

UK Scleroderma Study Group (UKSSG)

Consensus Best Practice

Pathways of care for systemic sclerosis

developed by consensus within UKSSG multidisciplinary groups, with external comment and involvement of patients, support groups and non-medical professionals.

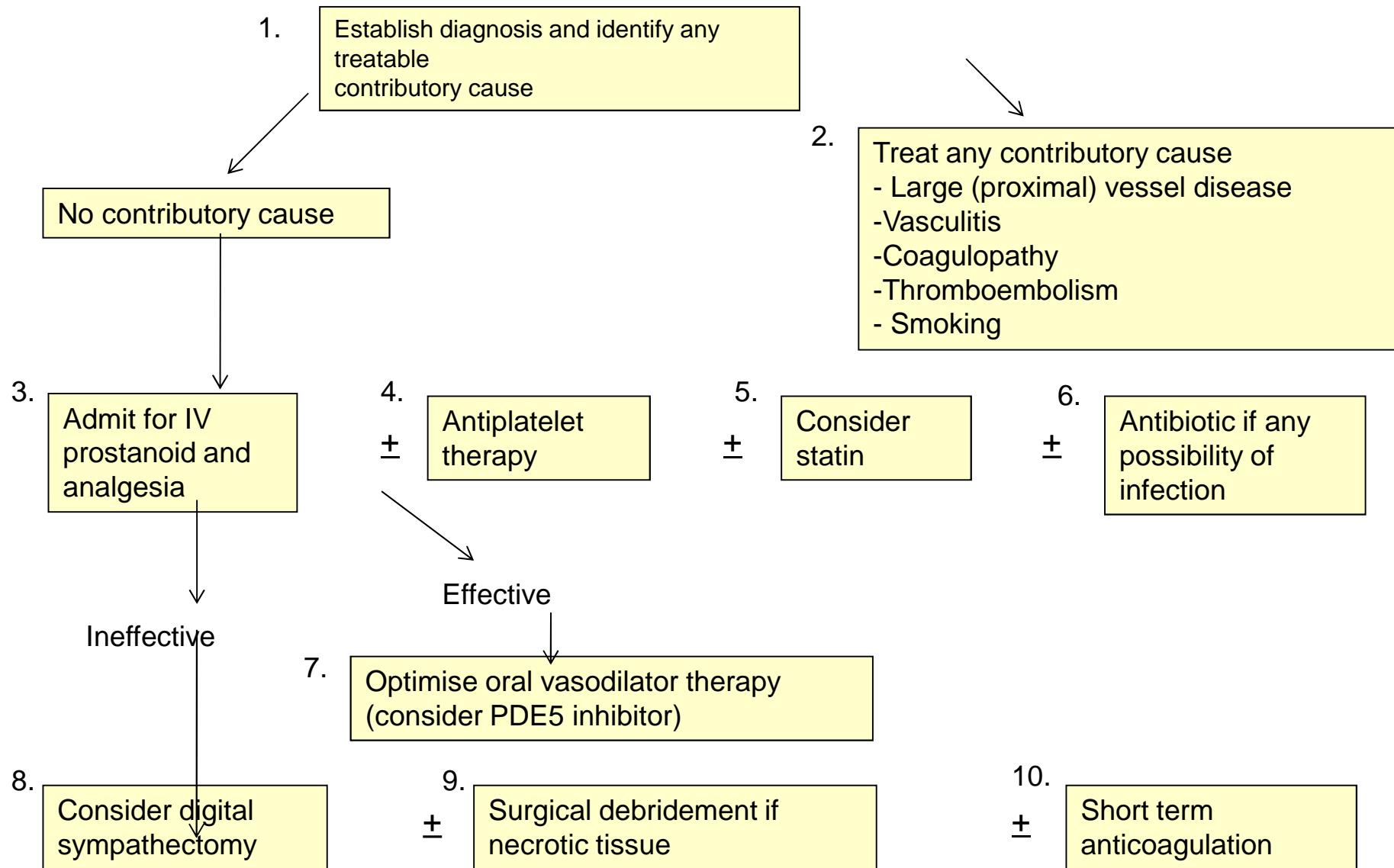
Investigation and treatment in primary, secondary or tertiary care.

- **NOT** – new guidelines – simply agreed practice across the UK SSc specialist centres
- UK specific – replicating success of the UK pulmonary hypertension network
- Complementary to evidence based treatment recommendations
 - Kowal-Bielecka et al. EULAR recommendations for the treatment of systemic sclerosis: a report from EUSTAR. **Ann Rheum Dis.** 2009, 68:620-8.

Pathways of care for systemic sclerosis – a UKSSG initiative to establish a comprehensive management framework for scleroderma

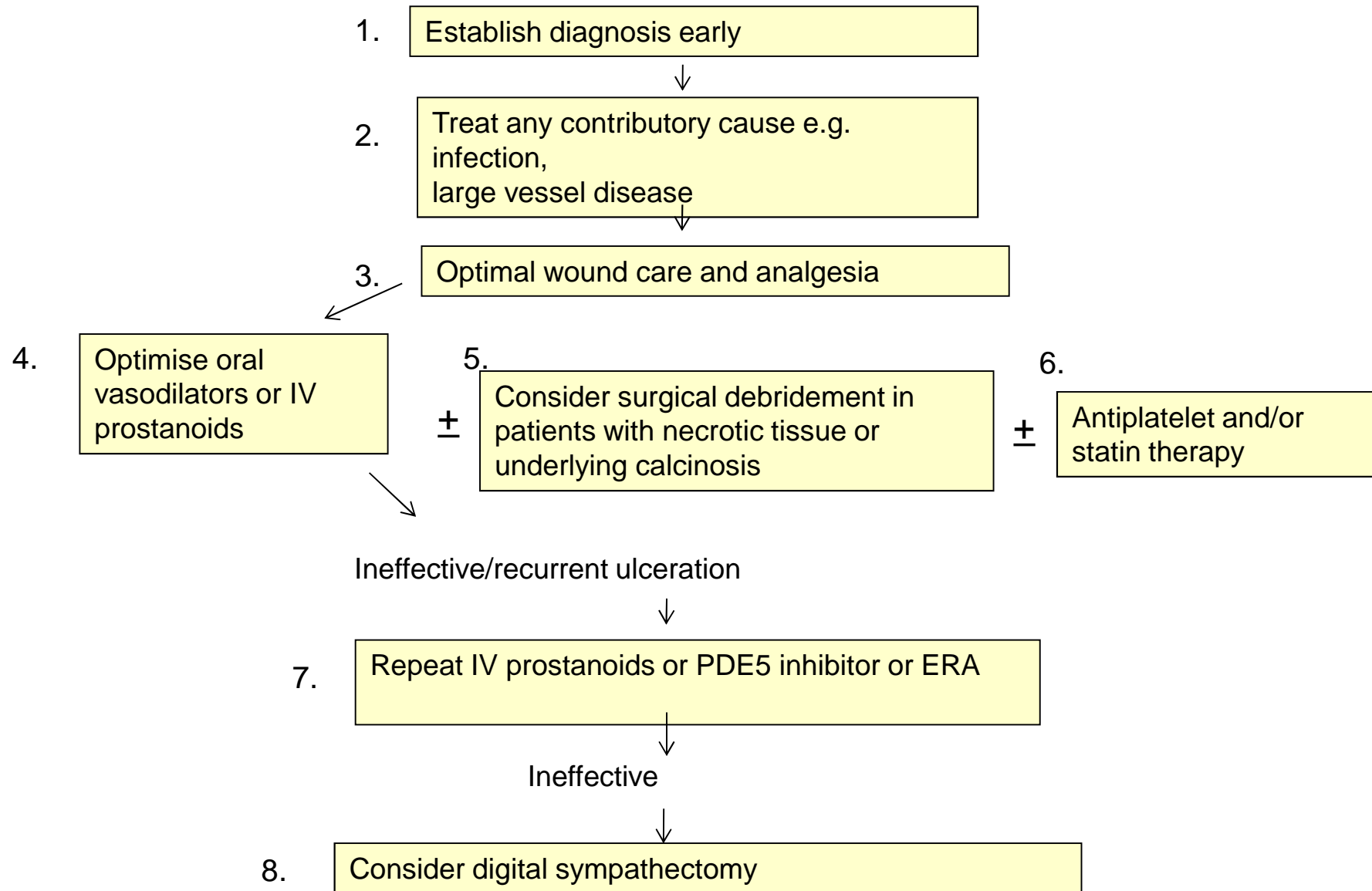
- Establish “consensus best practice”
- Goal is non-expert specialists – secondary level care
 - Roadmap for management
 - Harmonise care
 - Identify a stakeholder in each hospital
- Implications for specialist commissioning
- Complementary to existing and planned recommendations

Management of critical digital ischaemia in SSc



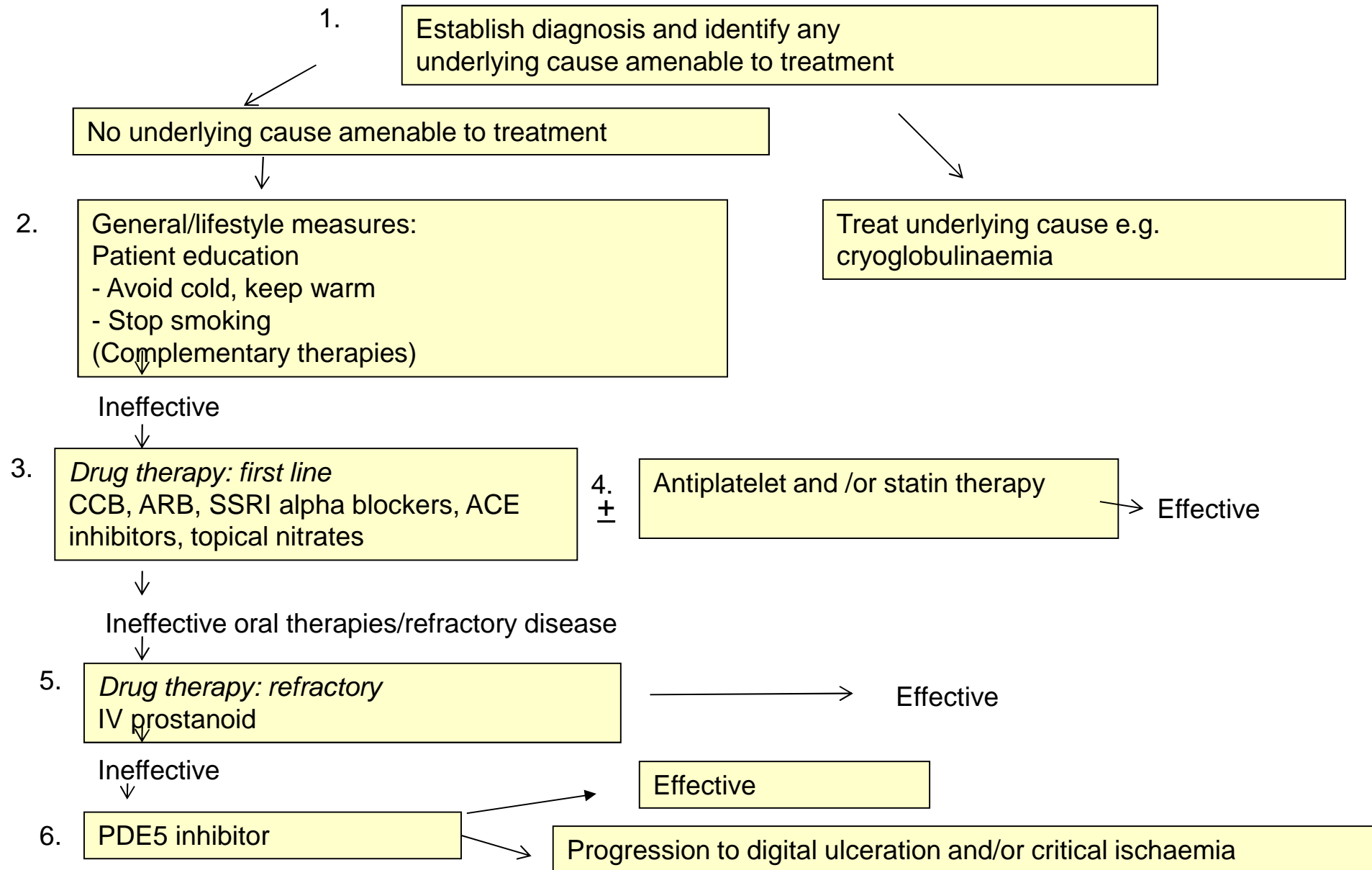
UKSSG **Consensus Best Practice** recommendations
(Herrick, Denton, Ong et al, 2012)

Management of digital ulceration (DU) in SSc



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Management of Raynaud's Phenomenon



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