

# Thyroid Nodules: a Guide for Primary Care

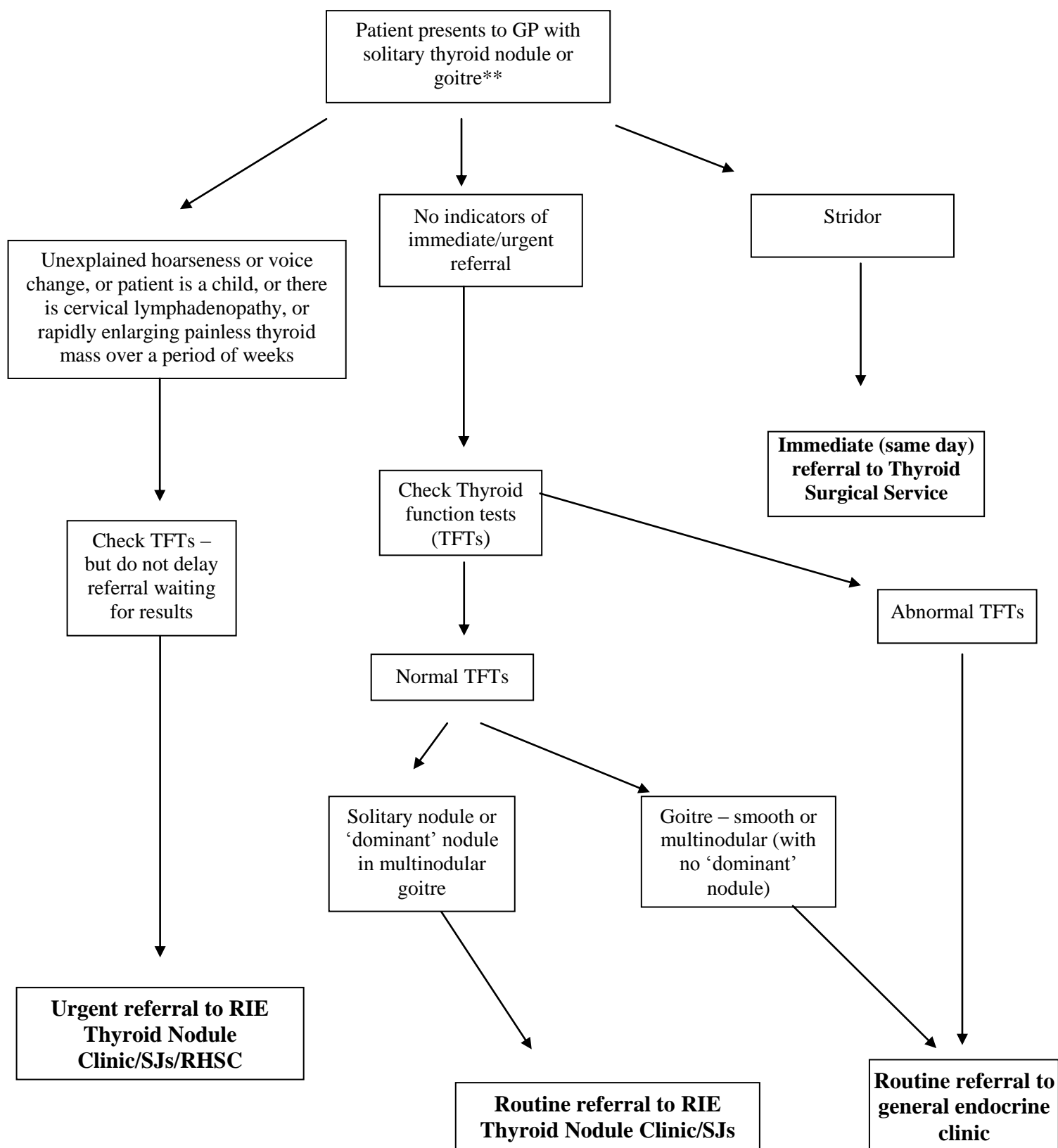
## Raising awareness

- Cancer of the thyroid is **rare** representing only about 1% of all cancers.
- The overall 10-year survival rate for differentiated thyroid carcinoma is 80 - 90%.
- 5 - 20% of patients develop local or regional recurrences and 10 - 15% develop distant metastases.

## Diagnosis and referral

The usual presentation is that of a palpable lump in the neck, which moves on swallowing. There may be no other symptoms or signs.

## Algorithm for Diagnosis & Management of a Thyroid Nodule or Suspected Thyroid Cancer in Primary Care



\*\* There is no need to arrange ultrasound of thyroid