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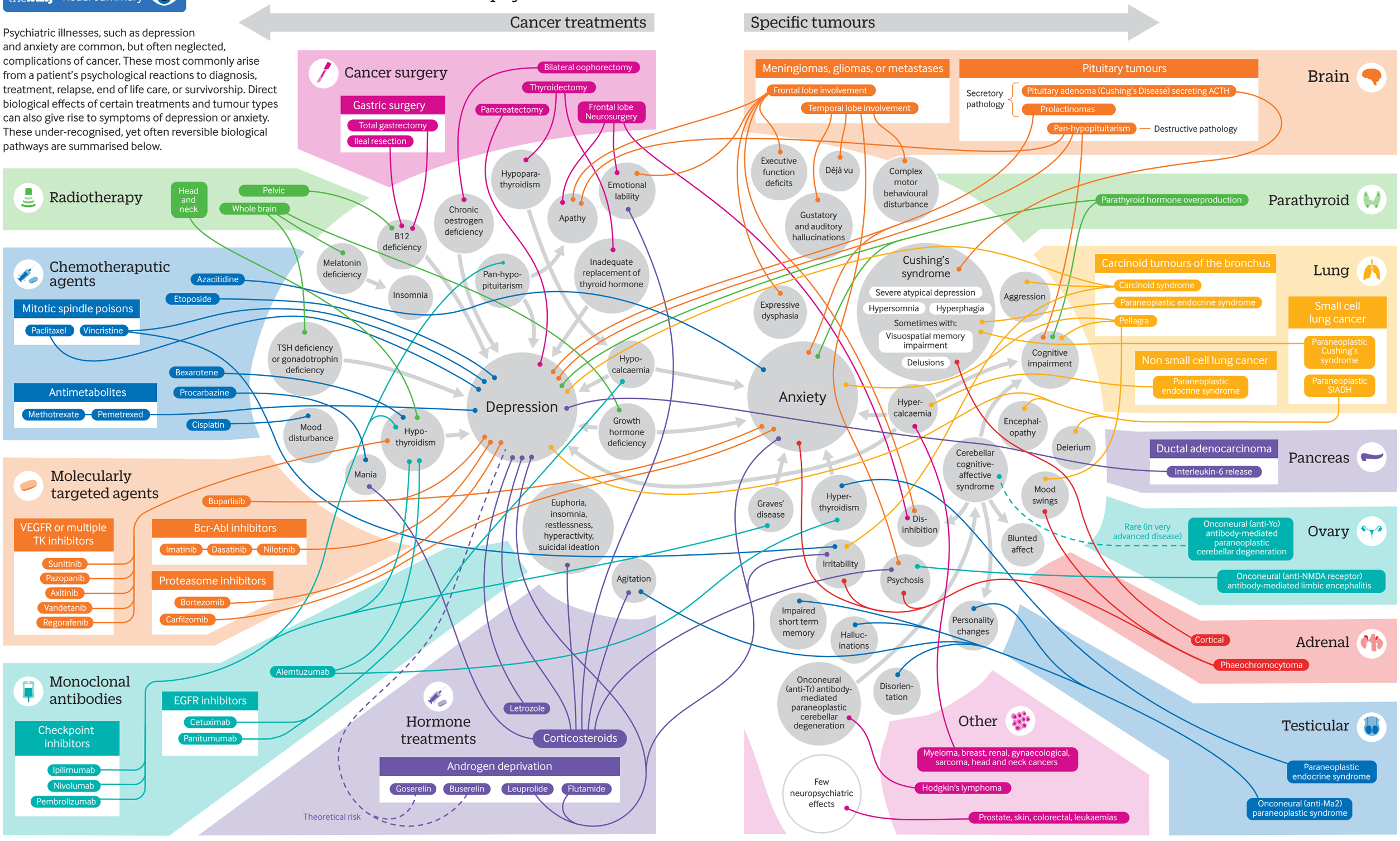
# Potential direct neuropsychiatric effects:

Psychiatric illnesses, such as depression and anxiety are common, but often neglected, complications of cancer. These most commonly arise from a patient's psychological reactions to diagnosis, treatment, relapse, end of life care, or survivorship. Direct biological effects of certain treatments and tumour types can also give rise to symptoms of depression or anxiety. These under-recognised, yet often reversible biological pathways are summarised below.

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