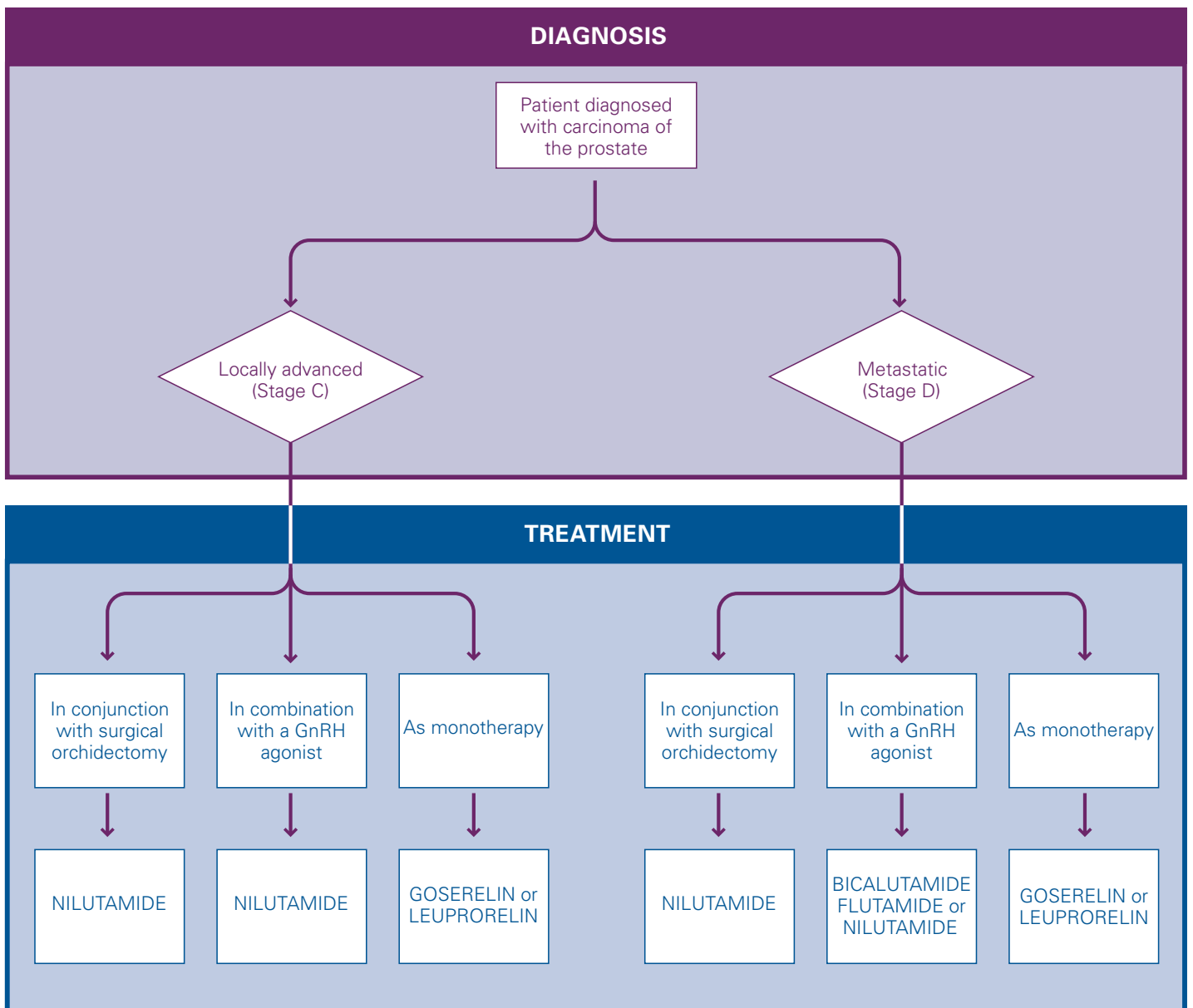




# Carcinoma of the prostate and PBS subsidies

## Treatment options after diagnosis of carcinoma of the prostate



*If your patient does not meet the PBS criteria and you still wish to prescribe one of these medicines you may do so by writing a non-PBS prescription.*



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## What you need to know

- The GnRH agonists, **goserelin** and **leuprorelin** attract a PBS subsidy for stage C or D prostate cancer.
- While GnRH agonists are registered for the palliative treatment of prostate cancer, the PBS subsidy criteria are more specific.
- GnRH agonists should only be prescribed on the PBS if the patient has not had a surgical orchidectomy.
- The anti-androgens **bicalutamide** and **flutamide** are only subsidised on the PBS for the treatment of stage D prostate cancer when used in combination with one of the GnRH agonists.
- **Nilutamide** is the only anti-androgen that can be prescribed on the PBS for patients who have had a surgical orchidectomy.

GNRH AGONISTS	ANTI-ANDROGENS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Goserelin</li> <li>■ Leuprorelin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Bicalutamide</li> <li>■ Flutamide</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Nilutimide</li> </ul>
WHAT ARE THEY SUBSIDISED FOR ON THE PBS?		
ONLY locally advanced (equivalent to stage C) or metastatic (equivalent to stage D) carcinoma of the prostate	Metastatic (equivalent to stage D) prostatic carcinoma in combination with GnRH agonist therapy	Locally advanced (equivalent to stage C) or metastatic (equivalent to stage D) prostatic carcinoma <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. in combination with a GnRH agonist therapy</li> </ol> AND <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. in <b>patients who have had a surgical orchidectomy</b></li> </ol>
ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS?		
Yes, the patient must <b>not</b> have had a surgical orchidectomy	Yes, the patient must <b>not</b> have had a surgical orchidectomy	No

Please refer to the PBS Schedule for more detail about the PBS restrictions

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