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## Cushing Subclínico

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# Cushing Subclínico- SC



**Clinical Study**

J Shen and others

Guidelines for subclinical  
Cushing's syndrome

171:4

421–431

## **Nonconformity in the clinical practice guidelines for subclinical Cushing's syndrome: which guidelines are trustworthy?**



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### **Do the diagnostic criteria for subclinical hypercortisolism exist?**


*Les critères diagnostiques de l'hypercortisolisme infraclinique existent-ils ?*

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VIEWPOINT

## Six controversial issues on subclinical Cushing's syndrome

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### Endogenous subclinical hypercortisolism: Diagnostic uncertainties and clinical implications

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# Cushing Subclínico- SC



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Definição:

- Achado bioquímico de hipersecreção de cortisol**
  - Mesmos cut-off de overt Cushing, mesmo sendo sutil?
  
- Ausência de fenótipo de Cushing**  
(pletóra facial, moon face, estrias violáceas, miopatia proximal)
  - obesidade, diabetes, osteoporose, HAS – causa X consequência ?
  
- Incidentaloma adrenal**
  - incidentaloma hipofisário?/ Screening DM2 e osteoporose?

# Relevância

A close-up photograph of a test tube containing a red liquid, likely blood. The test tube is positioned diagonally across the frame. In the background, there is a printed document with a table of variables and attributes, which is partially obscured by the test tube. The table has columns for #, Type, Len, Pos, Format, Informat, and Label. The labels include various medical test codes and descriptions such as 'ANONYMIZED ID #', 'TESTING METHOD FOR HBA2 (PH2)', '82C ALKALINE PHOSPHATASE', '82F TOTAL BILIRUBIN', '82B BLOOD UREA NITROGEN', '82C CBC - HEMOGLOBIN', '82D CBC - HEMATOCRIT', '82D CBC - MCHC', '82F CBC - MEAN CELL HEMOGLOBIN', '82E CBC - MEAN CELL VOLUME', '82B CBC - RED BLOOD CELL CO', '82A CBC - WHITE BLOOD CELL', '82A SERUM CREATININE', '82G DIRECT BILIRUBIN', 'DIAGNOSIS (PH2)', 'SPECIFY OTHER DIAGNOSIS', '73 TESTING METHOD FOR HBA2 (PH2)', '73 SPECIFY OTHER METHOD', 'HBA2 LAB UPPER LIMIT OF NORMAL', 'HEMOGLOBIN ELECTROPHORESIS', 'HEMOGLOBIN ELECTROPHORESIS', 'HEMOGLOBIN ELECTROPHORESIS', 'HEMOGLOBIN F PERCENT', 'HEMOGLOBIN ELECTROPHORESIS', and 'LAB INSTITUTIONAL REFERENCE RANGE'.

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17	LABCCRTN	8	65	3.	5.2	82B CBC - RED BLOOD CELL CO
23	LABDIAG	8	41	5.2	4.1	82A CBC - WHITE BLOOD CELL
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31	LABHBF	8	113	4.1	4.1	HEMOGLOBIN ELECTROPHORESIS
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30	LABID2	8	113	4.1	4.1	HEMOGLOBIN ELECTROPHORESIS

# Relevância

- Incidentaloma Adrenal (IA) presente 4-7% adulto
- Cushing Subclínico presente em cerca de 5-30% dos IA
- Logo, podemos estimar Cushing SC em 0.2-2% desta população
- Embora a Hist. natural seja pouco conhecida e raramente existir progressão para Cushing Clínico (0-11%), o hipercortisolismo ainda que leve parece ter consequências no longo prazo – DM, HAS, Obesidade, osteoporose.

# Diagnóstico

- Como fazer o diagnóstico de Cushing Subclínico?

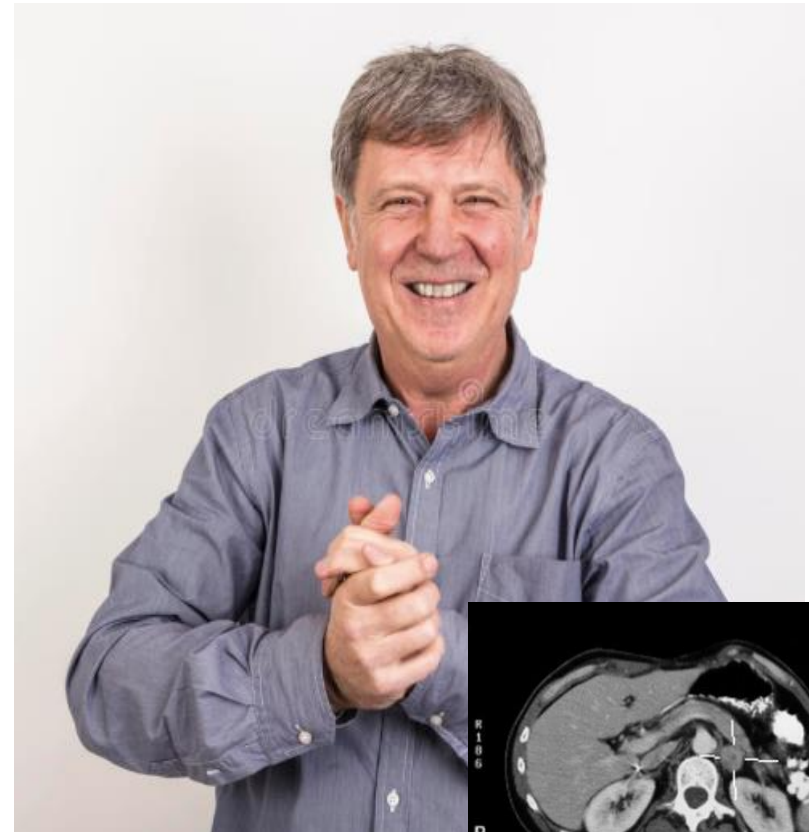


# Diagnóstico

- Porque é tão difícil?



X



# Diagnóstico

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Late-night salivary cortisol Cutoff point	NM	Recommended > 145 ng/dl	NR	NR	NR
<b>The second screening test</b>					
24-h urine free cortisol	NM	NR	NR	Recommended	Recommended
Late-night serum cortisol	NM	NR	NM	Recommended	Recommended
Late-night salivary cortisol	NM	NR	NR	Recommended	NR
High-dose DST	NM	NM	NM	NM	NR
<b>The confirmatory test</b>					
Low-dose 2-day DST Cutoff point	NM	NR	Recommended NR	NM	NR
<b>Evaluation of autonomous cortisol secretion from an adrenal adenoma</b>					
ACTH Cutoff point	NM	Recommended Suppressed	Recommended Low or suppressed	Recommended NM	Recommended Low or suppressed
DHEAS Cutoff point	NM	Recommended Suppressed	Recommended Low	NR	NR
Adrenal scintigraphy	NR	NM	NM	Recommended	NR

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Low-dose 2-day DST					
Cutoff point					
<b>Evaluation of adrenal function</b>					
ACTH stimulation test					
Cutoff point					
DHEAS					
Cutoff point					
Adrenal scintigraphy					

**Bem estabelecido!**

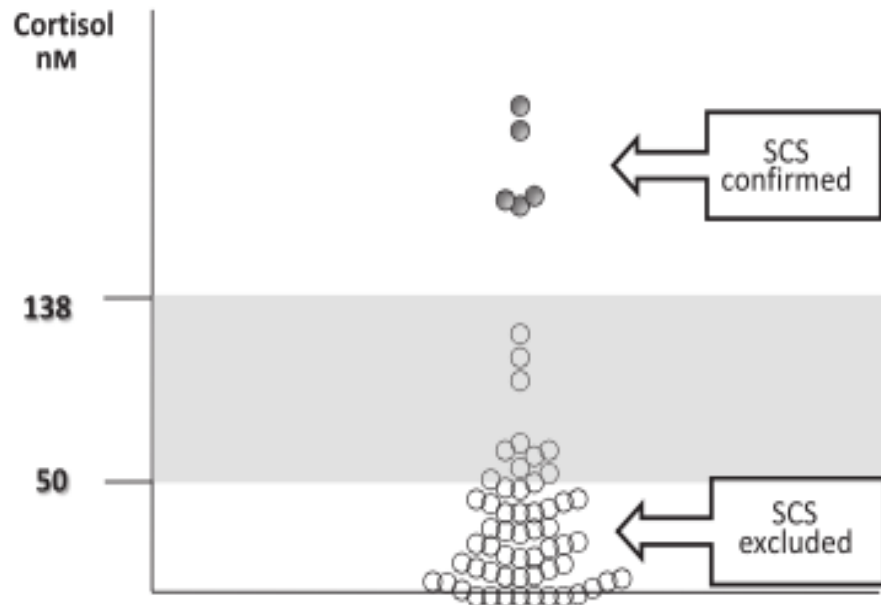
- Screening – DST 1mg

**O Que difere?**

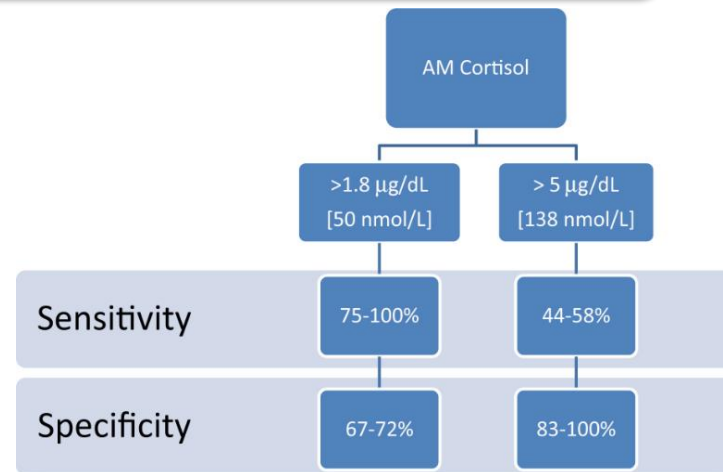
- Cut off 1,8 X 3 X 5mcg/dl?
- Segundo teste?



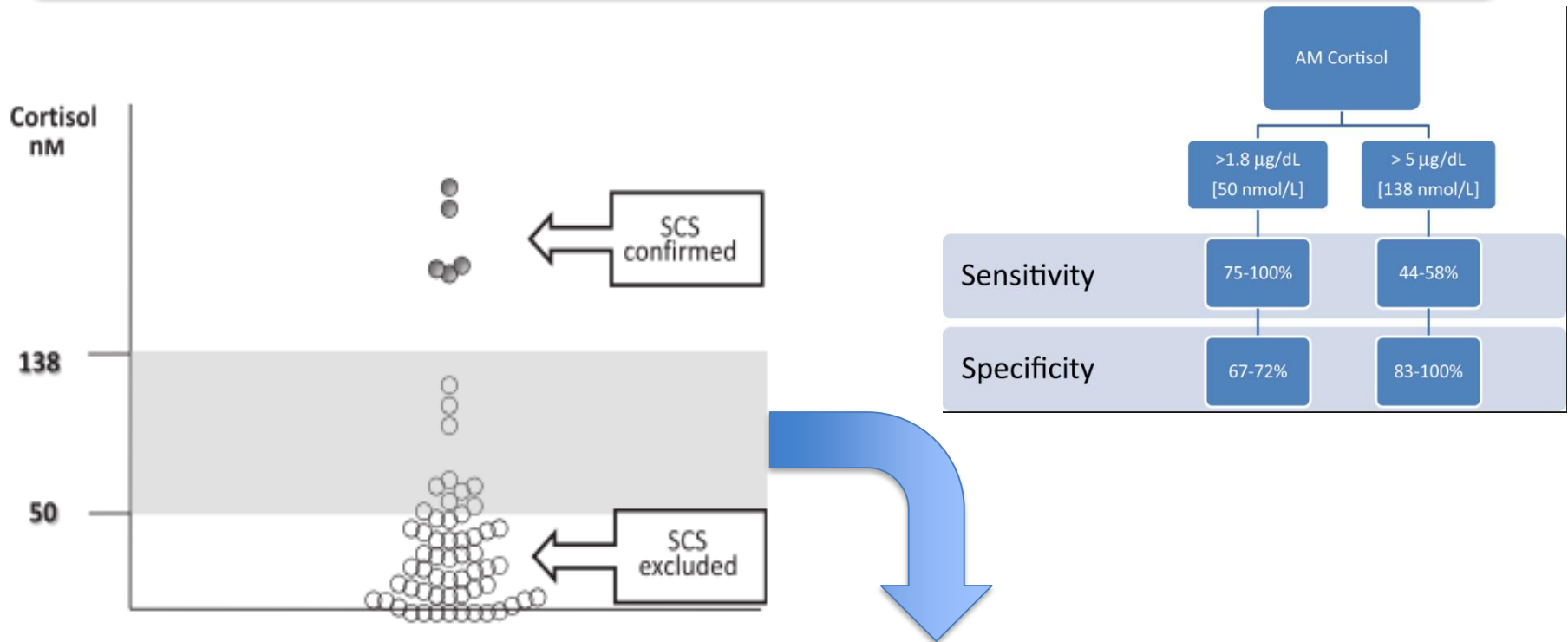
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Combinação  
de parâmetros

# Diagnóstico

- Combinação de parâmetros:

Akehi (n=119):  
Maior Acurácia

- 1mg DST > 1,8mcg
- ACTH <10 pg/ml \*
- Cortisol sérico 23h > 5mcg/dl

S 85,7 / E 72,7 / A 77,8

Endocrine Journal, 2013

Morelli /Chiodini  
(n=231) :  
Maior Acurácia

- 1mg DST > 3mcg
- ACTH <10 pg/ml \*
- UFC elevado

S 61,9 / E 77,1 / A 75,8

Clinical Endocrinology, 2010

Lee (n=192) :  
Maior Acurácia

- 1mg DST > 3mcg/  
**>5mcg**
- ACTH <10 pg/ml\*
- SDHEA < 80mcg/dl  
H/<35 M

S 84,8 / E 92,4 / A 89,9

Clinical Endocrinology, 2017

\*Todos os estudos em Incidentalomas Adrenais

# Diagnóstico

- Para Cushing Subclínico hipofisário:

**Table 1** Criteria for the diagnosis of subclinical Cushing's disease according to the Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare, Japan (2010).

## 1. Suspicion of SCD

(1) Suspicion or presence of pituitary lesion on MRI.

(2) Normal–high plasma ACTH with normal morning cortisol level.

(3) Absence of typical Cushingoid appearance (moon face, central obesity or dorsocervical fat pad (buffalo hump): purple striae, thin skin and easy bruising, proximal myopathy. In children, decrease in weight gain rate with obesity).

Perform screening tests when (1), (2) and (3) are positive.

## 2. Screening tests

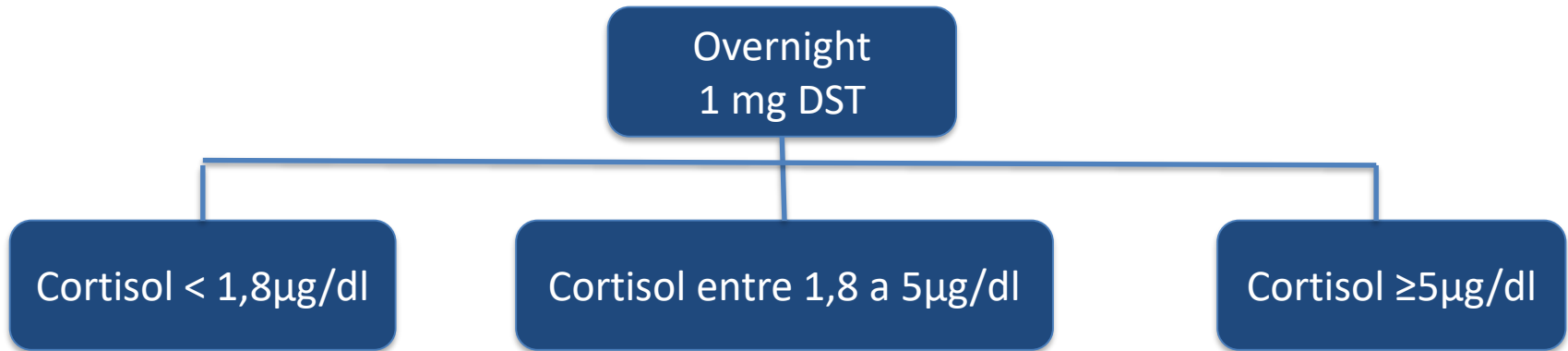
(1) Incomplete suppression of plasma cortisol level ( $>3 \mu\text{g/dL}$ ) in low-dose (0.5 mg) overnight dexamethasone suppression test (DST).

(2) High plasma cortisol level ( $>5 \mu\text{g/dL}$ ) during nocturnal sleep.

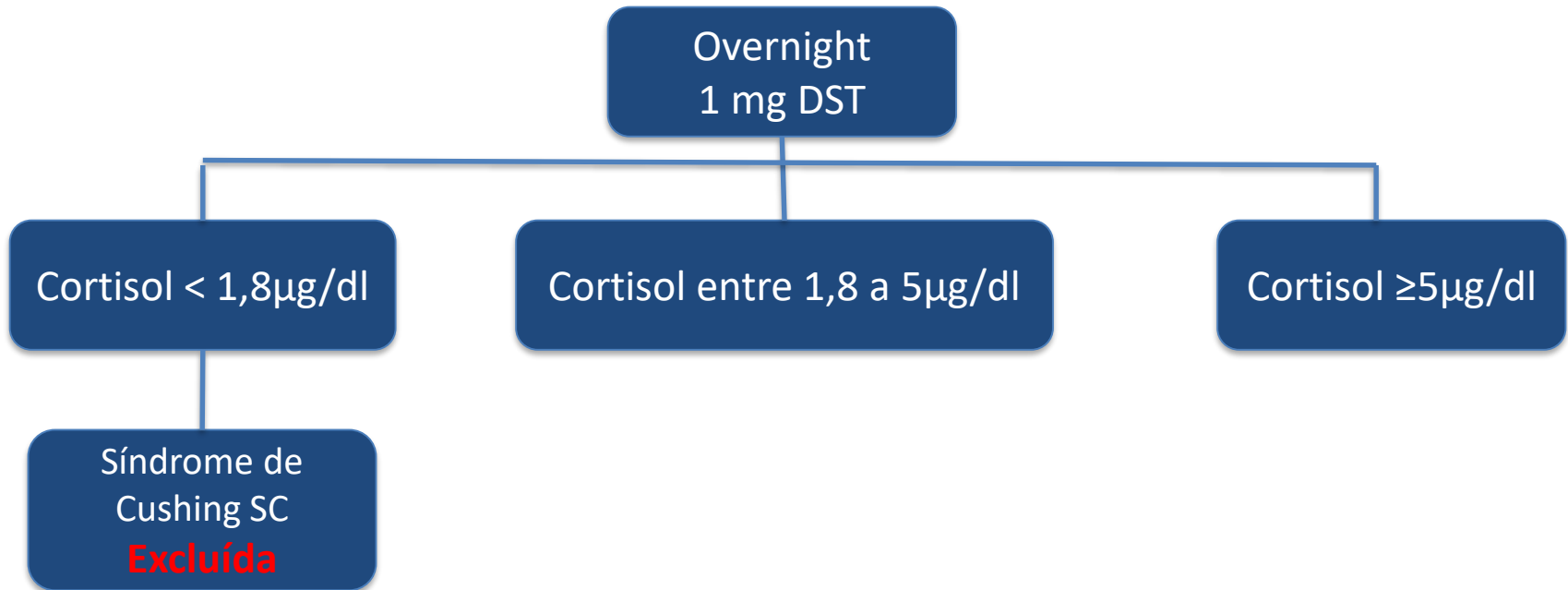
(3) Response of plasma ACTH level to desmopressin (DDAVP) test ( $>50\%$  increase in plasma ACTH level after test).

(4) High salivary cortisol level ( $>1.5$ , compared with mean level for the hospital) during nocturnal sleep.

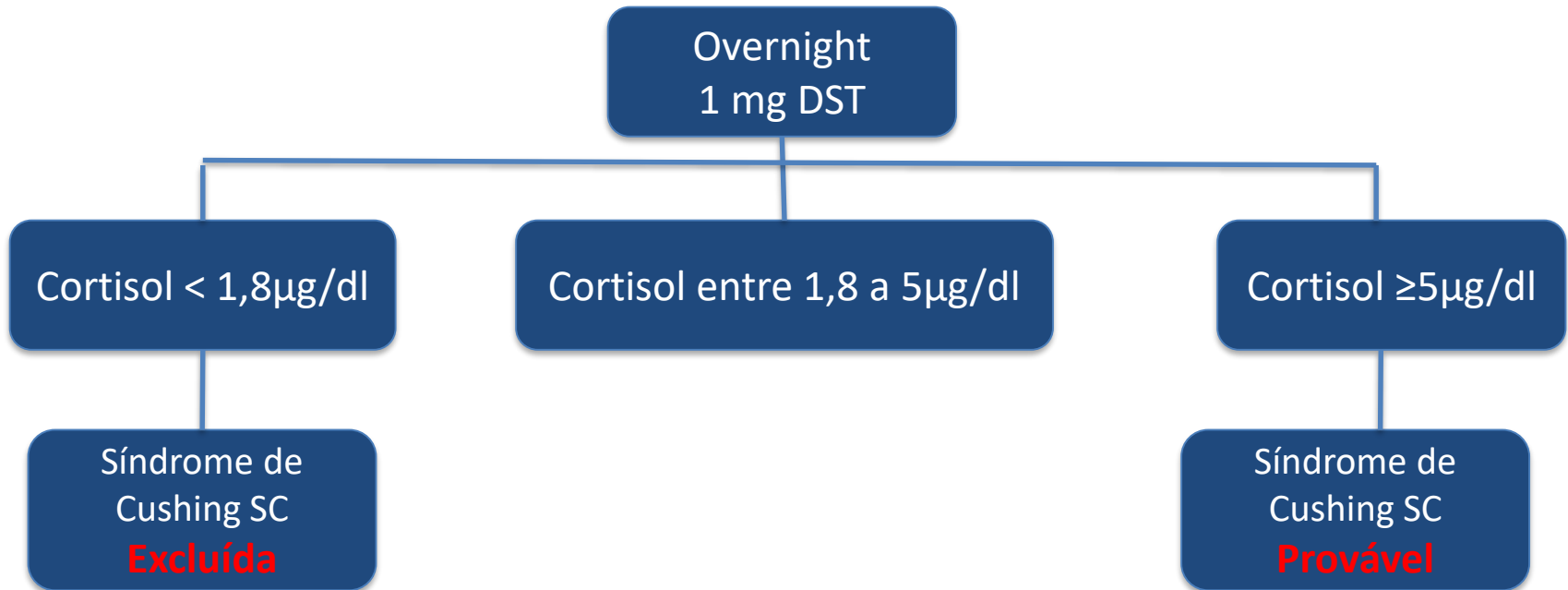
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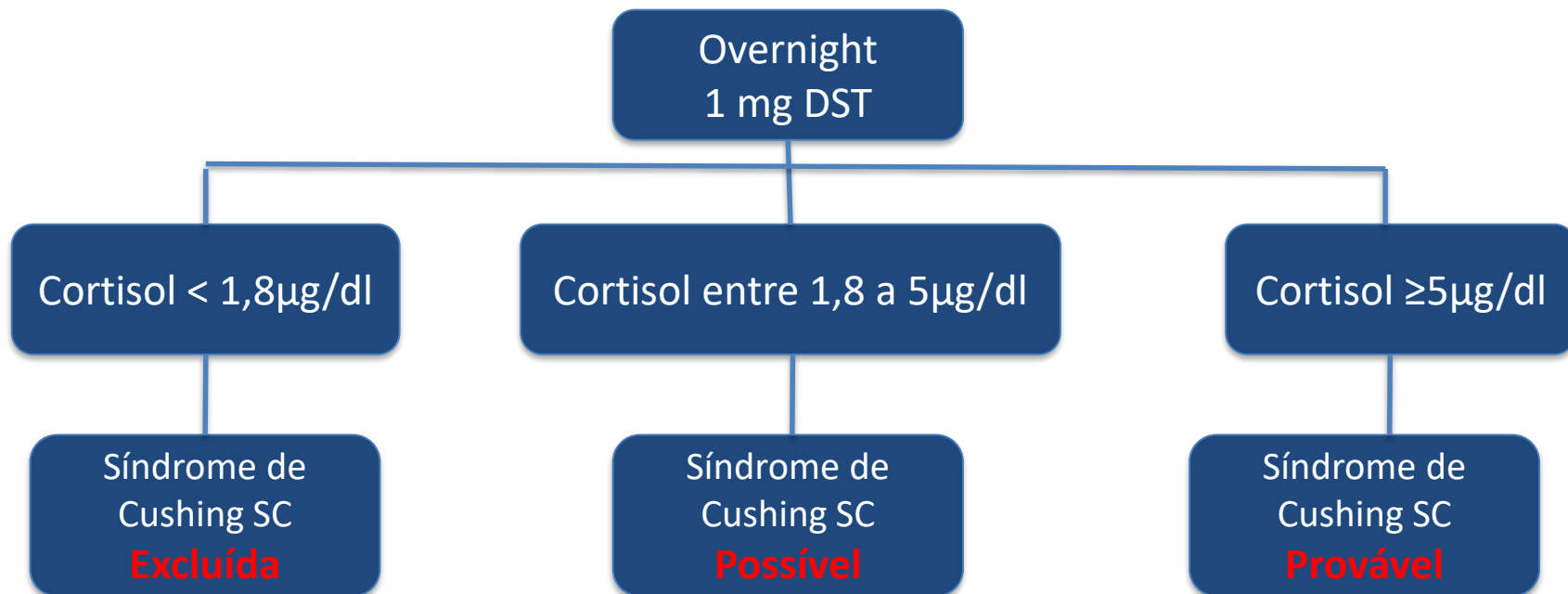
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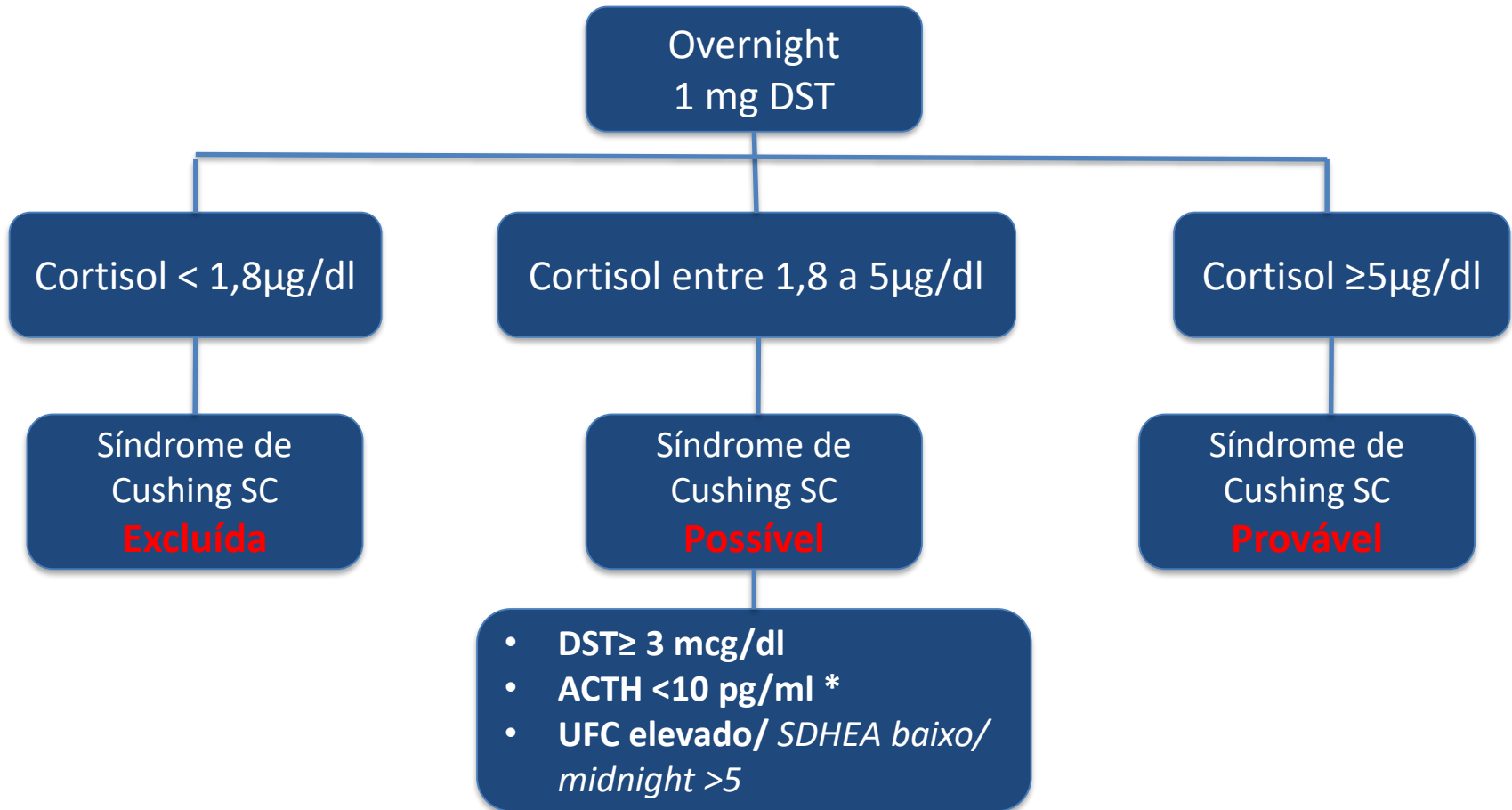


# Diagnóstico - Fluxograma





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Overnight  
1 mg DST

Cortisol < 1,8µg/dl

Síndrome de  
Cushing SC  
**Excluída**

Cortisol entre 1,8 a 5µg/dl

Síndrome de  
Cushing SC  
**Possível**

Cortisol ≥5µg/dl

Síndrome de  
Cushing SC  
**Provável**

- DST ≥ 3 mcg/dl
- ACTH < 10 pg/ml \*
- UFC elevado/ SDHEA baixo/  
*midnight* > 5

- ≥ 2 destes 3

**Provável**

- < 2 destes 3

**Improvável**

# Manejo

Clínico

**X**

Cirúrgico



# Manejo

Clínico

X

Cirúrgico

ing's syndrome (3,28,46). The decision between surgery and conservative management has to be considered individually on the basis of the physician's best clinical judgment and expertise as well as patient's preference. Surgery should be compared in terms of

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	Before Surgery	After Surgery			P Value
		Normalization	Improvement	No Changes	
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Análise crítica:

- Jovens
- Tumores maiores
- Exames mais alterados (excluídos F+)

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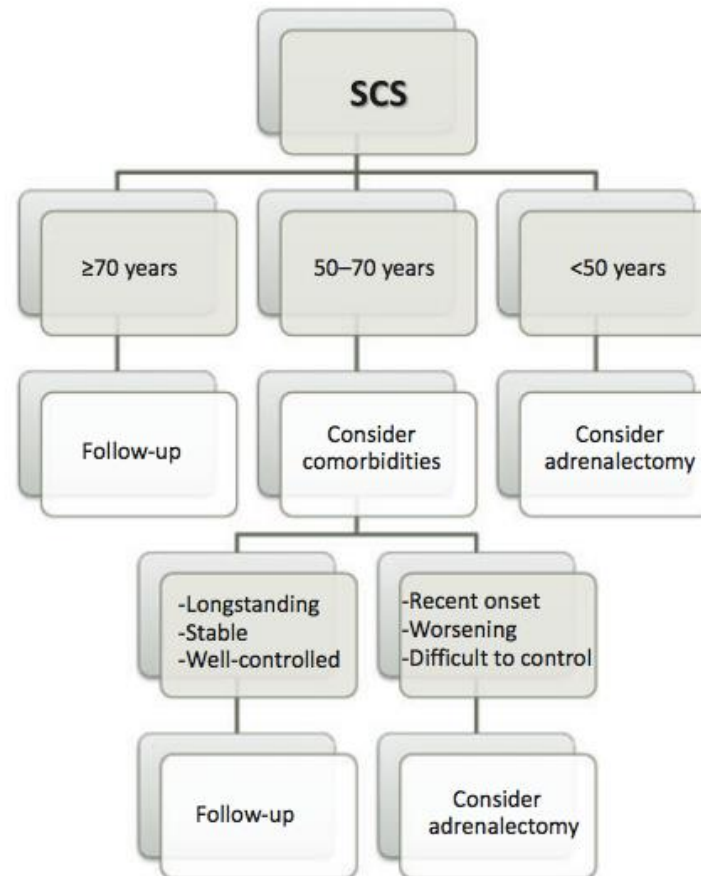
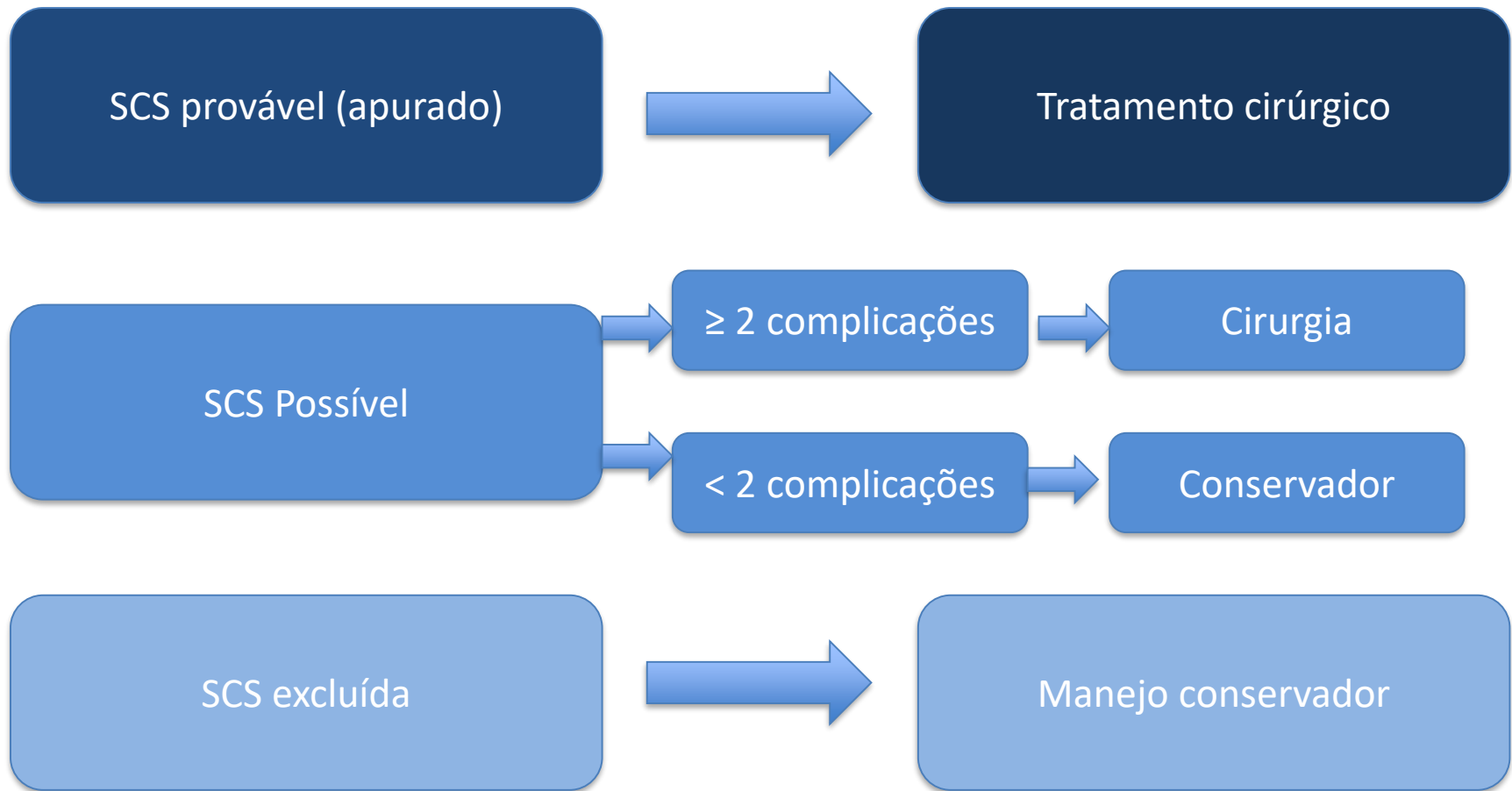


Fig. 2 Proposed management strategy of subclinical Cushing's syndrome.

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# Conclusões



Julia, tua aula me deixou mais confusa, você pode resumir o que levar para casa??

## Resumindo – Quando?



Quando mesmo solicito  
exame de screening para  
Cushing subclínico?



# Resumindo

## Segundo as principais diretrizes -Deve ter screening solicitado:

- Todos com Incidentaloma Adrenal (5-30%)
- Incidentalomas hipofisários, **se** presentes outras características de hipercortisolismo ( fratura fragilidade, diabetes e hipertensão) – ( 1 a 4,4%)
- Diabéticos e hipertensos jovens( < 50 anos com pobre controle metabólico)
- Osteoporose com suspeita de causa secundária (Z-score, falha terapêutica, ou fraturas em eugonádicos)



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**Segundo as principais diretrizes –O exame de screening a ser solicitado:**

- **Overnight DST 1mg**
- **Cut off 1,8mcg/dl**

## Resumindo- Como?

Eu pedi, mas o 1mg- DST veio na “trave” (entre 1,8 e 5mcg/dl) e agora?

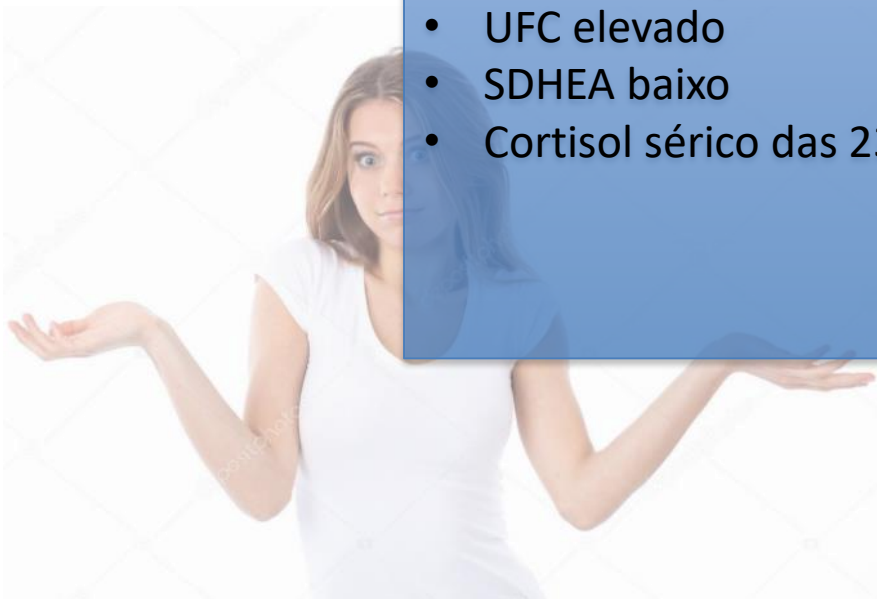


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**Segundo as principais experts: Use combinação de parâmetros – idealmente  $\geq 2$  de 3 alterados :**

- DST  $\geq 3$  mcg/dl
- ACTH  $< 10$  pg/ml \*
- UFC elevado
- SDHEA baixo
- Cortisol sérico das 23h  $> 5$  mcg/dl



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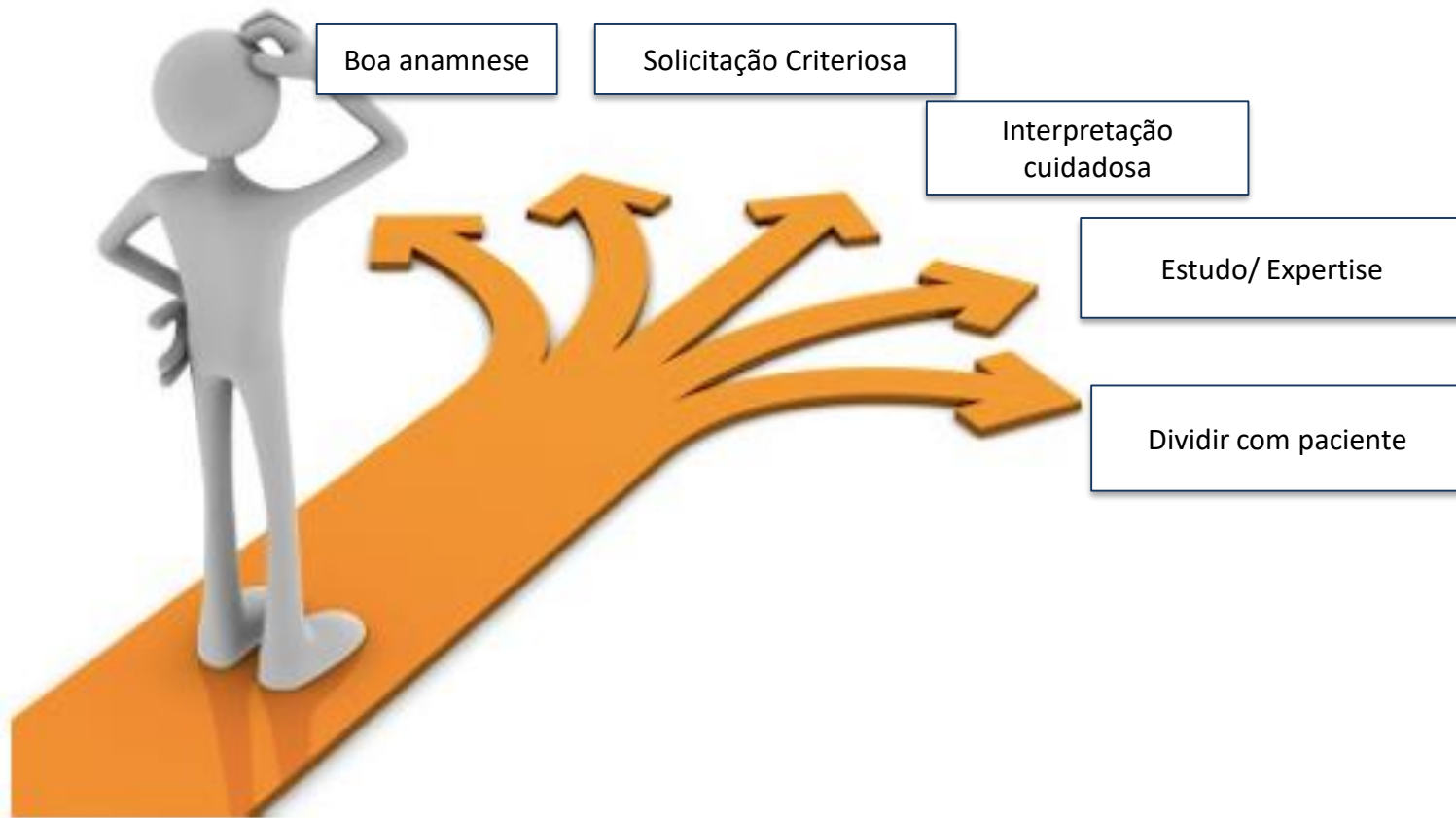
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**Segundo as principais experts:– procure avaliar quem irá se beneficiar mais do tto cirúrgico, e discuta com seu paciente**

- Mais jovens
- Com mais comorbidades metabólicas
- Pior massa óssea
- Maiores alterações no eixo HH Adrenal (ou seja, diagnóstico bem estabelecido/ excluído os F+)

# Por fim...



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