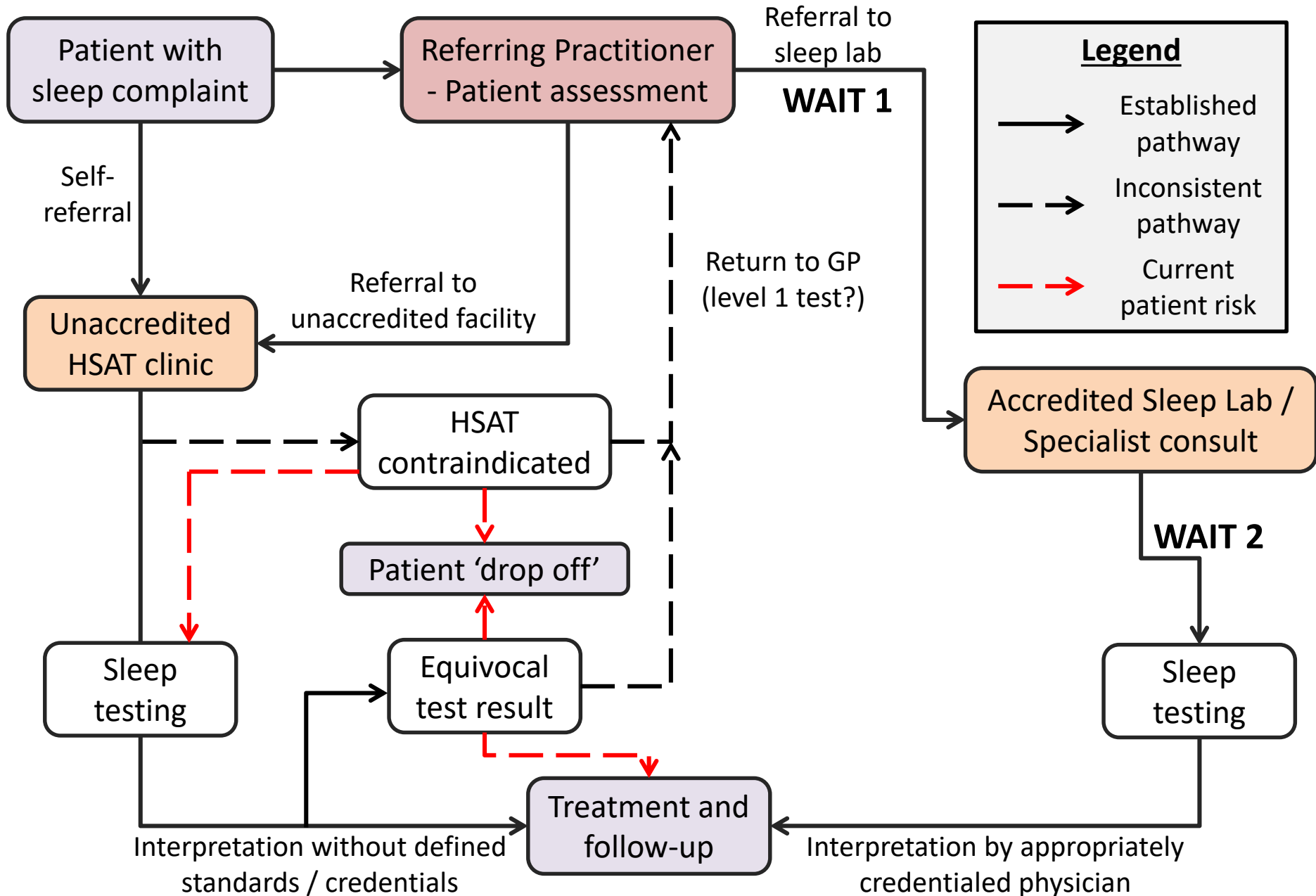


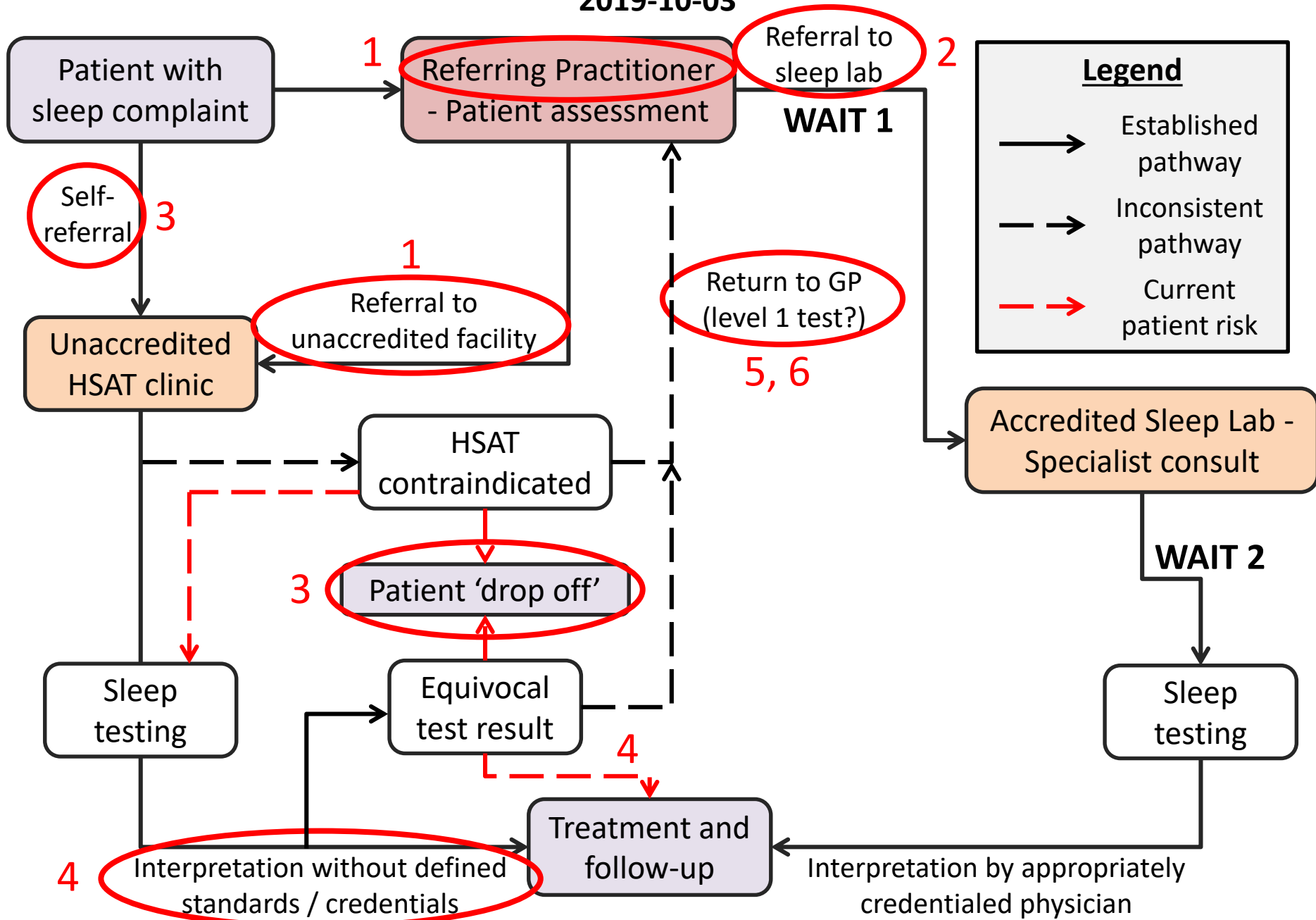
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1. Many physicians referring sleep study patients inappropriately
  - Establish GPAC sleep medicine guidelines for referring practitioners
  - Establish a standardized requisition for level 3 sleep testing (also level 1?)
  - College to establish accreditation standard for stand-alone level 3 facilities
  - Recommend sleep medicine education? Medical school and Family Practice training
2. Some referring practitioners believe sleep lab wait times are too long
  - Establish wait time reporting for level 1 facilities
  - Publicize level 1 wait times on Ministry website
3. Patients with complex sleep disorders and/or comorbid conditions may self-refer for, and be treated at unaccredited HSAT facilities
  - Eliminate self-referral for level 3 testing (accreditation requirement)
4. Equivocal test results being interpreted inappropriately at level 3 facilities
  - Establish credential requirements for interpreting physicians (accreditation requirement)
5. Level 3 facilities provide inadequate reports to sleep medicine specialists
  - Guideline for standardized reporting by level 3 facilities (GPAC? College?)
6. Patients may not receive appropriate referral following equivocal HSAT
  - Affiliation with a level 1 facility for direct referral (accreditation requirement)

# Sleep Medicine in B.C. – Proposed Future Patient Pathway

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