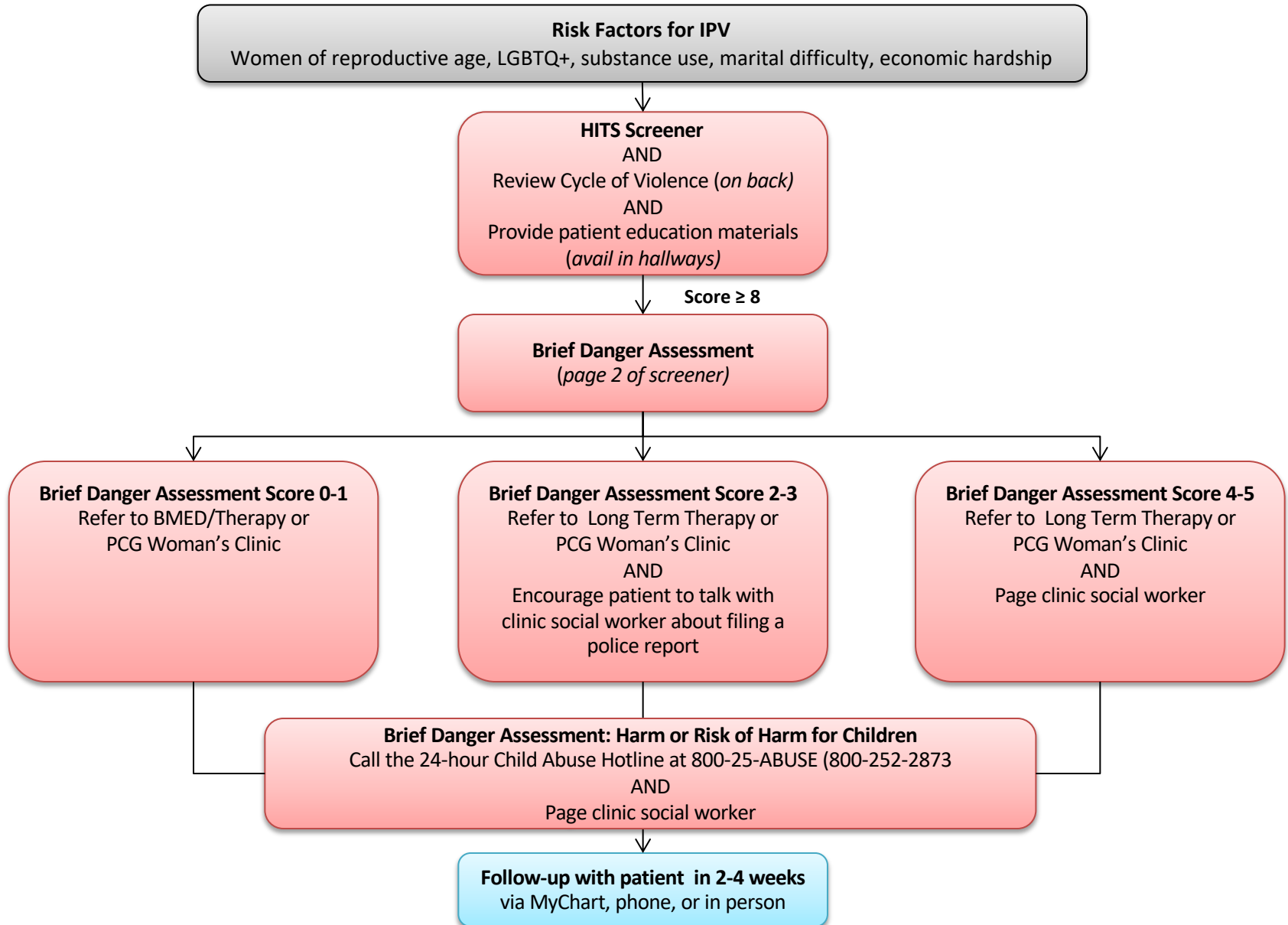


Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Violence Assessment and Management



Cycle of Violence

HONEYMOON

Victim's Response

- sets up counselling for him • drops legal proceedings
- agrees to return, stay and take him back
- forgives
- hopeful
- relieved
- happy

- Abuser:**
- apologises
 - promises won't happen again • tries to justify his behaviour • blames drugs or alcohol • declares love • wants to be intimate • buys gifts
 - promises to get help
 - promises to go to church
 - enlists family support
 - cries • threatens suicide

- Abuser:**
- sensitive
 - nitpicks • yelling
 - withholds affection
 - put downs • threatens
 - crazy making behaviour
 - destroys property • accusations of unfaithfulness • isolates her • engaging her to argue

TENSION BUILDING

Victim's Response

- attempts to calm
- tries to reason
- tries to satisfy with food
- agrees with
- avoidance
- withdraws
- compliant
- nurtures

DENIAL

Abuser:

- verbally abuses and humiliates
- slap • punch • kick • choke • grab • forces sex • beats • prevents her from calling police or leaving • harasses and abuses children • restrains • spits
- stalks • use of weapons
- objects thrown

ACUTE EXPLOSION

Victim's Response

- protects self any way • tries to reason and calm
- may or may not call police • leaves • fights back

