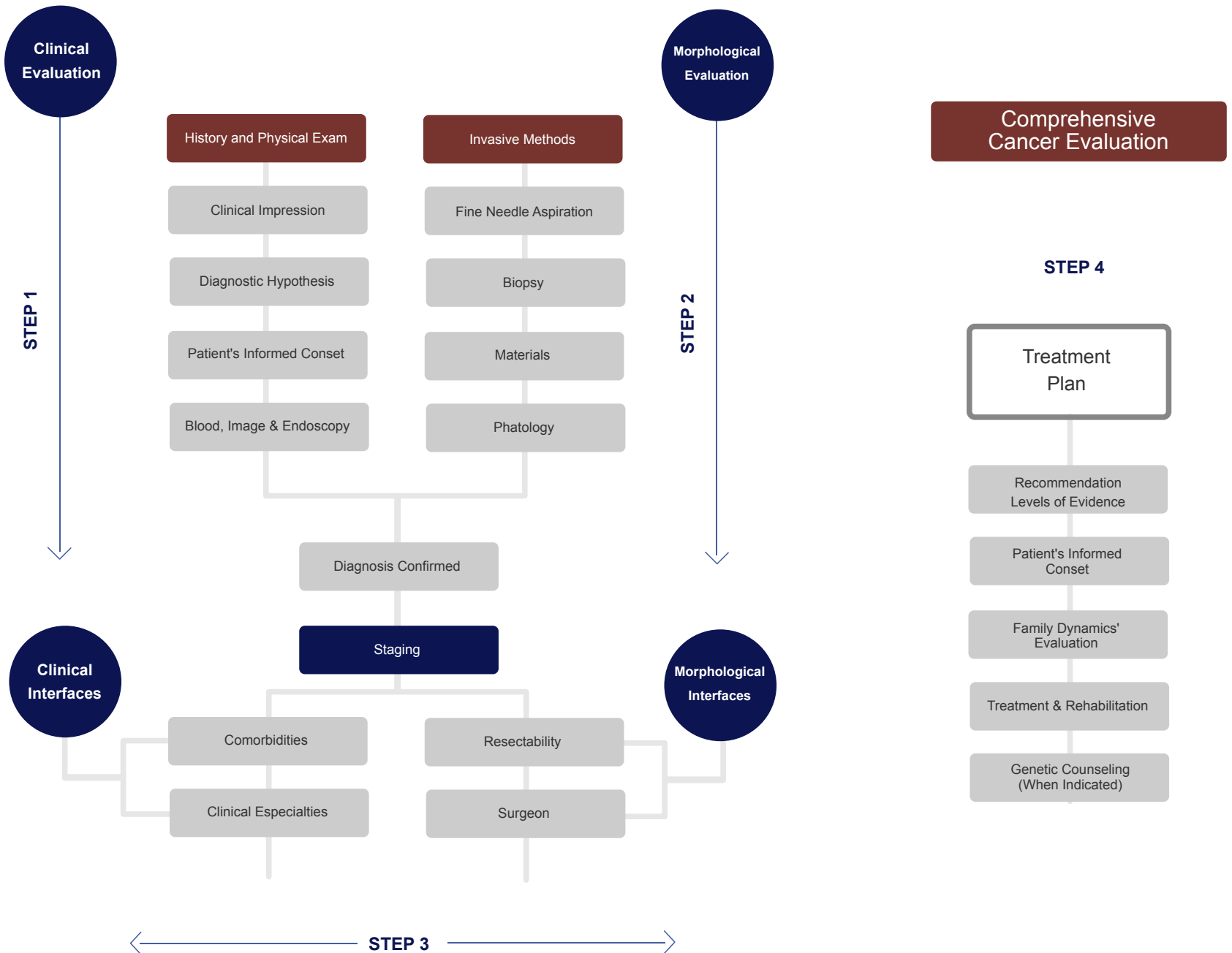




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The Medical Report is a structured document based on a comprehensive view of all diagnostic and therapeutic data. The text always includes four steps. Step 1 is a detailed description of the history and physical exam, formulation of diagnostic hypotheses, explanation of laboratory tests, previous referrals and guidance given to the patient. Step 2 consists on a summary of invasive methods (fine-needle aspiration, biopsy or surgery), review of the pathologic diagnosis, immunohistochemistry, protein and genomic markers. Step 3 includes the clinical and morphological synthesis. Diagnosis, staging and prognosis are defined. Comorbidities, prognosis and patient clinical condition to face the treatment (performance status) are fully discussed. Step 4 is the physician's recommendation, including the treatment plan, categorized in levels of evidence. Shared decision process is encouraged and genetic counseling is promoted, when indicated.