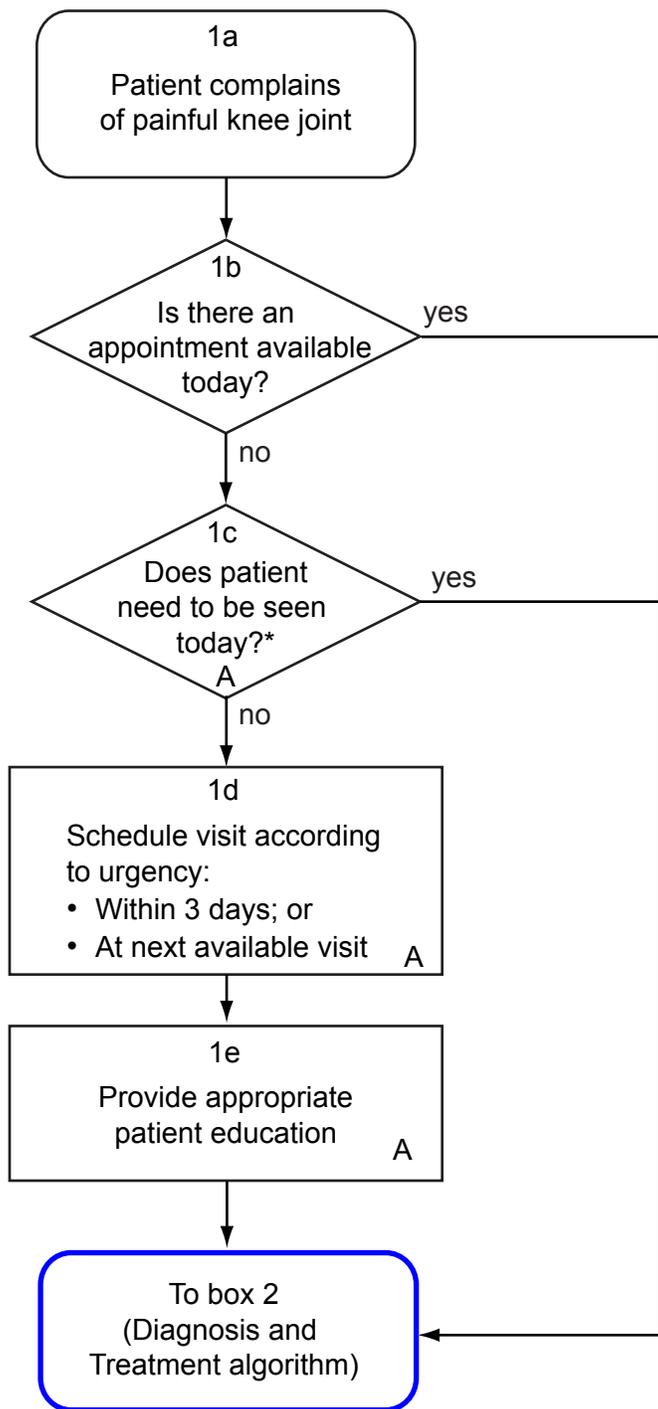


## Diagnosis and Treatment of Adult Degenerative Joint Disease (DJD)/Osteoarthritis (OA) of the Knee Triage Algorithm



A = Annotation

**1c\* Phone Triage Screening Criteria**

**Same-Day Provider Visit**

- Hot, swollen joint, with or without fever and / or feeling ill
- Cannot bear weight on leg
- Leg or foot is cool and / or blue
- Deformity
- Severe pain
- Locked knee - unable to bend or extend
- Patient demands to be seen today

**Phone Evaluation with Provider Review**

- On chemotherapy for cancer
- On immunosuppressive drugs (i.e., transplant)
- History of diabetes
- Sickle cell anemia
- Taking prednisone

**Appointment within 3 Days**

- Unable to go to work or school due to pain
- Swelling

**Routine Visit**

Schedule patient for routine visit if any other complaints.