

Comparative Planning Information Sheet

While proton beam therapy (PBT) is not yet available in Australia, Australian patients wishing to access this form of treatment can apply for Federal Government funding through the Medical Treatment Overseas Program (MTOp).

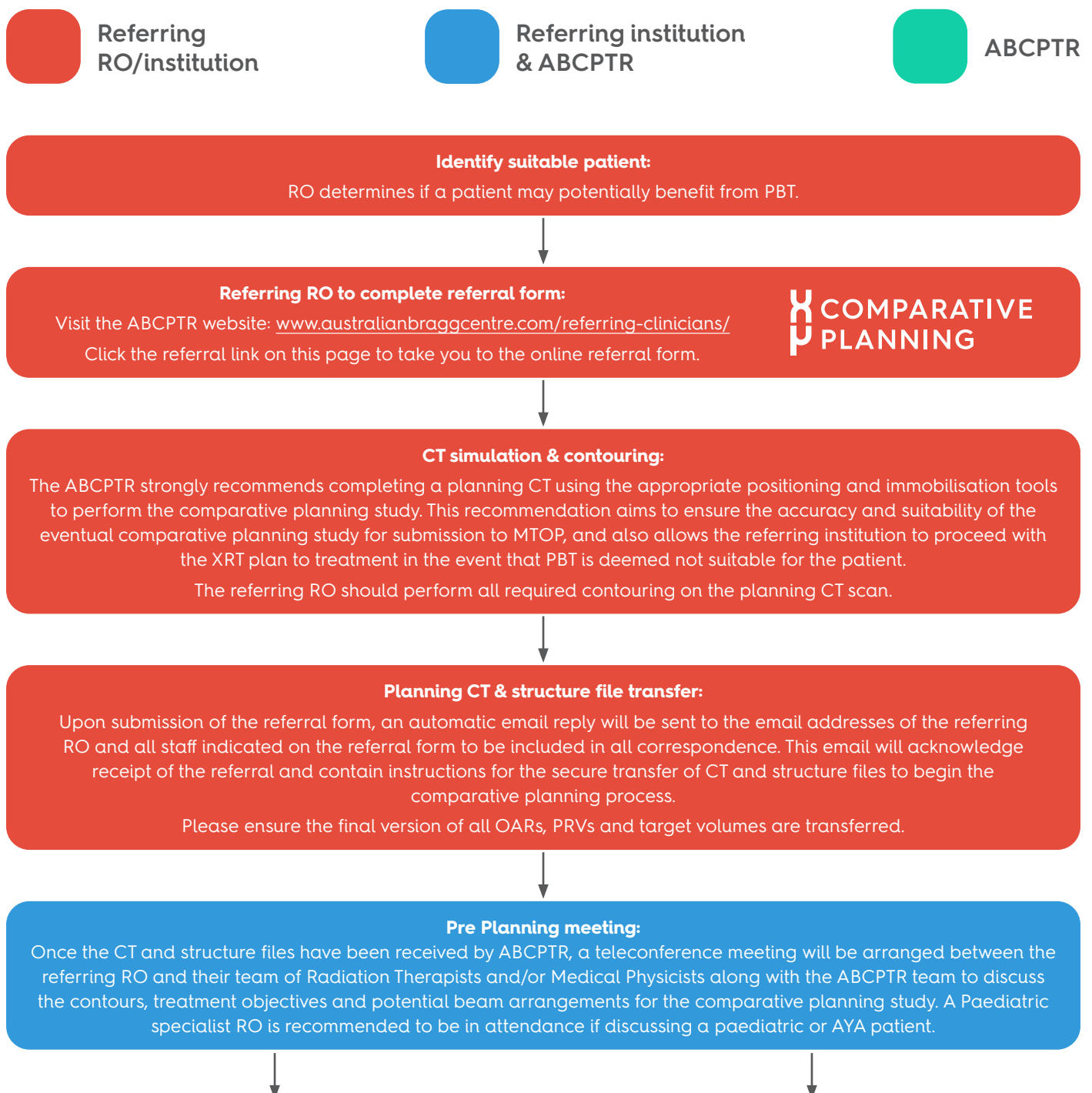
MTOp applications for PBT **must** be submitted with a comparative proton versus photon (XRT) plan report.

<https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/strategicpolicyMTO.htm>

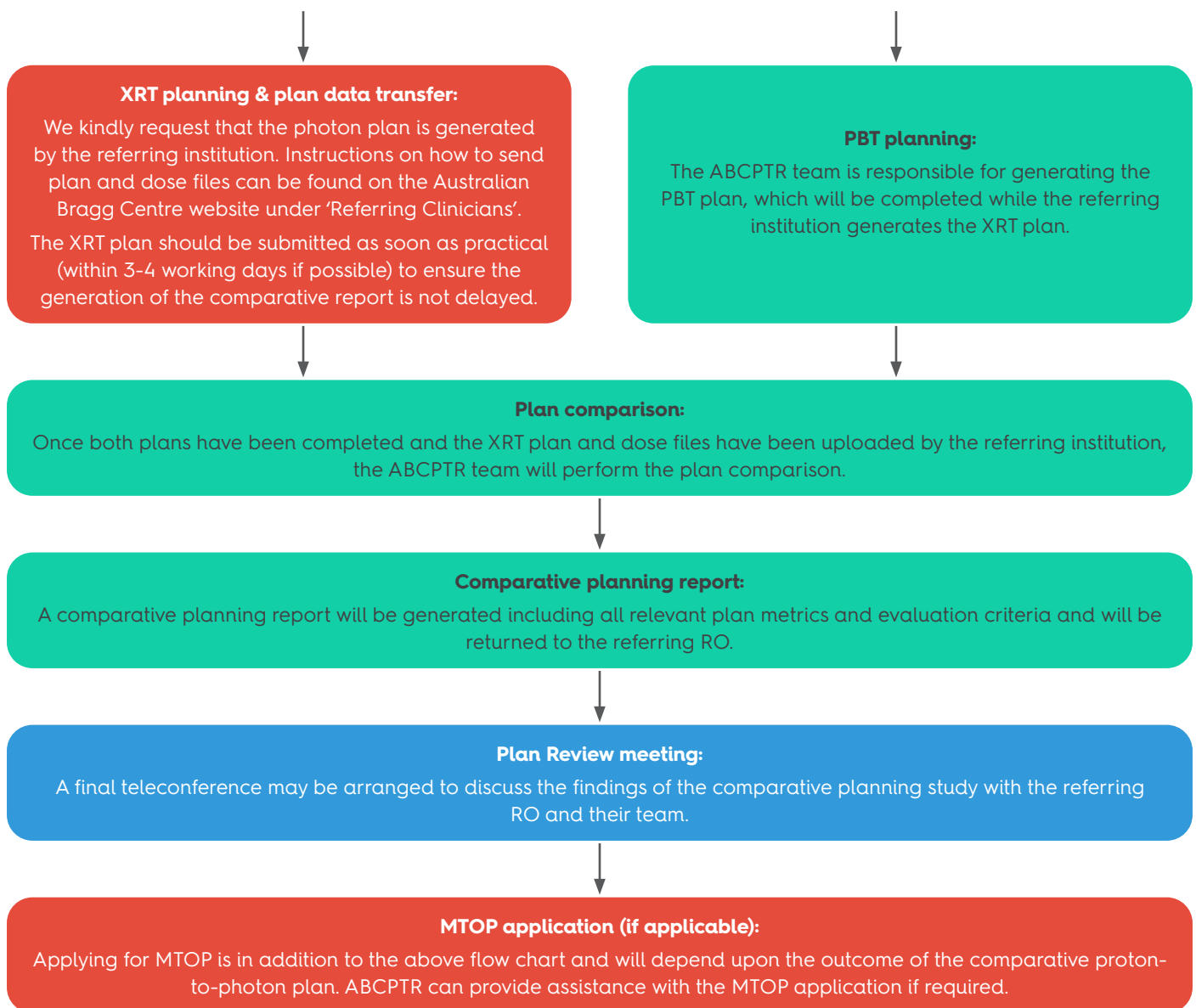
The Australian Bragg Centre for Proton Therapy and Research (ABCPTR) provides a bulk-billed national service to generate PBT plans and perform plan comparisons between the PBT plan and XRT plan supplied by the referring institution.

This plan comparison can inform the referring Radiation Oncologist (RO) of the potential benefits, or otherwise of PBT for that individual patient.

The following process has been designed based on the draft *Australian proton-photon planning consensus guidelines*, a collaboration between RANZCR, ACPSEM and ASMIRT.



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Timelines

ABCPTR aims to provide the results of the comparative planning study within 7 working days from the completed file transfer.

Contact

If further information is required, please contact ABCPTR via:
Proton.Planning@sahmri.com

Ownership of Data and Intellectual Property

A referral to the SAHMRI/Bragg Centre comparative planning service implies the referring clinician has discussed the service we provide with the patient or patient guardian and has received consent to transfer the patient information and DICOM data necessary to provide the comparative plan and subsequent report.

The patient should be made aware that their de-identified data will be stored in a data base and may be used for future comparative planning learning and research, including future applications to the Medical Services Advisory Committee and publications on the comparative planning service provided. Should your patient not wish to have their data used in future research you should inform the comparative planning team. This will have no impact on the provision of a comparative plan being completed by our service for this patient. Their data will be stored as part of routine quality assurance reviews only and will not be used in any future research completed by the service.

Comparative plans are produced in a research environment and are not to be used for treatment. The ABCPTR accepts no responsibility for clinical decisions or outcomes.