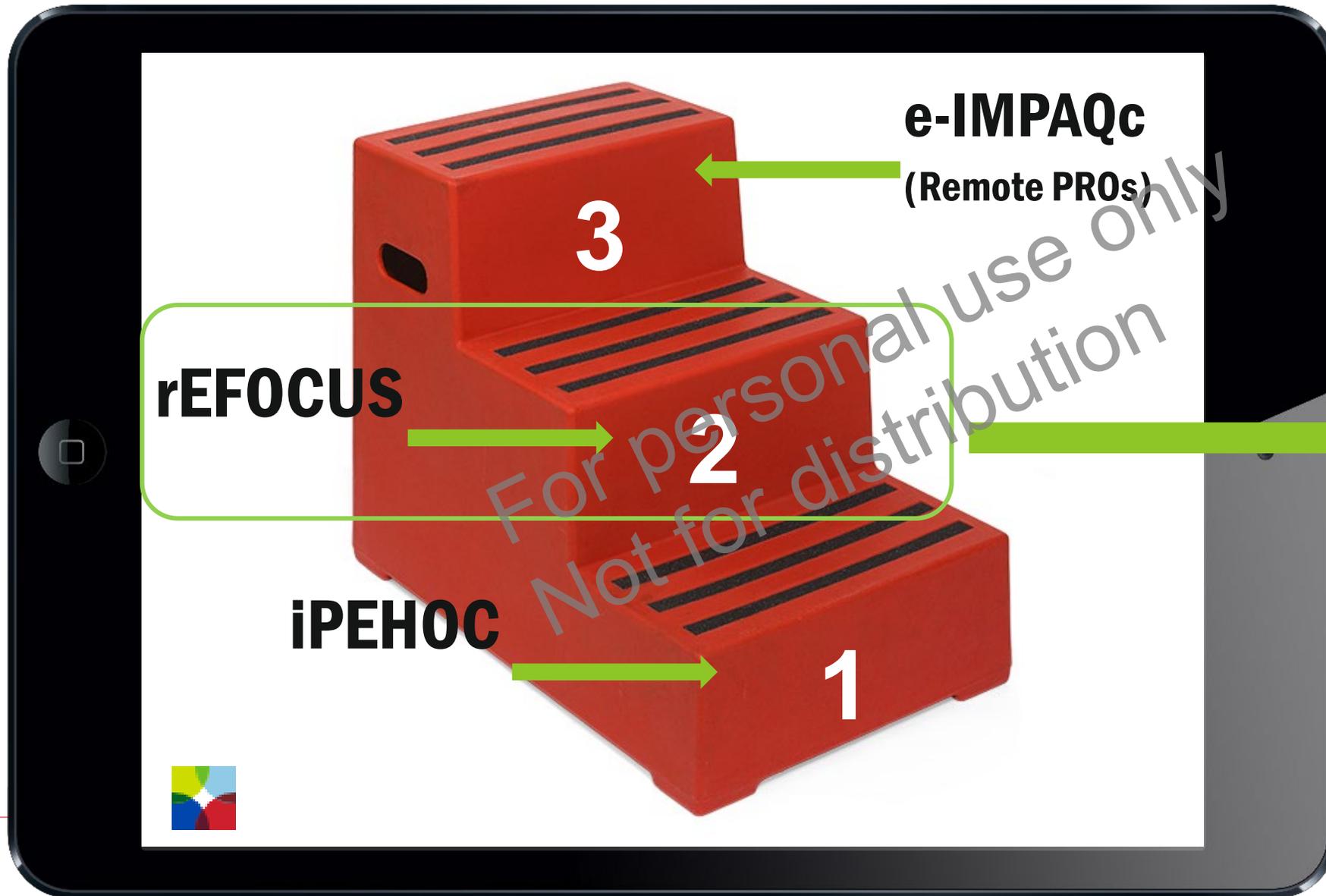
Developing a Coordinated Response to Patient Screening: rEFOCUS

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Patient-Reported Outcomes (PROs)

- A patient reported outcome (PRO) is a measurement of any aspect of health status that comes directly from the patient
- In the past decade, increasingly used in oncology:
 - In clinical trials
 - **In clinical practice: distress and symptom screening**
- Core component of value-based healthcare delivery (Porter)
- No single standardized set of validated measures, however...
 - Edmonton Symptom Assessment Scale (ESAS-r)
 - ICHOM: 5 standard sets for common cancers

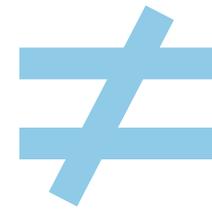
ePROs at the RCN



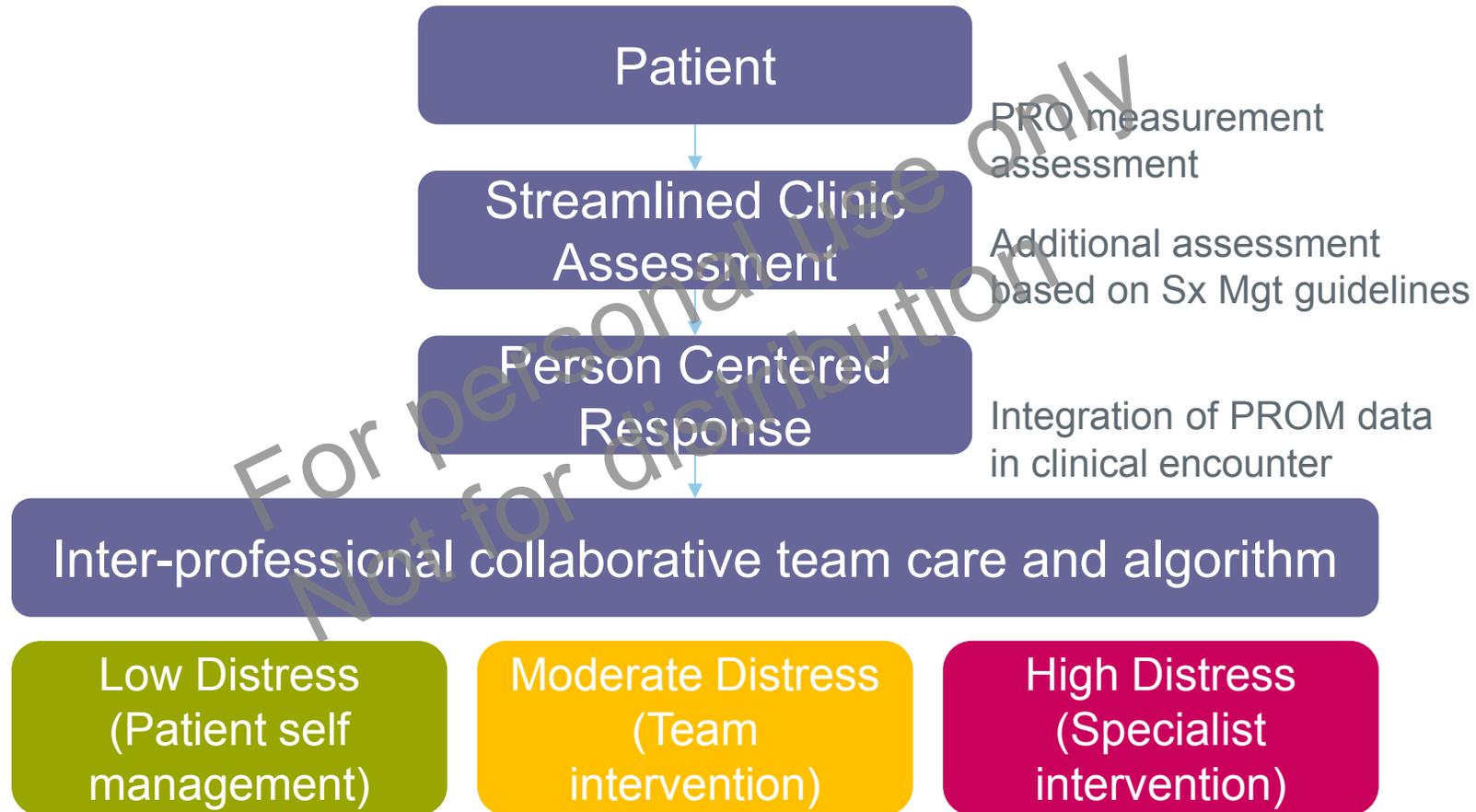
Clinical practice guideline (2017)

La Direction générale de
cancérologie (DGC)

Collecting Patient Reported Outcomes (PROs)



Improved Patient Outcomes



rEFOCUS: Key components

1

Expand ePRO collection across the RCN



2

Mobilize healthcare teams to respond to concerns



3

Assess patient impact
(and availability of downstream resources)



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ePROs: Now



Treatment room,
Psychosocial oncology



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Nowhere.

ePROs: rEFOCUS



+ Oral chemotherapy,
Palliative care



+ Lung, Neuro, Pain,
Head & Neck, Lachine,
PSO, Cancer Rehab



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+ Treatment area

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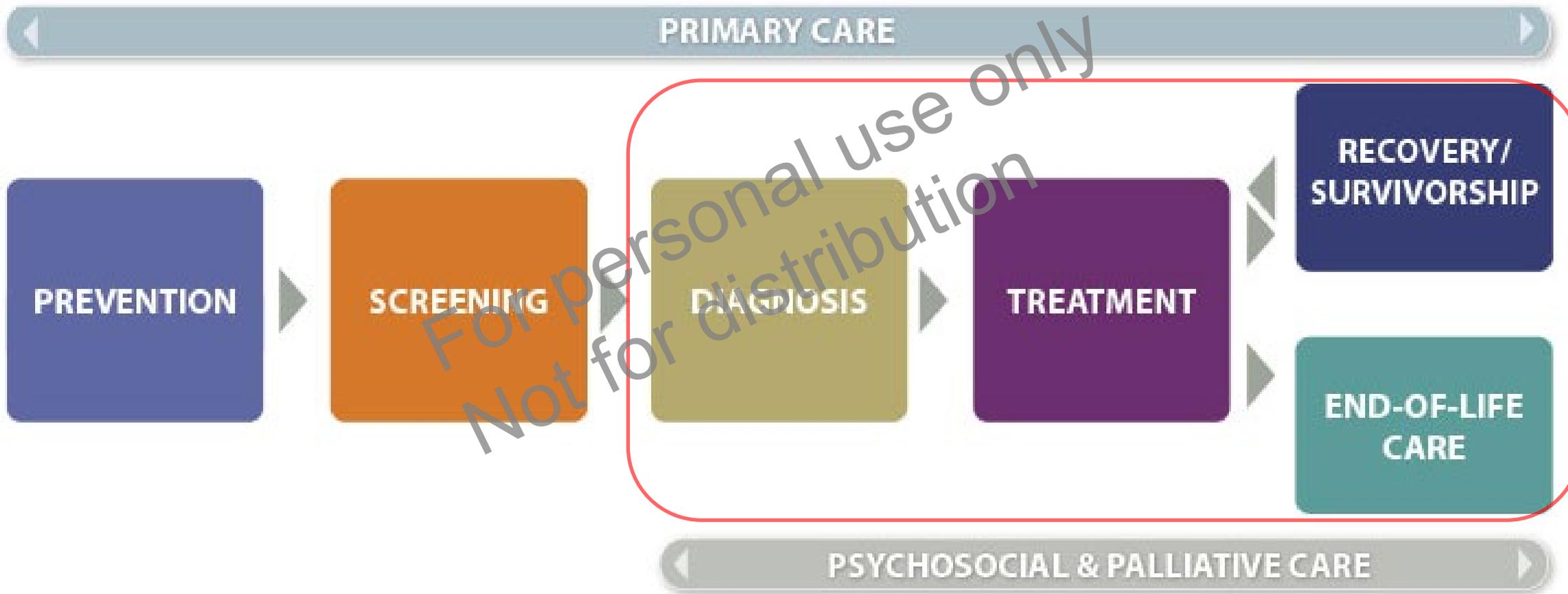
Patient Population



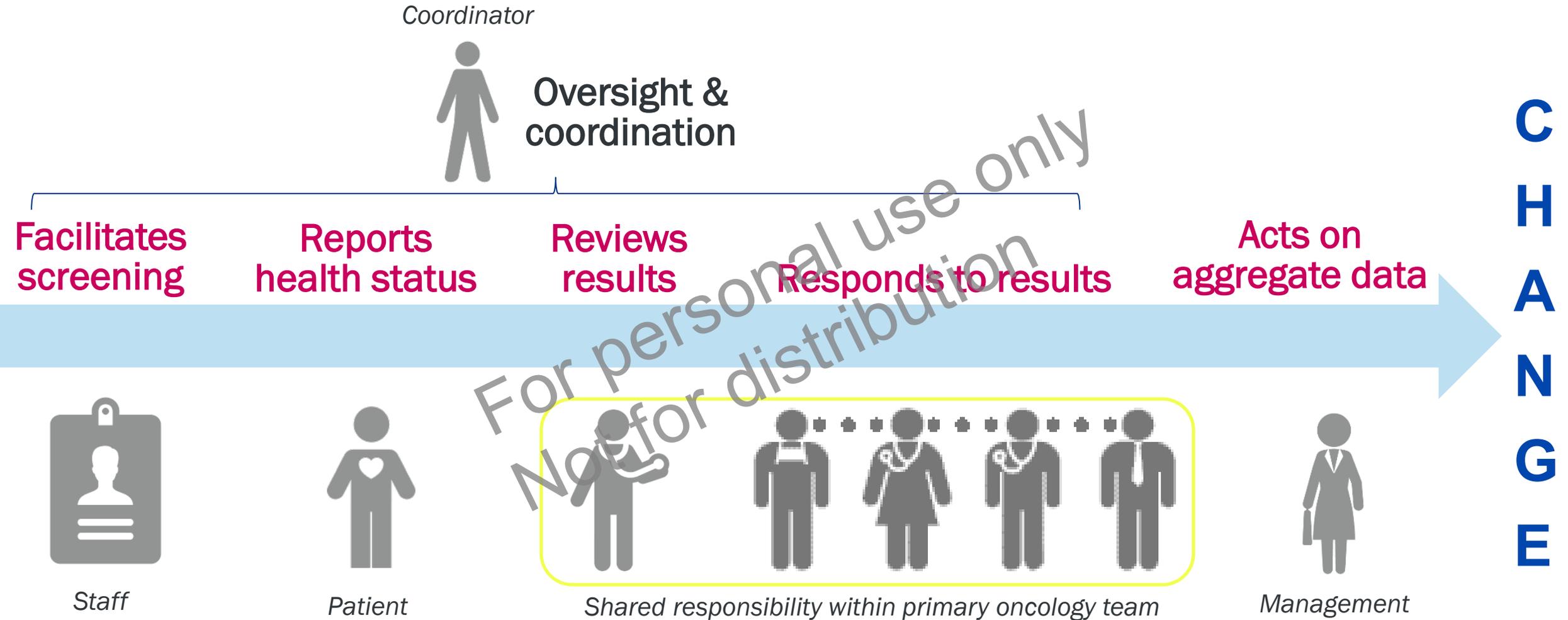
Up to **9,000**
patients/year across RCN
cancer care trajectory

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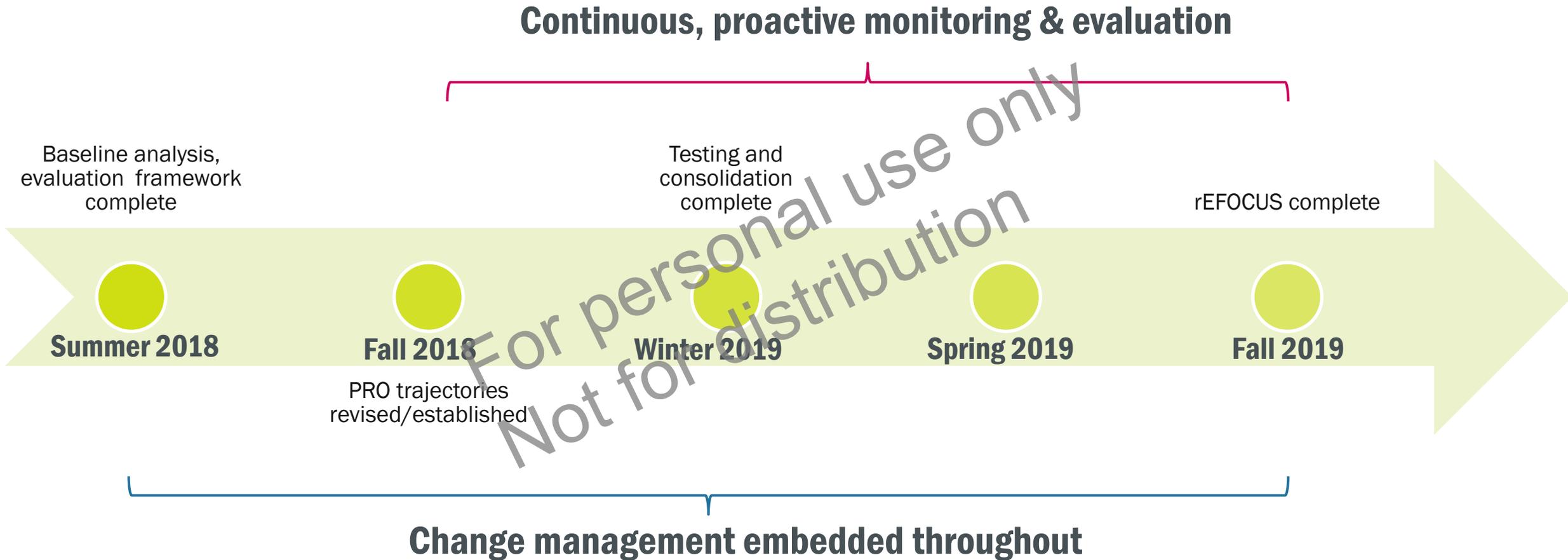
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rEFOCUS: Proposed Patient Process



rEFOCUS: Timeline



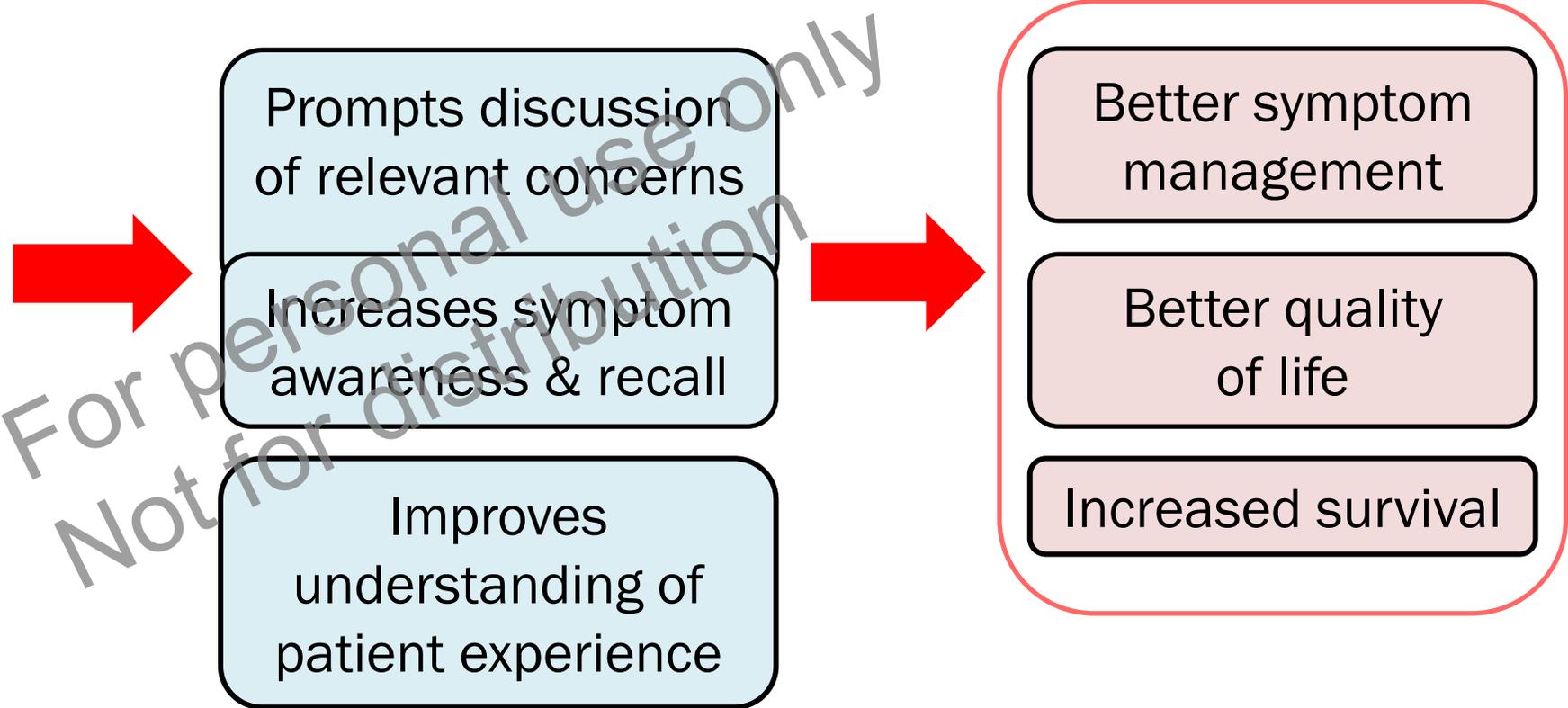
rEFOCUS: Where we are

Based on each clinic / area's patient population and resources, we are:

- Determining our processes: who should do screening, what sort of screening, how often, who should assess and discuss results
- We are modifying the response algorithms: intervention guidelines based on screening results and discussions
- Prioritizing clinics' roll-out: considering readiness, training, patient groups, HCP teams, and complementary projects and research grants



Evidence shows...



Key Elements for Success

- Seeing PROs as an RCN Program vs. temporary QI/research project
- Focus on clinic-based response
- Comprehensive, real-time evaluation framework
 - Patient level: Improved clinical outcomes
 - Network level: Using data collected as a lever for change, to improve care & coordination throughout the RCN
- Integration into pre-existing hospital committees/structures (ex: Accreditation)



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