

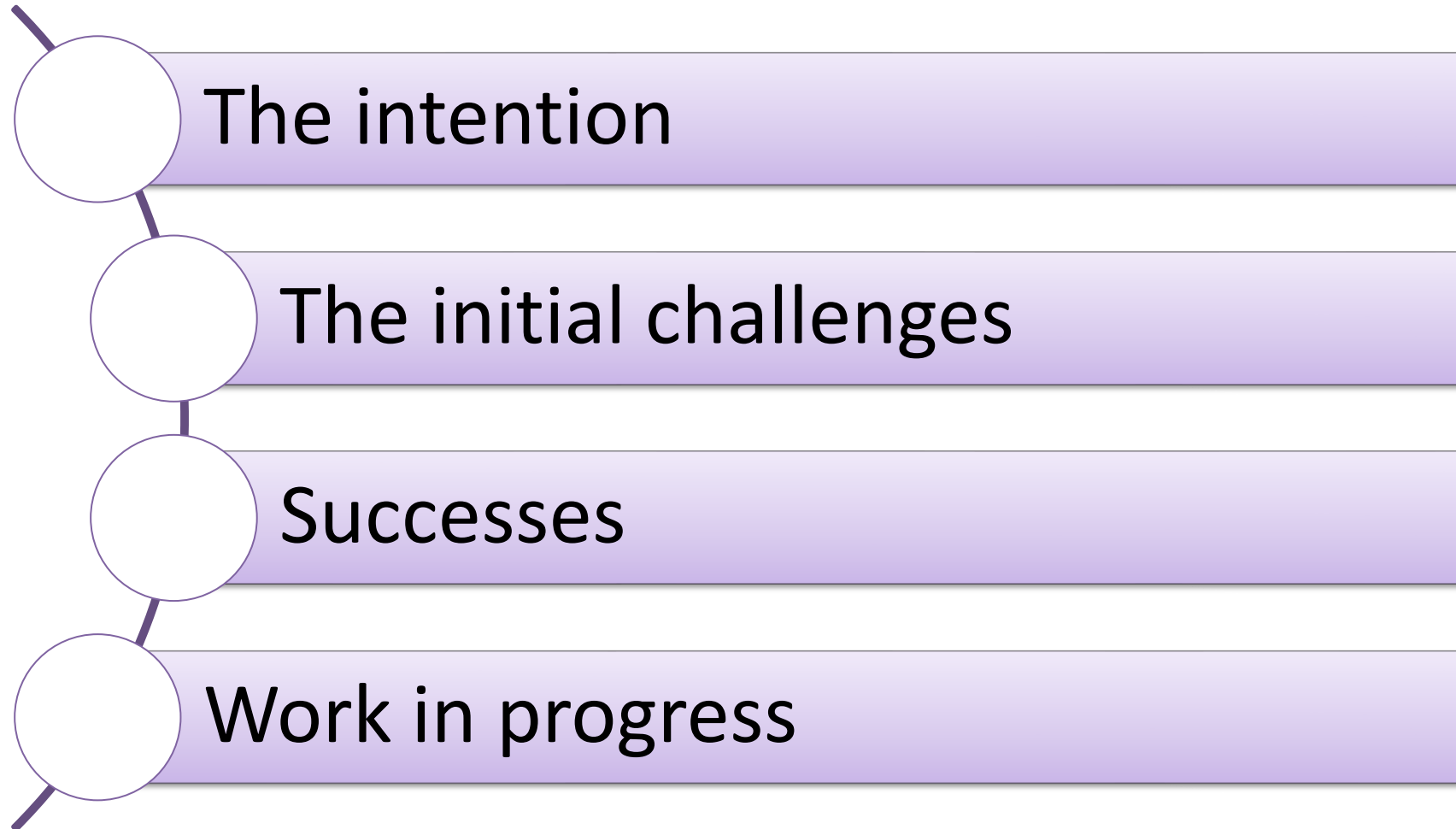


# Pancreas Rapid Diagnostic Service: A Work in Progress

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# A Faster Diagnosis Model



# Rapid Diagnostic Service



**1. Early identification** of patients where cancer is possible, including outreach to target existing health inequalities



**2. Timely referral** based on standardised referral criteria and appropriate filter function tests



**3. Broad assessment of symptoms** resulting in effective triage, determining whether and which tests should be carried out and in what order, based on individual patient need



**4. Coordinated testing** which happens in fewer visits and steps for the patient, with a significantly shorter time between referral and reaching a diagnosis



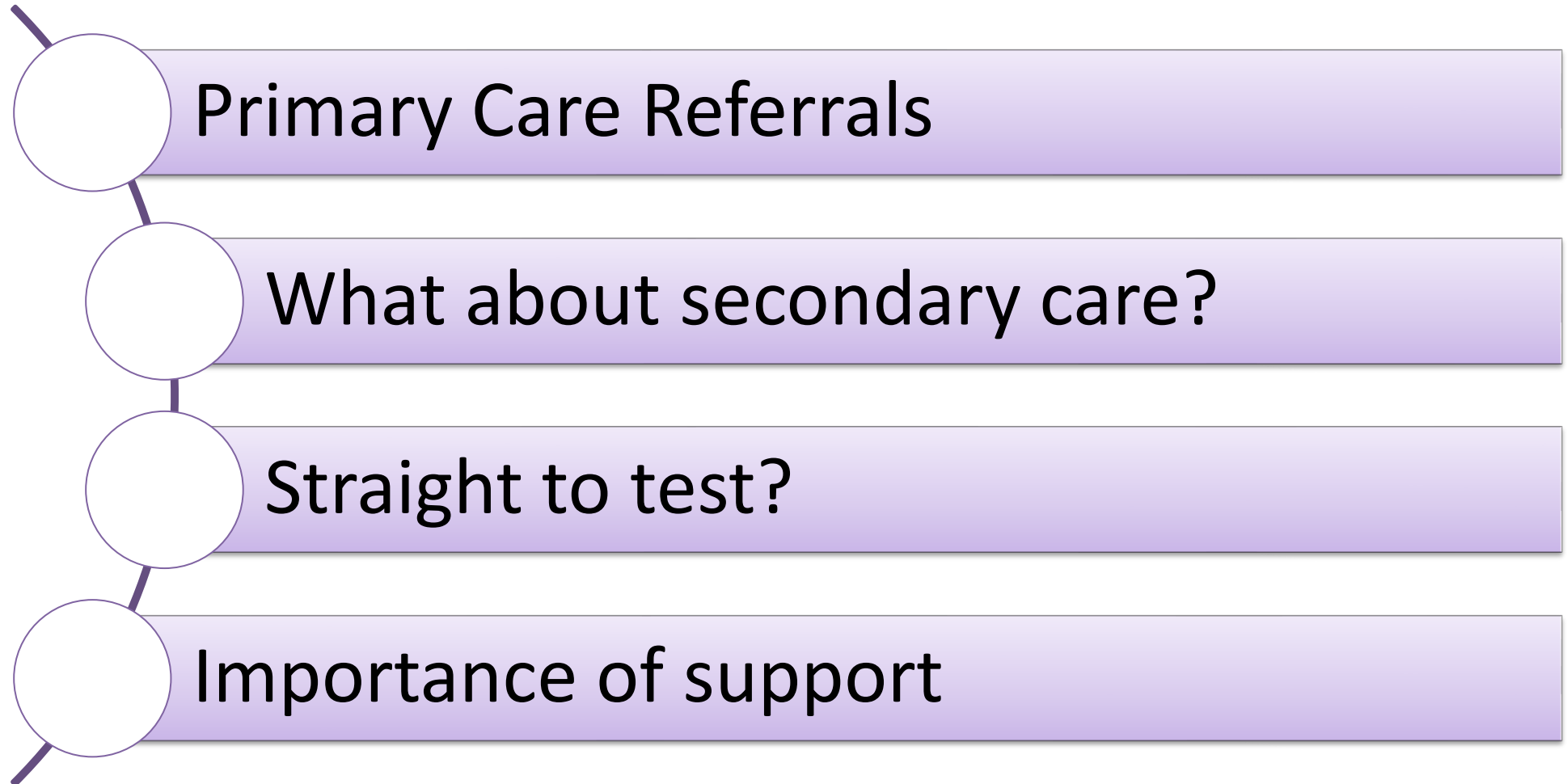
**5. Timely diagnosis of patients' symptoms,** cancer or otherwise, by a multi-disciplinary team where relevant, and communicated appropriately to the patient



**6. Appropriate onward referral** to the right service for further support, investigation, treatment and/or care

**7. Excellent patient coordination and support** with patients having a single point of contact throughout their diagnostic journey, alongside access to the right information, support and advice

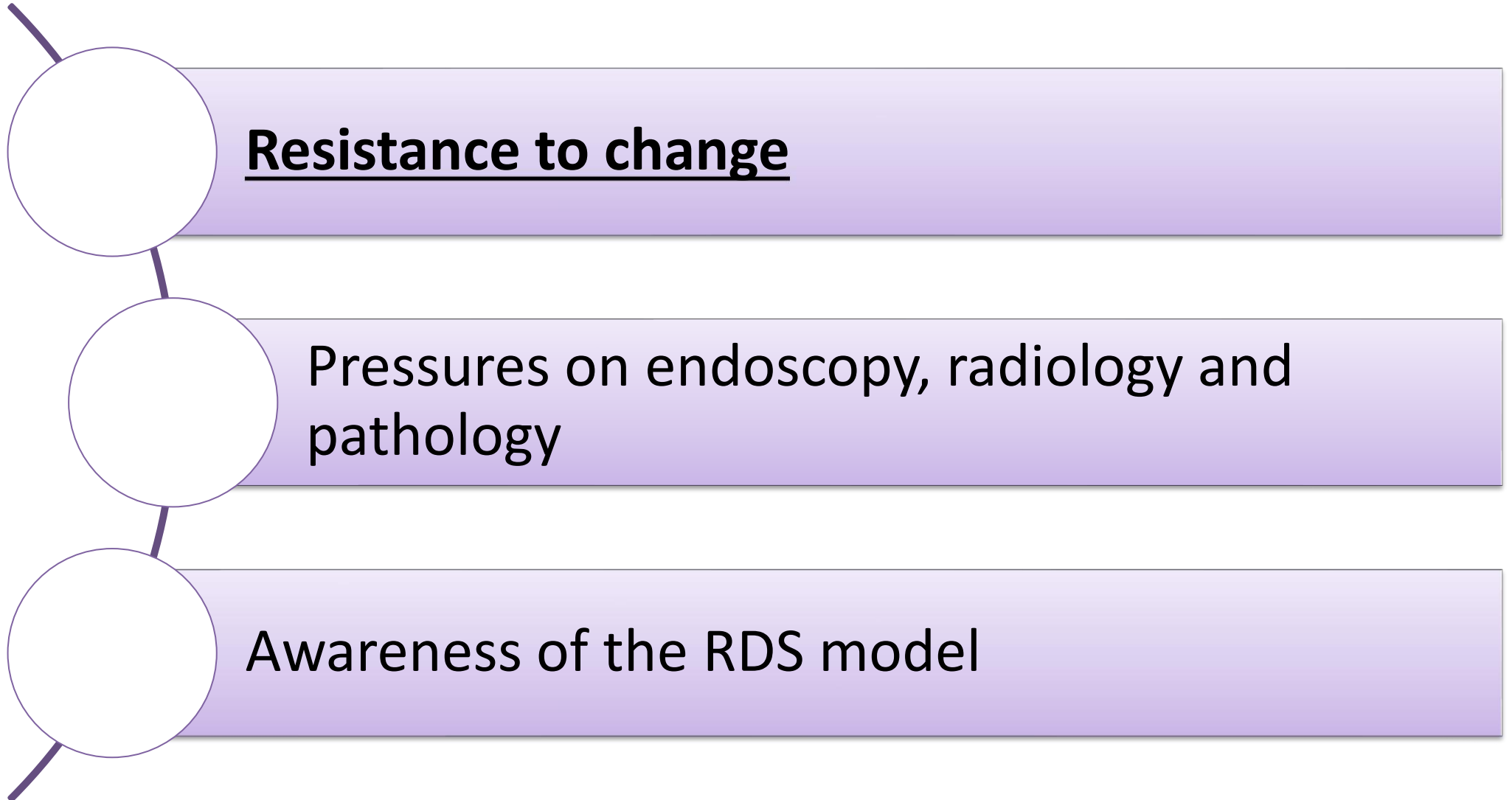
# Pathway Design



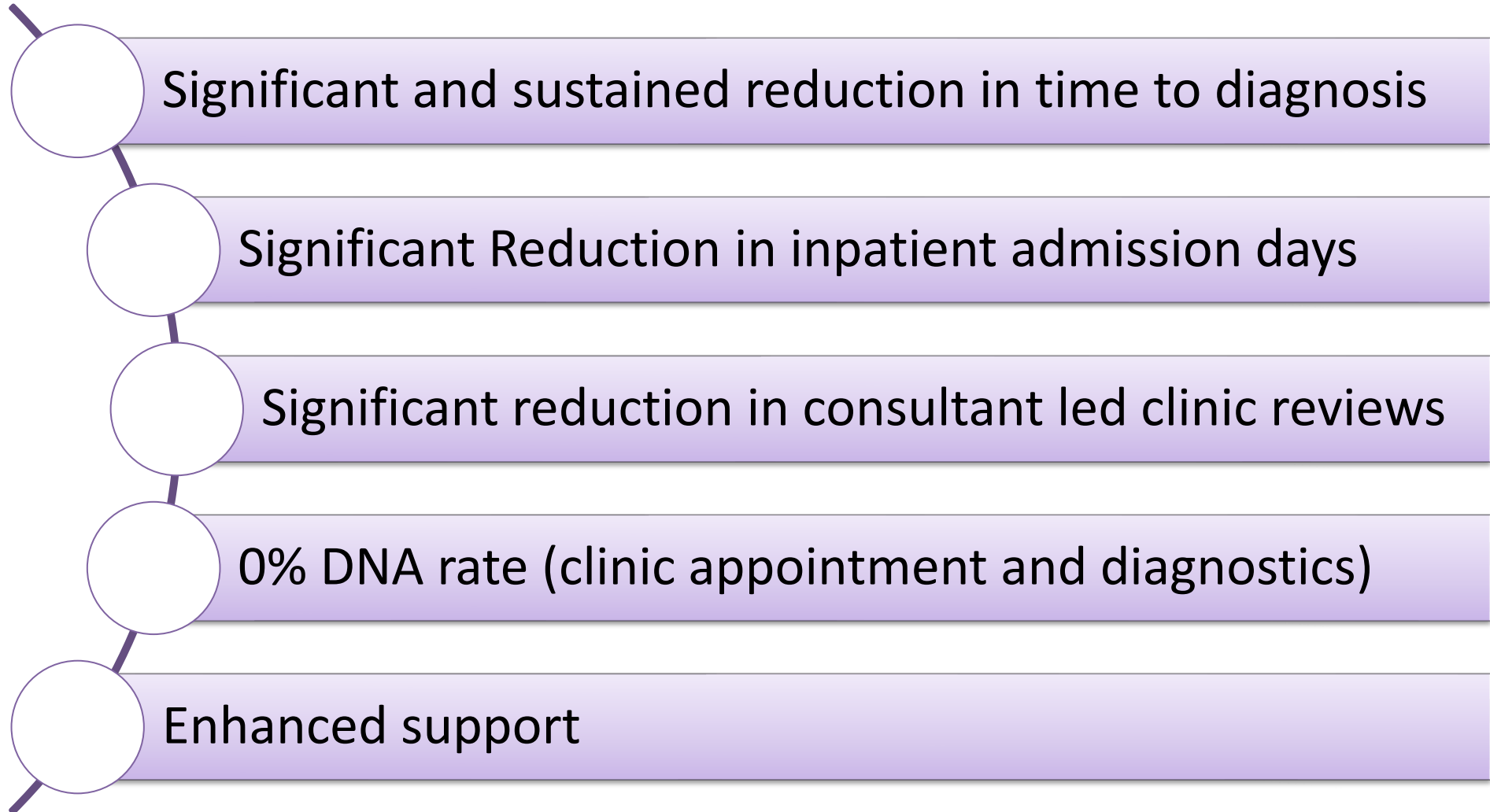
# ELHT Pancreas RDS

- Discrete pancreas RDS
- Nurse-Led model
- **All patients**, not only primary care referrals
- Right test, right time based on assessment
- Ongoing support from point of referral

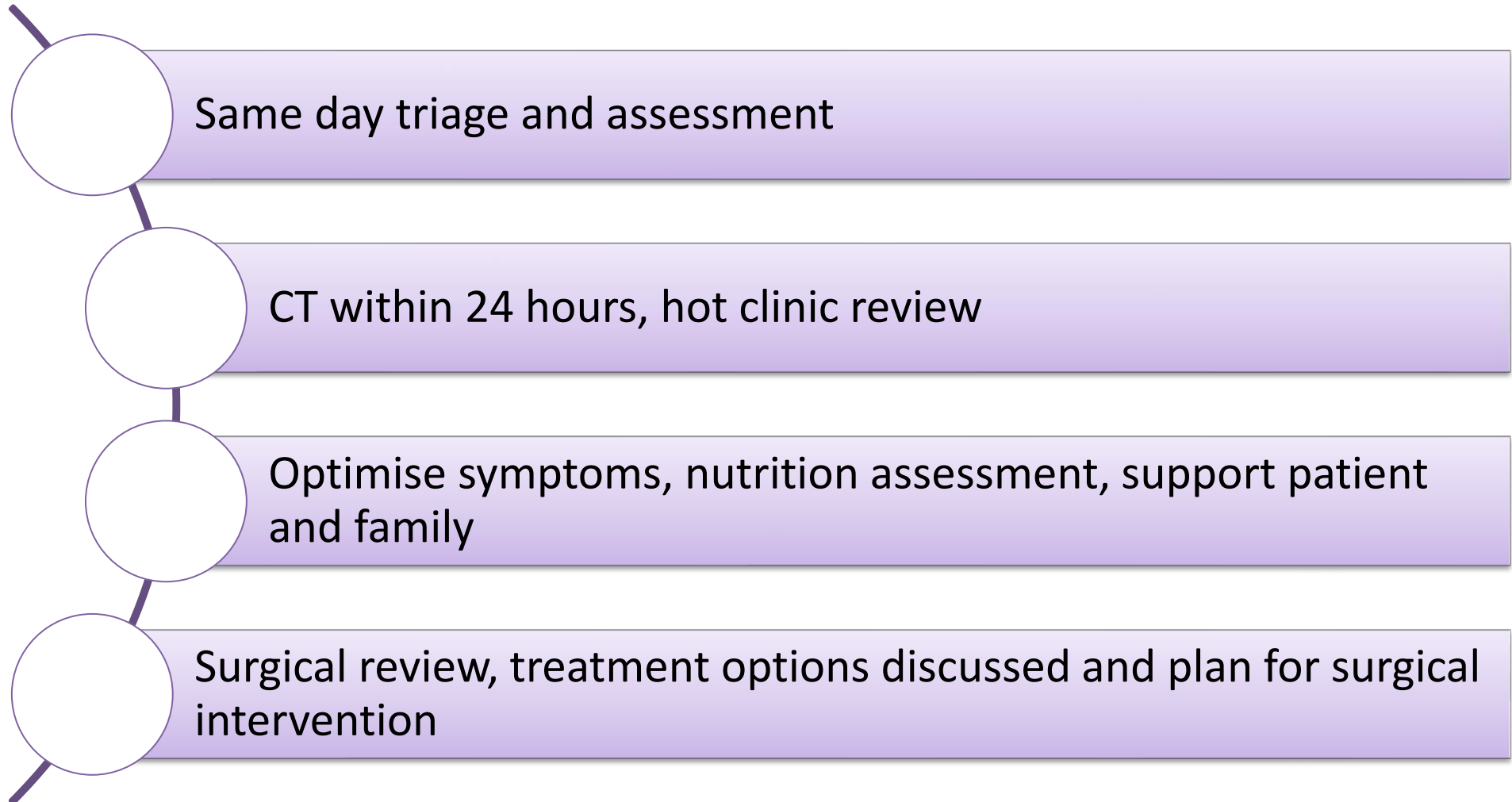
# Challenges



# Results and Benefits

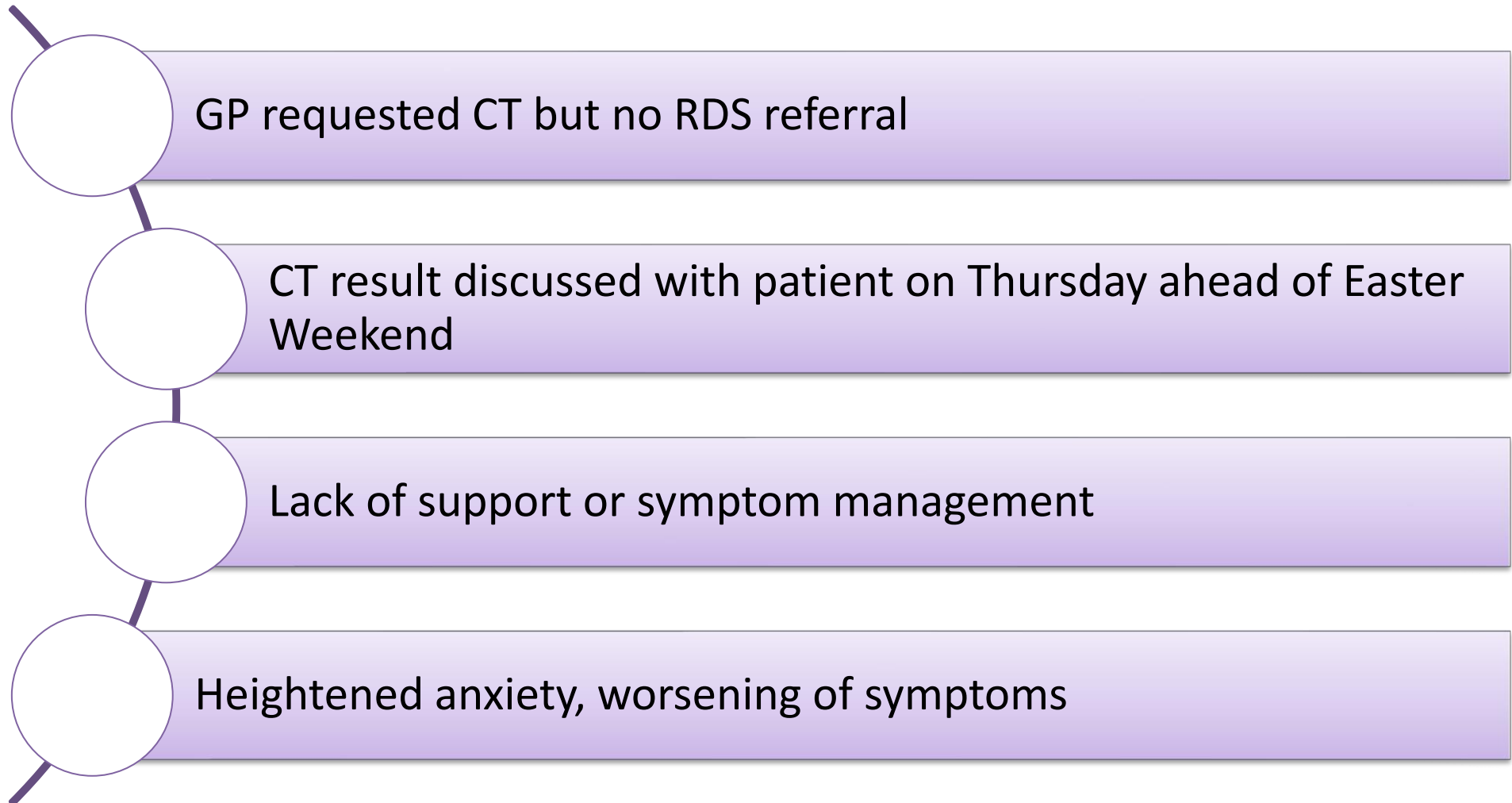


# The RDS patient experience

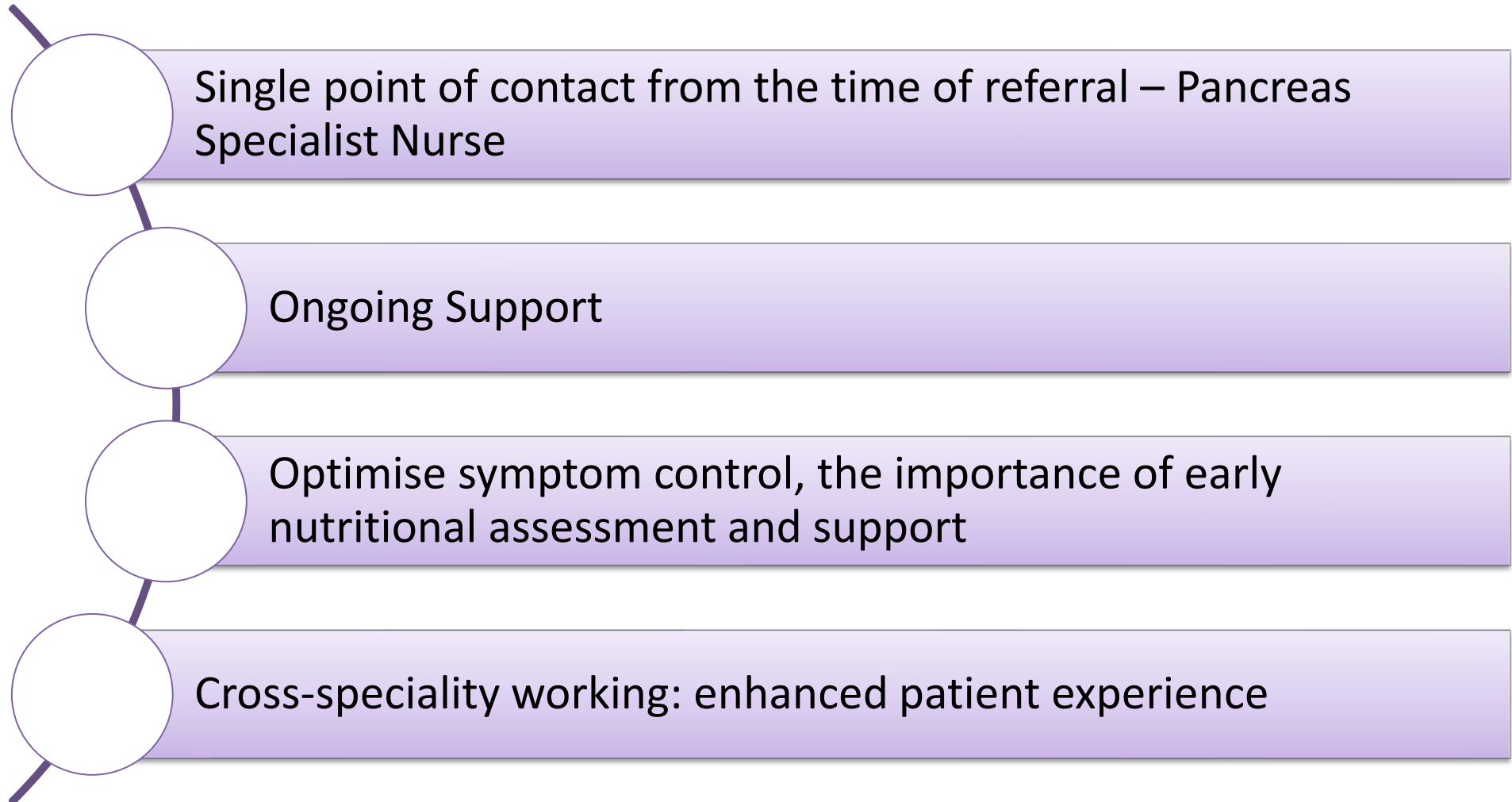




# The ongoing need to improve



# RDS making a difference



# The importance of the team



- Engage colleagues across all sectors and specialities
- Focus on the “why” and the bigger picture
- Determination
- Support system

From “You’ll  
fail” to  
Westminster!

