Figure 3. Process for implementing randomization

**T1**: anamnesis, clinical assessment, RMDQ compilation to verify eligibility, exclusion criteria verification, delivery of informed consent, information module, authorization to use patient data, information letter for family physician, special educational booklet.

1. **Is patient eligible?**
   - **YES**: Enroll number assignment
   - **NO**: Go to T1

2. **T2**: clinical assessment, inclusion criteria verification, questionnaire compilation (VAS, RMDQ, EQ-5D), eligibility, randomization, treatment planning, first treatment

   - **Is patient randomizable?**
     - **YES**: Randomization: Treatment planning, go to the first treatment
     - **NO**: Go to T1

   - **Group A**
     - Treatments
   - **Group B**
     - Treatments

3. **T4-TF1**: clinical assessment, questionnaire compilation (VAS, RMDQ, EQ-5D), randomized phase conclusion, follow-up enrollment, statistical analysis for short-term primary and secondary outcomes

   - **Is patient included in follow-up?**
     - **NO**: STOP
     - **YES**: Go to the follow-up