



**OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY
CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE**

Preterm birth prevention- low risk women pathway

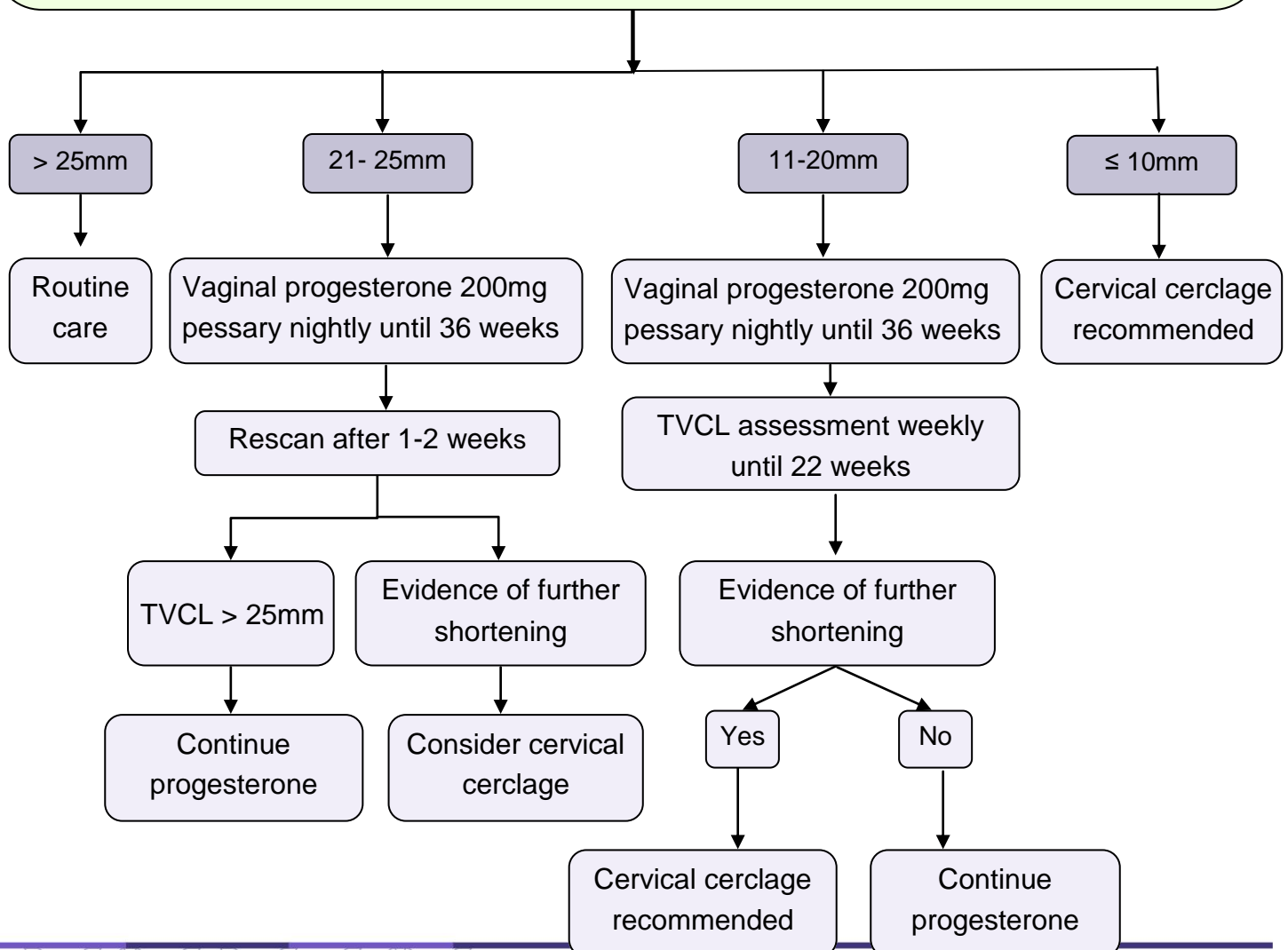
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Scope- This guideline applies to singleton pregnancies only

Low risk

No previous preterm birth, no family history of preterm birth, no previous cervical surgery, no previous pregnancy loss 16-24 weeks.

- All women to have a transabdominal cervical assessment performed at the 18-20 week anatomy scan. If the cervical length is $< 35\text{mm}$ perform a transvaginal cervical length assessment and follow the algorithm below.



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