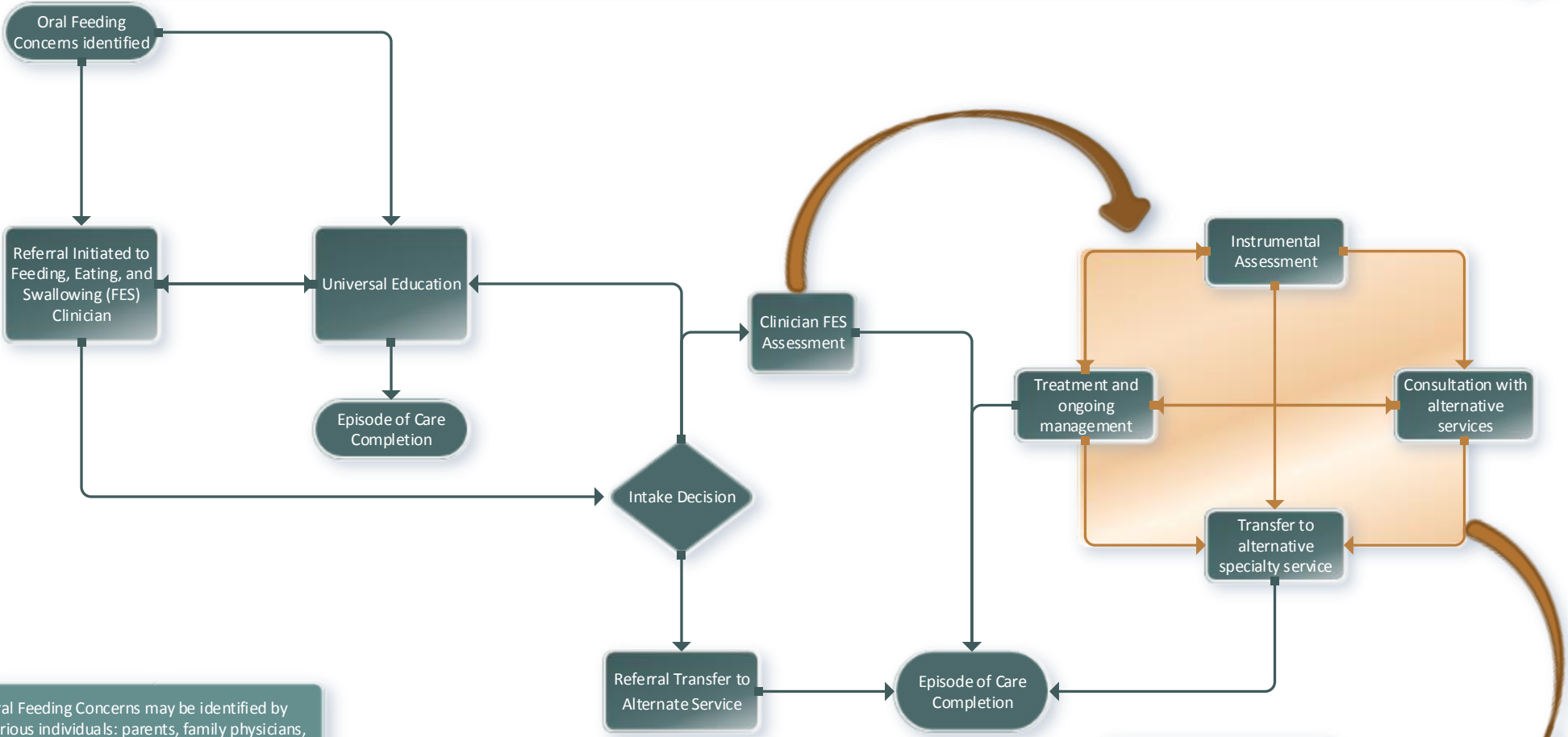


Referral Initiation      Intake and Assessment      Intervention Cycle

Patient and Family Engagement, Choice and Decision



Oral Feeding Concerns may be identified by various individuals: parents, family physicians, specialty physicians, community clinicians, public health nurses, etc. and could occur with children who are already receiving service, or who are new to service.

Concerns could be identified in individuals across the spectrum of care and with diverse ages and presentation.

A feeding, eating, swallowing clinician is a health care professional with training or experience in feeding difficulties and will often be involved in helping infants and children overcome a variety of feeding and/or swallowing concerns. They may work with families individually, but more often work as part of a team.

Intake could happen in different ways – in some areas this is a telephone screen, in others it is a review of the referral or an in-person screening visit. Intake can also occur in tandem with assessment.

Recommendations from FES clinicians could inform physician decisions re: medical management.

The alternative services helpful to FES clinicians are as diverse as our clients. A clinician may recommend referrals to specialty physician resources (ie gastroenterology, cleft clinics, etc) or alternate allied health supports not previously accessed.