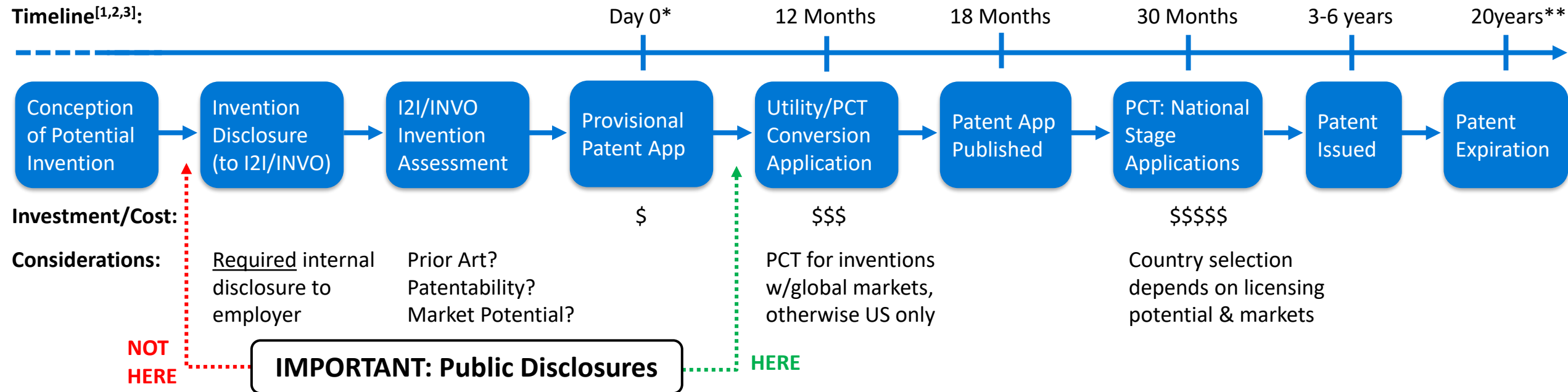


Timeline for Patents – *What are the key considerations and milestones for obtaining patent protection?*



- A **public disclosure** is a communication made to any member(s) of the public that reveals both the *existence* of the invention and *enables* someone "of ordinary skill in the art" to duplicate the invention.^[4]
- Plan to submit your internal invention disclosure 4 weeks before any public disclosure deadlines so a provisional can be filed.
- Work with I2I to secure a confidentiality agreement (CDA) before discussing your invention with anyone outside of Lurie Children's.
- If you publicly disclose before filing a provisional, you automatically lose any international patent protection. This may also compromise your opportunity to receive a patent in US.^[5] In this scenario, please reach out to I2I as soon as possible for assistance.

*This will be your priority date if a provisional is filed. Otherwise, it will be the date of your application.

**Patent expires 20 years from conversion application, ~21 years from provisional (if filed)

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