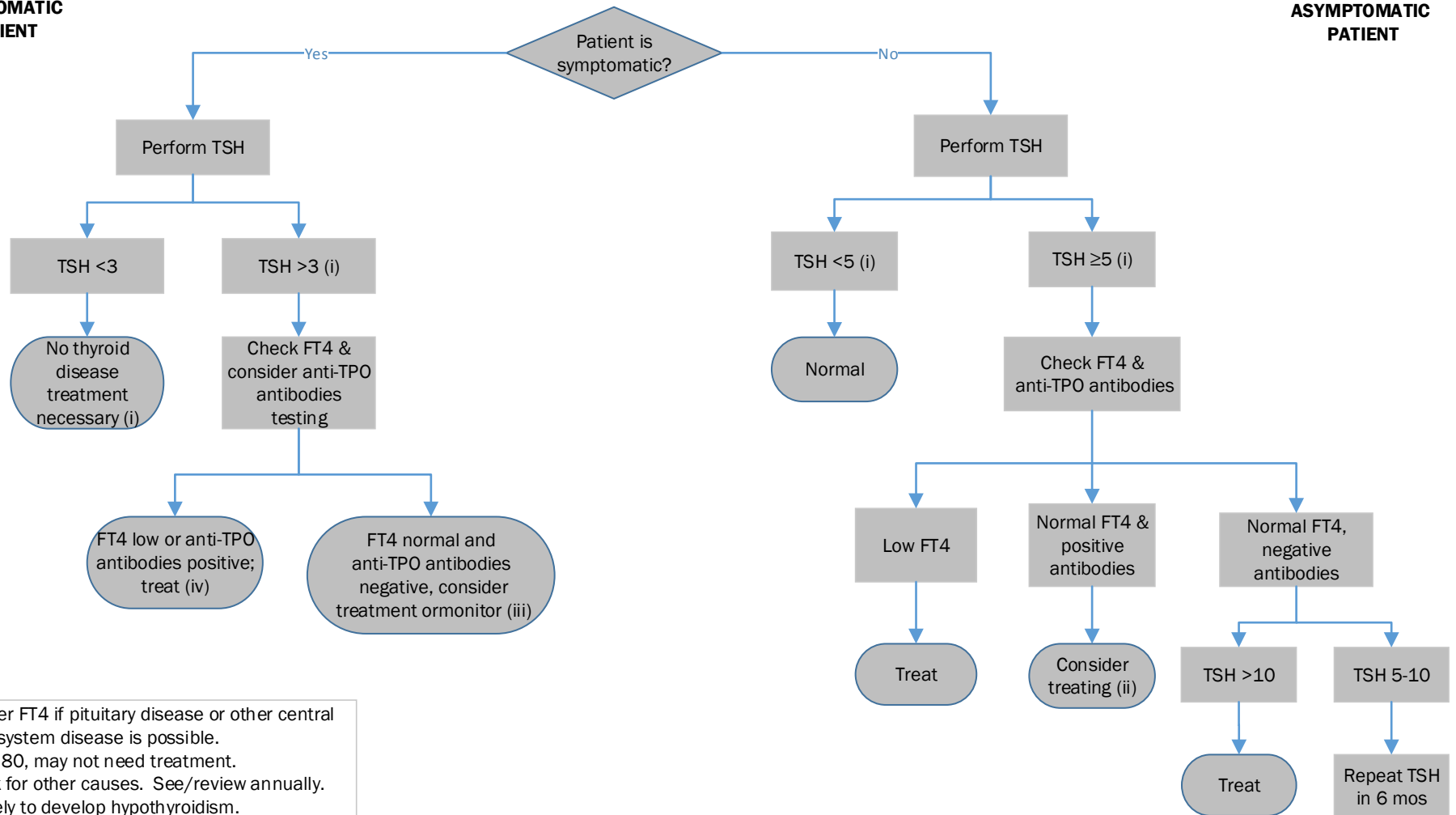


# Thyroid Disease

## Diagnosis and Screening of Those Age 50+ for Primary Hypothyroidism (Thyroid Gland Failure)

**SYMPTOMATIC PATIENT**

**ASYMPTOMATIC PATIENT**



- i. Consider FT4 if pituitary disease or other central nervous system disease is possible.
- ii. If over 80, may not need treatment.
- iii. Check for other causes. See/review annually. More likely to develop hypothyroidism.
- iv. If positive antibodies, consider other autoimmune diseases.

Contact an endocrinologist if any questions.